

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin. Meeting commenced 7.35 pm.

16 present. Chair Welcomed Clr Kitchener, members & **Kerry Thompson, Natural Areas Operations Officer.** Kerry spoke on the **Basin Walking Track.**

Repairs to the Basin Walking Track are *not* covered by disaster fund or SCC insurance, as it is a '*natural asset*'.

Storm damage had resulted in footbridges being lifted/destroyed/moved, major track desurfacing /scouring in many places; landslips, and trees uprooted resulting in significant deposition of tree debris.

Many contractors with trucks had been engaged to clear the major deposition of tree debris. Minor deposits have been left; will provide future habitat.

**Foot bridges:** some were retrieved. Contractors have restabilised others. One footbridge was too bad eroded, so the path will be diverted.

**Labour:** using SCC budget, has been sourced from maint crew work out of Parks & Reserves management. Also Corrective Services crew with a supervisor. 20m boardwalk being restored by this crew. 'Work for the Dole' will be available January 2016. 'Green Army' is being investigated for extra labour for erosion control.

**Boardwalks.** 2 boardwalks have not yet been done; one will be located to east of Paul Bland Reserve.

**Drain covers** will be relocated back to position.

Generally as there was major erosion on the track itself, in many places a **completely new track** is needed. Further contractors might be needed for these works. Geo-fabric is laid first, then gravel on top.

**Replanting;** Council prefers to **educate the mowers to edge, to stop**, to allow natural recovery. The mown areas were noticeably severely affected by flood debris, compared to areas of undisturbed foreshore vegetation.

Where **rocks** had been removed, there was also significant erosion.

Forum asked for SCC to make a brochure with photos showing difference between after flood of mowed versus non-mowed. Kerry replied SCC had put article in '*About*'.

**Boats:** All boats that were left on the public foreshore were destroyed by floodwaters, creating further hazards. Council has removed the remains.

**Palm Beach Management Action Plan:** the proposed removal/control of the seagrass wrack (as part of the PBMAP) was brought to Kerry's attention.

**Reopening:** Track can't be officially reopened until the last bridges are restored; any obstacle over 50mm is regarded as a trip hazard, and therefore impediment to declaring the track Open. Once this has all been dealt with, and there has been no extra damage from additional storms, then the official re-opening can happen.

Kerry was thanked for her attendance and meeting procedure resumed.

**Apologies:** Pam Wells, Chris Grounds. Olia Carwardine.

**Minutes** read by Chair. Moved, to be accepted, by Maureen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca. No matters arising.

**Financial Report:** \$4,629.65 total funds. No debtors/Creditors. Moved Norm Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen.

**Correspondence in / out.** Matters arising:

- Island Point Rd IGA entrance. Pothole, due in part to service trucks using customer entrance. Clr Kitchener emailed it directly to relevant Council department.
- Councillor Familiarity Tour. Need BVF reps: Maureen Webb, Allen Kruse & Christina Nilsson will attend.
- CSNRMC: David & Chris Grounds presented a summary of previous meeting.
- Roundabouts: Clifton/Leumeah and Kerry/Paradise were discussed. Sec will scan Council letter & put on website.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

**Land rezoning Lot 4 DP550354 Island Point Rd.** Moved Rebecca Rudd and 2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Webb that Basin Villages Forum send letter to Council OBJECTING to the proposed rezoning. Letter wording below:

*"The Forum has always supported more absolute waterfront property coming into Council ownership and strongly supports the past policy of trying to acquire land to facilitate better public access to the waterfront as opportunity presented. It is in the community's interest to have as much access as possible to the waterfront.*

*Whilst this land is landlocked, the Forum would be much happier to see Council work with landowners to facilitate access to what could be a lovely community picnic spot and land that should remain public.*

*It is also disturbing that in the explanatory note Council only expects a small financial gain. This seems unreasonable, considering the huge windfall the affected properties would have once their property becomes absolute waterfront. The community would be very disappointed to not see some substantial benefit, if such a potentially valuable piece of land were to be sold.*

*The Basin Villages Forum does not support the reclassification of this land for what Council describes as a small financial gain."*

**Bike Paths:** Scott Wells to be invited to November mtg.

COUNCILLOR FAMILIARITY TOUR:

- **Old Erowal Bay: Prentice Road**, unsurfaced & badly potholed; and **Sheeran Road**.
- **Sanctuary Point: Kingsford Smith Street & Clifton Street**; need for footpaths to be constructed.
- **St Georges Basin IGA:** Service/delivery trucks frequently witnessed (illegally) using the *customer* entry, which has contributed to a major pothole at that entrance.
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Meeting closed 9.35 pm.