

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, Monday 20th April, 2009.

Welcome to Avalynne Wilby and David Hojm
44 people present.

Guest speakers:

Avalynne Wilby spoke first on Shoalhaven City Council composting program.

Demonstrated sample compost bins provided to participants, and the training provided.

David Hojm then spoke, generally on waste industry, waste levy, carbon pollution reduction scheme and the need to reduce organics going into landfill = reduced methane gas emission. Provided explanation of breakup of 'domestic waste management charge. - \$204 py State govt levy rising from \$20 up to \$68/y in 2015

- Fed govt carbon pollution liability - add another \$8 to \$20/y

Proposal for organic bin & non-organic bin. Being trailed at Greenwell Point.

Once a year there will also be a household hazardous waste collection day.

Question re disposal of prunings: options

- tip, fee tipping vouchers

- 2nd - call Shoalhaven Recycling; will collect from from gate, \$12 per cubic metre.

Thanks extended to Avalynne & David.

Apologies: Peter & Jess Vincent, Sheilagh Smith, Norm Webb, Chris Grounds. Bill & Olia Carwardine.

Minutes of previous general meeting - read by President. Moved to be accepted - Narrel Brown, 2nd John Fimano.

Matters arising.

Blacket Park. Ron Tomlin tabled his personal report on the meeting. Forum President clarified that the current plan may not have been before current council

yet, as it is all very recent. Further meeting on 3rd May.

Island Point Road noticeboard.

This issue still unresolved; will be affected when supermarket & other proposed developments in the St Georges basin shopping precinct are much further advanced. Pam advised that the shop at Island Point road, had offered to set up one magazine rack with community notices in the interim.

Treasurer's report.

Presented, and detailed copy is on file.

\$810.74 cr bal in cheque account.

\$2,997.33 cr bal in trust account.

No debtors nor creditors.

Moved to be accepted David Reynolds; 2nd Terry Smith.

Correspondence in

Council Business Papers for March & April.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Council Sportsground Workshop - Ron Tomlin had attended this and advised that Council recommends converting the 'old primary school' site in Basin View to playing fields.

President advised that any developments there must take environmentally significant species into account.

Public access to jetty on crown land

Proprietor of Aloha Caravan Park - Mr Russell Neville, explained to the meeting that he took over the caravan approx 10 years ago; there have been major problems with drunkenness & vandalism after dark by hoodlums. It has therefore been necessary to close the access gate to the jetty. Forum President asked can

the gates be opened during daylight hours to allow public access to the jetty. Mr Neville advised that this will be OK, and can do so.

Paradise Beach carpark:

In response to the Forum's letter, Workcover advised that the shopping center carpark in Paradise Beach Road is not a place of employment, so any issues relating to the carpark are the responsibility of the property owners, and Workcover has no jurisdiction over it.

Police/Community Meeting (as publicised on Forum's website) - Wed 6th May.

Pam Wells, Peter Vincent & Terry Smith attending as our Forum representatives.

Redhead Point

Tom McDonald gave overview of the current situation regarding Redhead point.

Tom McDonald moved, 2nd Adele, that the • **Forum send a letter to** Shoalhaven City Council stating 'in principle' support of the proposals presented in letter draft by he & Peter Vincent.

After further discussion, it was recommended that this letter must also request feedback from Council on the progress of their existing plans for access to & from Redhead Point from both sides - Paradise Beach & the John Williams Reserve.

I.e. What was their finding in detail (such as costs), of their last assessment, and consideration of the proposed boardwalk, and any other issues.

What is their assessment of the safety (cliff) situation from above & below the cliff.

Signs at Basin View boatramp.

Judy Edwards requested that the Forum **send a letter to Council**, requesting damaged signs at the Basin View boatramp, be repaired; in support of the Basin View Parkcare group. Judy will draft the letter and drop in to Maureen.

Judy moved, and David Reynolds 2nd.

Large eucalypt 'sign' tree at Paul Bland Reserve: Judy offered to make up a calico sign to be tied around around, requesting people not to nail anything into the tree.

Mangrove destruction.

David spoke on recent vandalism (sawn down to width of a boat access) of mature mangroves on eastern side of Sanctuary Point foreshore.

• **Letter from Forum required to Council**, requesting onsite meeting with Forum reps & council officers to plan measures to curtail the existing damage; e.g. disincentive to perpetrators by erection by Council of a "vegetation damaged" sign + fencing around the affected areas, and ongoing plan for rehabilitation of damaged mangrove areas. This letter to include thanks to Rangers for their work. David moved, and Adele 2nd the letter.

Fisheries Department netting in the Basin.

Refer newspaper article dated 2nd May. The Forum will invite Fisheries Officers to come & speak at a Forum general meeting asap, in particular to clarify the netting activities.

Maureen to contact Fisheries Dept rep. John Giles moved, Terry 2nd.

Corner cutting by traffic, Grange Road:

Letter to Council required, regarding significant corner cutting by traffic on the corner of Grange Road & Wool Road. Remediation is needed by Council to prevent this practice (e.g. placement of bollards or boulders). Rebecca to draft letter & distribute to committee. Moved Adele, 2nd David.

Bus Shelter at Basin View.

The need for this was included in the Forum's submission to Council - "Draft Management Plan & Budget - 2009 - 12"

Meeting closed 9.30