

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum General meeting, Monday 16th February, 2015, held at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin. Commenced 7.30

13 Present. Welcome.

Apologies: Olia Carwardine, Pam Wells.

Minutes of previous General Meeting:
Read; Moved Allen Kruse, 2nd R. Rudd.

Matters arising from Minutes.

1. Shaping the Shoalhaven. Allen Kruse presented his report. The purpose of this exercise was to determine the requirements of the Shoalhaven residents and resident groups when it comes to Council-provided facilities and amenities. Separate facilitated brainstorming sessions were held - one for residents held locally in the towns and villages and another for representatives of community groups held at SCC offices. The community group session in Nowra attracted a large attendance; many suggestions were made. The facilitators promised a report on the outcomes but this has not, so far, been forthcoming.

2. Larmer Avenue proposed wetland. Council is still in process of doing the biobanking survey.

3. SOUP. Allen Kruse gave a report on the successful 3 fun days for children, during school holidays (the winner of the inaugural SOUP event held late 2014)

Correspondence In/Out: Full list read out to meeting.
Matter Arising: - **Learn to Ride facility:** Council letter received advising that 'No Smoking' signs have been installed; installation of rubbish bin is in progress. Toilets not currently scheduled. Moved David Reynolds, 2nd Brian Gorddard.

Financial Report. **\$\$\$4,694.38** total available funds. No Debtors/Creditors known. Moved, Linda Lillyman, 2nd John Fimmano. Accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Island Point Road Toilets: no-one objected to the change to 2 unisex toilets. However Forum members expressed the preference that funds (that would be spent to implement the proposed change of use) would be better spent if allocated to restoration of Pillapai Ring toilets in Erowal Bay.

Dredging meeting: Chris Grounds presented a report of the meeting he'd attended in Sussex Inlet.
• Forum expressed *thanks* to Chris for attending these meetings, and doing submissions.

Alcohol free zones: Pams email: "In today's SCR (11/2/15) under Council Public Notices there is mention of "Re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones – Nowra CBD, Ulladulla, Sanctuary Point, Callala Beach, Basin View and Sussex Inlet – but nothing for St. Georges Basin; thought IPR and shopping precincts were alcohol free." Signs say zones expire 2015.

• Forum to send letter to Council requesting re-establishment of all AFZ in St Georges Basin. Moved Sharon Troutman, Maureen Webb 2nd.

REMS. Extract from Council minutes was read out in full to meeting.

RID SIGNS; Rebecca Rudd moved that BVF write to Council, requesting to have the RID program reactivated in Corramy State Forest, Heritage Estates, Larmer Ave wetland, and along any other accesses to places where rubbish can be dumped. 2nd Chris Grounds.

Blair Street: meeting advised of roadworks.

Heritage Estate: Chris Grounds presented summary of recent history, of legal processes of the ongoing situation.

CCTV in Sanctuary Point. Is Council exempt from privacy provisions? Are funds available? If so, why have CCTVs not been installed yet? Secretary will send questions to Council.

Turpentine road sealing.

Questions raised about road sealing strategy, and the sources of funding, and whether all funding has been received yet. Sec to email questions to Council.

Shoalhaven Crime / Policing: a member tabled an article by Rachel Olding from the Sydney Morning Herald, dated 16/2/15, headed 'Police call for training to take down terrorists.' In this article, one paragraph states: "NSW has the country's second lowest police-to-population ratio and it is gradually worsening. Shortages are most acute in Sydney, Wagga Wagga, Shoalhaven, the Police Transport Command and the Traffic & Highway Patrol Command".

Dangerous situation at Supermarket entrance on Island Point Rd, St Georges Basin. Forum was requested to send letter to Council; collisions at the supermarket entry that have involved smaller vehicles and the heavier carrying trucks - all using this small entry. This situation will continue to occur, and there is potential for *serious accident* there, while the complex owner does not fulfill the requirements of his development approval.

Burnouts, hoons & road damage: Disappointment expressed by some members, that the Police have not been seen at the night-time well-known burn-out / hoon-driving roads in the Basin area; not addressing the complaints about hoon drivers after 1.00 am. There are, however, anecdotal reports of many locals being booked for minor infringements.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm.