

Minutes of the Vincentia Ratepayers and Residents Association and Vincentia CCB General Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7.30pm in the Vincentia Community Hall

Welcome – the president, Mr Bob Proudfoot, welcomed all attendees.

Attendance – 44

Apologies – John and Bronwyn Ross, Caroline Lamb, Monica Fafeita, Sue Willis, Bob Clark and Julie Clark, John and Jim Levadetes, Peter Hands, David and Jan Coogan, Bob and Deborah Hanlon, Jim and Aileen Brown-Sarre, Barb Liddle, Ian and Ros McCausland, Peter and Narelle Gaffey, John and Fiona Picot.

Moved Sue Josephson, seconded Sandy Easterbrook that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

Minutes of March 19, 2015 meeting had been previously circulated. Moved Rob Dunn, seconded Noel Bowman that they be adopted. Carried

Business Arising - nil

The Correspondence was tabled – moved Ros Vickery, seconded Lance Sewell that it be accepted. Carried.

The letter from the Planning and Environment Department to be circulated to members.

Treasurer's Report -Moved Sandy Easterbrook, seconded Col Poulter that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried. See Attachment 1.

Notice of Motion –

That the VRRRA asks council to abolish tip fees for green waste at council tips. Moved Peter Gaffey, seconded Jo Pullinger at committee. Moved Jo Pullinger, seconded Dawn Thompson. Carried.

Report of the Committee meeting, April 1, 2015 –

See full Minutes – see attachment 2

Woolworths BWS Licence Application – Ros Vickery gave a report of the meeting between Woolworths and representatives of the VRRRA committee – see Attachment No 3.

Minute Secretary is still required. No volunteers.

Vincentia 2025 –The Town Planner who was going to assist the Vincentia 2025 project has resigned.

The VRRRA committee will now be the Vincentia 2025 committee.

The president reported he had a conversation with Jessica Rippon from council and she suggested that the VRRRA uses the Shoalhaven Heads model for a community plan.

Moved John Gallimore, seconded Noel Bowman that the VRRRA committee secures the information about the Shoalhaven Heads model and reports back to the next meeting. Carried.

Police Station – the president gave an update – site for the new station is undecided. If VRRRA members have any suggestions, please convey them to the next meeting. Response time is crucial and also the land should be Council or Crown land.

Fitness Station at Plantation Point Reserve – Moved Sue Josephson, seconded David Hopkins that the VRRRA committee investigate the possibility and submit a proposal to the next meeting.

Graffiti – there is increased Graffiti activity in Vincentia – the council contact is 'Paul' and his contact number is 44293506. The sooner the Graffiti is reported, the sooner it can be removed efficiently.

Code of Practice Sub-Committee – Moved Wal Boscoscuo, seconded Sandy Easterbrook that the matter be held over to the May meeting. Carried.

Other Business

Col Poulter and Sandy Easterbrook made a PowerPoint presentation on the Round the Bay Walk across the Orion Beach Foreshore Reserve. – See Attachment 4

Moved Sandy Easterbrook, seconded Dawn Thompson that this meeting opposes the construction of a shared path through the Orion Beach Foreshore Reserve and calls on the Shoalhaven City Council to immediately abandon the shared path project through this iconic reserve.

An amendment was moved by Sue Josephson, seconded David Hopkins That this meeting supports the construction of the Yellow Track option in Council's Community Presentation of 17/2/14. Carried.

This became part of the motion which was carried, 35 votes to 4.

Collingwood Beach Reference Group – Jo Pullinger answered a question from the floor of whether the Reference Group had looked at the list of concerns/wishes of the community who attended the public meeting at Huskisson last July. She informed the meeting that the list has not been looked at.

Jo also answered a question as to how the Group was formed. She informed the meeting that within the Reference Group it was assumed that there were people representing the beachfront owners and tourism, however, it was made very clear that no-one was representing the VRRRA. It was the view of the foreshore residents that they were under-represented.

Moved Len Murray, seconded Noel Bowman, that the VRRRA appoints 2 members to be on the Reference Group. Carried.

The next meeting of the VRRRA and the Vincentia CCB will be on Thursday, May 21, 2015.

Bob Proudfoot
President

Liz Tooley,
Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

VINCENTIA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC

TREASURERS REPORT
For 16 April 2015 Meeting

Balance in Bank Accounts at 19 March 2015		\$ 1,442.75
Everyday Account	\$ 1,442.75	
Fixed Term		
Deposit	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 1,442.75</u>	
 Income		
Subscriptions		\$ 155.00
Interest		\$ 2.02
		\$ -
		<u>\$ 157.02</u>
 Expenditure		
Australia Post - PO		
Box		\$ 115.00
Department of Fair		
Trading		\$ 79.00
		\$ -
		\$ -
		\$ -
		<u>\$ 194.00</u>
 Balance in Bank Accounts at 16 April 2015		<u>\$ 1,405.77</u>
Everyday Account	\$ 1,405.77	
Fixed Term		
Deposit	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 1,405.77</u>	

R J Clark
Treasurer
16-Apr-15

ATTACHMENT 2

VINCENTIA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

Committee meeting, Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Venue: Vincentia Golf Club

Time: 5 pm

MINUTES

Present: Bob Proudfoot; Liz Tooley; Bob Clark; Johanna Pullinger; Peter Gaffey, David Hopkins

Apologies: Dawn Thompson, Ros Vickery, Norm Vickery

1. **New members** – Nil
2. **Minutes from March general meeting** – Moved David Hopkins, seconded Jo Pullinger That they are a true and accurate record. Carried
3. **Correspondence** was tabled. (a) CCB meeting with council on April 23 – Dawn and Jo to attend. Mention was made of development of walkways/cycleways and the citywide impact on infrastructure. Concerns were also raised about the lack of clarity and understanding of numerous issues re Orion Beach. (b) Response from the Fisheries Department that the VRRRA would not be needed to assist on the Tender Committee.
4. **Notice of Motion:** That the VRRRA asks council to abolish tip fees for green waste at council tips. Moved Peter Gaffey, seconded Jo Pullinger. Carried.
5. **Police Station** - Police. Bob Proudfoot mentioned that no site for a new police station had as yet been chosen. The crossroads area had been rejected by the police.
6. **Fitness Station at Plantation Point Reserve** – there is the possibility of the Bendigo Bank financing the installation of the Fitness Station at Plantation Point but community consultation and DA still required. Suggested it should be put to members for ideas. Suggested cost for this was \$50-60K.
7. **Meeting of VRRRA with Woolworths** – report to be given to general meeting.
8. **Minute Secretary** - Still no minute taker. There was discussion re using a digital recorder however it was decided this would be impractical.
9. **Vincentia 2025** – Questions were asked about the Town Planner involved in the project and the Town Planner's name has not been provided to the Committee to keep the anonymity of the Town planner, who is working on a voluntary basis. It was agreed that the draft report from the Town Planner will go to the VRRRA committee and then to the membership. It was clarified Bruce McKenzie (along with a committee) would be making a separate submission to Council on the Vincentia 2025 project.
10. **Communications** – Jo Pullinger objected to her name and telephone number being displayed in the community noticeboard. Names, addresses and phone numbers of the committee are not to be made public without permission for privacy reasons.
Jo Pullinger asked for a copy of the welcome letter which is sent to all new members.

11. **Correspondence** – Jo Pullinger suggested that correspondence should go to more committee members than just the secretary. It was agreed that it was impractical.
12. **Balloon Shark Fishing** – Jo Pullinger to organize media coverage – Graeme Lawless to be approached and asked to help.
13. **Graffiti** – Bob Proudfoot reported several incidents of graffiti in Vincentia. Bob Clark has phone number of council contact – will email to committee - 'Paul' and his contact number is 44293506.
14. **December Minutes** –can now be accepted as the reason for their rejection has been addressed in the March Minutes.
15. **Presentations to the VRRRA meetings**- It was acknowledged we would like to include all community members particularly with specific issues (eg the Marine Users – Transitional Arrangements). Discussion was held re the challenges of balancing timing/understanding etc but on the whole it was seen as welcoming the broader participation of the community.
16. **Emails from John Picot**
Email from March 29 – the committee believes that parts of the emails of March 17 and 18 could be interpreted as “complaints”.
The committee then addressed all the issues outlined in the emails and a response was sent to Mr Picot.

Meeting concluded at 7.50pm

ATTACHMENT 3

Meeting Held Vincentia Golf Club 12 Noon 26th March, 2015

Woolworths BWS Store Bayswood - James Scott-Mackenzie

At this stage the store is set to open in May 2016

Complete stores size will be around 4113 square meters

Liquor store 198 sq meters

Supermarket 3205 sq meters

No drive through will be part of the store

Opening hours will not be the same as the supermarket standard hours across NSW are 8am to 10 pm but are not necessarily are those for this store. Hours may vary during the tourist season due to numbers in the area

No advertising of liquor throughout the supermarket will only be within the liquor store and on posters outside (walls) of the supermarket.

As far as competition is concerned the Representative said Woolworths were only taking their slice of the pie and that studies done to date supported the opening of a supermarket based store. Statistics show that 70% of shoppers who purchased alcohol also bought from

the supermarket. In Victoria customers can legally buy from Woolworths alcohol along with their groceries.

Committee asked about the effect of new liquor stores on the current local liquor stores... Reply was that Independent liquor stores can still exist and make a profit, Independent stores can sell in bulk, deliver to customers, supply glasses and ice and also personally source harder to get brands which the big stores cannot do. They also have a wider spectrum to choose from as far as obtaining different stock.

Committee asked whether it would be viable to purchase a licence from an existing local store rather than go through the process of obtaining a new licence through the normal channels. Reply was that an existing licence can cost \$500,000 plus an application would need to be lodged to have that licence moved to the new premises. It would cost about 1/10 of that to go for a completely new licence and would be applied to the new premises at the beginning and run by Woolworths staff.

It was noted that the expected turnover would be 5% of the turnover of the supermarket

Hearing for the Liquor Licence goes before the Independent Liquor and Gaming Association (ILGA) first application has gone to effected residents etc for expressions and the next Submission is now open to all interested parties to express opinions objections etc this is through Woolworths solicitors, details on the website. The job of ILGA is to make an educational decision based on all information available. They also look at the number of licences issued per 1000 of population.

The representative stated that Woolworths want to be Australia's most responsible seller of alcohol. They have developed the codes which they have shared across the Australian Liquor Association Industry wide. These include ID for any shopper who looks under 25

The 'Don't buy it for Them' policy As supplied in Brochure which can be perused at the next VRRRA meeting.

Representative stated that Woolworths were part of the Liquor Accord which is made up of Licensees, Council and Police and as such they meet together to discuss local issues with regard to selling and consumption of alcohol, it is a condition of Licence that they become an active member of the Accord.

Woolworths also contribute to education of Alcohol responsibility by supporting the addressing of schools ie monetary funds especially to the 15-16 year old age group.

Mr Scott -Mackenzie urged people to make submissions if they have issues and gave the committee contact details should we require any further details.

Meeting closed 1.10 pm.

ATTACHMENT 4 – see attached as a PowerPoint presentation