

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, Monday 19th October 2009.

Present: 57

Welcome: To Mayor Paul Green, Councillors Bob Proudfoot, Gareth Ward & David Bennett; Guest Speakers, and to all present.

Apologies: Clrs John Fergusson and Andrew Guile. Sheilagh Smith.

Messrs. Neville Fredericks & Lawson Fredericks provided a detailed presentation regarding “**One Tree Bay**”, on the southern shores of St Georges Basin. Many questions from the attendees were answered, and the presentation was video-recorded by Forum committee for future reference. Guest Speakers were thanked for their presentation; general meeting resumed.

Minutes of previous General meeting were read out by Chair Rebecca Rudd. Moved Terry Smith, 2nd Narrell Brown; accepted.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Misleading village sign at junction of The Wool Lane, and the Bypass. Reply from S.C.C. has been received advising that Council will not be removing the sign.

• 2nd letter to Council required. Clarify the Forum’s request that the “*to Sanctuary Point*” sign be removed as there are complaints from residents that this sign misleads visitors who are unfamiliar with this area. Visitors should be lead into Sanct Pt at the Larmer Ave roundabout. Propose a trial period of sign removal. Mayor Green advised that he would support a trial of this sign removal. (Note: subsequent to these Minutes, the proposed LATM for Vost/Maxwell/Yallara recommends its *removal*.)

Basin View Bus-stop: Letter received from Council advising of an on-site meeting with reps from Council, the bus company and Forum, to discuss the bus turning direction.

Heritage Estates: Letter received from SCC, outlining their strategies for protection of the area from vandalism. Mayor Green urged people to report to Council occurrences of vandalism in the area & vehicle rego numbers. Council has been lobbying governments to purchase it to consolidate it as a protected greenbelt, and residents’ reports of vandalism will support Council’s requests to government.

Treasurer’s Report: Total available funds: \$4,157.55. No debtors nor creditors. \$36 income from last month’s vegie raffle. Moved Peter Vincent, 2nd David Reynolds – accepted.

Proposed Shoalhaven Tip. Submission date has closed. Further to approval Minuted at previous general meeting, a donation of \$100 was made to SHuT group. The Basin Villages Forum’s submission will be posted on its website.

Mayor Green advised that the proposal is now subject to usual assessment process by staff. Will probably be several months before SCC can make its recommendation as more information is required by Council.

Correspondence In and Out.

State of the Environment Survey: A link to the survey on Council’s website, is provided on the Forum’s own website.

Playground review. There are insufficient playgrounds at Wrights Beach. Also Yellow-Bellied Glider Reserve in St Georges Basin, has no playground equipment. Forum committee also feels a regional “*learn to ride*” facility is needed.

LEP: Question to Councillors – what is the timeframe for completion of the LEP? Mayor Green advised that Section 65 could be completed by Christmas.

An issue of concern to the Forum committee is that that within the LEP there is statement that the standard height limit anywhere in Shoalhaven City, could be moved to 11metres.

“No Through Road” Sign: has recently been placed at the entry to Anson Street West immediately where the junction roundabout occurs at Wool Lane intersecting Anson Street. This section of Anson St has existed for five years without any signage. As development plans are in place for this road to be opened shortly as a through road to SG Basin shopping precinct, the appropriateness & public expense of this sign placement should be queried with Council.

Isthmus at bottom of Collett Place, St Georges Basin: Forum to request Council schedule management work on this issue.

Debatista subdivision, in Island Point Road. – Forum to send submission to Council on this.

Clr Ward advised that the Basin Villages Forum is not restricted to 10 meetings per year, but can **hold 12 meetings per year**. Forum committee to discuss this information at next committee meeting.

Meeting Closed 10.10 pm