

DRAFT

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

Welcome – the president, Mr Bob Proudfoot, welcomed all attendees and special guests, Clr Jo Gash; Clr Patricia White; Kellie Lowe, Environmental Services Manager, SCC; Rosemary Hooper, Development Manager, Residential Development NSW, Stockland; Trish Oakley, Communications Consultant, Stockland; Wes Dose, Regional Development Manager, Property Development, Woolworths Limited; Greg Lucas, Project Manager, Woolworths Vincentia Development, Woolworths Limited.

Attendance – 49 -

Apologies – Bob and Deborah Hanlon, James Tzavaras, Lesley Hams, Kathy Chivers, Bob Clark, Rib Dunn, Lance Sewell, Wendy Whatley, Keith Howard, Clr Greg Watson, Jaz Vukelic, Shirley Gatti, Ros Vickery, Norma Vickery, Jan Murray, Len Murray, John Ross, Bronwyn Ross, Caroline Lamb, Peter Hands, Anne Spira, John Levadetes, Jim Levadetes, Sue Walsh

Moved Tony Thompson, seconded Bob Pullinger that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

The President then called on Kellie Lowe to address the meeting.

Ms Lowe addressed several questions which has been sent to her –

Green Army – Federal initiative; No Vincentia sites identified

No Management Plan envisaged for Vincentia beaches like the Huskisson Beach Management Action Plan.

The Dune Vegetation Management Plan is being developed for Collingwood Beach

Stormwater Erosion Impact Assessment – 2 sites in Vincentia identified as posing a moderate risk to public safety

Sea Level Rise project – new sea level rise predictions and plans will be upgraded – on the council website when completed

Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan Reference Group – a partnership with the community. Welcomed VRRRA members onto the Reference Group. Main objective – Dune Management Plan to be developed. Consultant has been engaged. Different opinions within the Group and a set of recommendations to guide future process. Questions were asked concerning whether the objectives were fixed or negotiable. The Draft Strategy will go to the Reference Group on August 8, 2015. Question was asked why the whole of Collingwood Beach dune area was not included – reason given was because of the tree vandalism in the section Susan Street to Moona Moona Creek.

The President invited Rosemary Hopper and Trish Oakley from Stockland to address the meeting.

Ms Hopper spoke about the projects currently underway on the estate – upgrading the path to the Leisure Centre, bus shelter in Halloran Street. The upgrading of Naval College Road and Moona Creek Road - apologised in advance for disruption to traffic and said an emergency telephone number will be available for out of hours problems. Works will go through until December.

Ms Oakley spoke about the Community Update newsletters to Bayswood residents – will also be placed on VRRRA website. Explained that there will be 100 semi-trailer movements through

the Bayswood estate for the fitout for the Woolworths centre between mid-September and mid November. Five trucks a day – question was asked whether this was actually 10 a day if it was a return trip. Explained that the option to take the trucks through the estate was a quicker and better option than having them on Naval Collage Road. A risk assessment will be undertaken on Halloran Street – children and school buses. A dilapidation survey will be done at the start of the truck movements and remedial work will be undertaken at the end. Council Traffic Management approval was not required. Clr White agreed to discuss the matter in the Traffic Committee at council. Agreed that an emergency phone number would be available. The No Stopping Signs in Halloran Street for the medical centre car parking and not because of the trucks. Assured residents that the primary concern of Stockland is the safety of residents. The same contractor is being used for both The Wool Road and the Naval College Road roadworks

The President then invited Wes Dose and Greg Lucas from Woolworths to address the meeting. Mr Lucas said that the contractor, Hutchinson, has been on site since February. Opening date is December 8, 2015 for Woolworths, Aldsi, Tenants and petrol station; in 2 -3 weeks the roof will go on; services are in now; carpark will be started in 2 weeks. Roadworks on The Wool Road – started on May 18, 2015 – should finish November 18, 2015 at this stage; finding soft spots and services they did not know were there; assurance given that sediment and erosion control requirements were being met; agreed that an emergency number for out of hours for required.

Mr Dose spoke of the leasing of the centre – 25 – 30 speciality shops in addition to Woolworths and Aldi; 10 are leased and there on offers pending on others; Anytime Fitness and a \$2-type discount store are signed up as well as some food operators; looking for more tenants; assurance given that there is no fast food shop outside the centre – the petrol station is the only outlet outside the centre; website www.woolworthsvincenia.com.au was given to see progress.

All guest speakers were thanks for their attendance.

Minutes of June 18, 2015 meeting had been previously circulated. Moved Bob Pullinger, seconded Noel Bowman that they be adopted. Carried

Business Arising - nil

The Correspondence was tabled.

Peter Gaffey asked if there was a hardcopy of the GIPAA correspondence available and he was assured there was.

Moved Peter Gaffey, seconded Noel Bowman that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

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

The letter of resignation from Bob Clark s Treasurer of the VRRRA was read out in which there was criticism of the meeting voting on a matter which changed the policy of the VRRRA on the Round the Bay walk across Orion Beach was not on the agenda and which was not circulated to all members. The president said that it is not possible to hold a plebiscite on every issue and also people miss out on the debate which is held at a meeting. He said time was running out on this particular issue and that he always runs his meetings in an open, honest and transparent way and was at a loss to understand Mr Clark's concerns. He asked the meeting if they were satisfied with his conduct of meetings and John Picot spoke in praise of Mr Proudfoot's handling of meetings and there was verbal approval from members.

Moved Bob Pullinger, seconded Barbara Liddle that a letter be written to Bob Clark thanking him for his service and work for the Vincentia community and to assure him his work is appreciated. Carried

Report of the Committee meeting, April 1, 2015 –

See full Minutes – see attachment 2

Items 1, 2,4,5,6,7,8,9 – moved Giorgio Antonelli, seconded Sandy Easterbrook that the recommendations be adopted, and that item 6 be removed as it had been actioned. Carried.

Moved John Picot, seconded David Hopkins that Item 3 be held over. Carried.

Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Reference Group Report presented by Dawn Thompson - see attachment 3

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group Report – presented by Bob Pullinger – see attachment 4

Motions –

1. Moved Bob Pullinger, seconded Dawn Thompson. Carried
2. Moved Bob Pullinger, seconded Giorgio Antonelli. Carried
3. Moved Bob Pullinger, seconded Sandy Easterbrook. Carried

Other Business

Representatives of the VRRRA have been invited to meet with Marc Poulton from SCC at Plantation Point Reserve at 11am on Tuesday, July 22, 2015 to discuss the installation of a bike rack.

Col Poulter made a PowerPoint presentation on the Round the Bay Walk across the Orion Beach Foreshore Reserve Vegetation Plan.

Moved Col Poulter, seconded David Hopkins that this meeting calls on the Shoalhaven City Council to replace shrubs in the Vegetation Plan with native grasses compatible with the existing forest subject to a follow-up meeting between Col Poulter, Craig Milburn from council and the Mayor, Clr Jo Gash. Carried.

The secretary, Liz Tooley, tendered her resignation as secretary of the VRRRA, effective from July 31, 2015.

Moved Sue Josephson, seconded Barbara Liddle that a vote of thanks be recorded.

The next meeting of the VRRRA and the Vincentia CCB will be on Thursday, August 20, 2015

Bob Proudfoot
President

Liz Tooley,
Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

VINCENTIA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC

**TREASURERS REPORT
For 16 July 2015 Meeting**

Balance in Bank Accounts at 28 May 2015		\$ 1,460.77
Everyday Account	\$ 1,460.77	
Fixed Term Deposit	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 1,460.77</u>	
Income		
Interest		\$ 1.79
		\$ -
		\$ -
		<u>\$ 1.79</u>
Expenditure		
		\$ -
		\$ -
		\$ -
		\$ -
		\$ -
		<u>\$ -</u>
Balance in Bank Accounts at 15July 2015		<u>\$ 1,462.56</u>
Everyday Account	\$ 1,462.56	
Fixed Term Deposit	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 1,462.56</u>	

R J Clark
Treasurer
15-Jul-15

ATTACHMENT 2

VINCENTIA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS

ASSOCIATION INC.

**PO BOX 149, VINCENTIA,
N.S.W. 2540.**

**PRESIDENT : BOB PROUDFOOT
SECRETARY: LIZ TOOLEY**

VRRA@BIGPOND.COM

Committee meeting, Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Venue: Vincentia Golf Club

Time: 5 pm

MINUTES

Present: Bob Proudfoot; Ros Vickery; Liz Tooley; Norm Vickery; Johanna Pullinger; Peter Gaffey, Dawn Thompson

Apologies: Bob Clark

Recommendations:

1. That when any committee member is absent from committee meetings or general meetings, prior notice by email is mandatory, and any documents, including correspondence, and the laptop with password, Post Office key and Hall key, must be given to the president prior to leave being taken.
Moved Bob Proudfoot, seconded Ros Vickery
2. That correspondence from council is to go to three committee members – the secretary, Peter Gaffey and Jo Pullinger, and all VRRRA correspondence is to be copied by the secretary to Peter Gaffey and Jo Pullinger.
Moved Peter Gaffey, seconded Jo Pullinger
3. That the VRRRA writes to council reaffirming the reasons for the Round the Bay Walk. The basic principles being that people can enjoy healthy exercise while enjoying vistas of the Bay. The selection of flora should be more carefully considered so it does not impede vistas of the Bay and inappropriate plantings such as banksias, tea tree and acacias should be removed.
Moved Bob Proudfoot, seconded Peter Gaffey.
4. That the VRRRA begins talks with council regarding an upgrade of the Mall area in the Burton Street shops. Suggestions include a swing for the disabled and a children's rope park as well as a mini stage. And that the VRRRA continues talks with council regarding an Exercise Circuit at Plantation Point.
Moved Norm Vickery, seconded Peter Gaffey.
5. That the VRRRA writes to council regarding the need for greater connectivity between the Leisure Centre, Woolworths and Bayswood with an aim to reducing traffic on The Wool Road.
Moved Bob Proudfoot, seconded Dawn Thompson.

6. That a council engineer be invited to meet with the VRRRA on site with regard to ponding of water issues on local shared pathways and footpaths. These include -
 - a) Shared pathway either side of Church Street
 - b) Shared pathway between Avenue St George and the Vincentia Primary School
 - c) Footpath near the corner of Elizabeth Drive and Minerva Avenue
 - d) Shared pathway four house blocks north of Susan StreetMoved Bob Proudfoot, seconded Peter Gaffey.
7. That the VRRRA requests council to take immediate action to repair the footpath over Moona Moona Creek which is inadequate and now dangerous.
Moved Norm Vickery, seconded Peter Gaffey
8. That the VRRRA contacts council to ascertain if there is council-owned land at the top of Vincentia in the area near the Golf Club which could be used for a children's park. And also that the VRRRA highlights to council the need for a safe footpath from the top of Vincentia, down Murray Street to link up with a footpath along Elizabeth Drive.
Moved Ros Vickery, seconded Dawn Thompson
9. That the VRRRA contacts the Federal Member to ascertain when the NBN will reach Vincentia.
Moved Peter Gaffey, seconded Jo Pullinger.

Other matters –

1. Council is presently looking for a site for the police station which will be built in the Bay and Basin area. Council owned land will be favoured – members are asked for suggestions at the VRRRA meeting on July 16.
2. Jo Pullinger reported no progress in getting the locks fixed on the noticeboard.
3. Dawn Thompson congratulated Ros Vickery on the minutes from the last meeting.
4. The correspondence was tabled – full list to be tabled at VRRRA meeting on July 16
5. New members – Applications from Lyndon Snelling and Angela Johnstone were accepted.
6. The suggestion of moving the general meetings from the Community Hall to the Golf Club to be discussed with members at the July meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6.20pm

ATTACHMENT 3

COLLINGWOOD BEACH DUNE REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

24/6/15

OVERVIEW

On 26th July last year, Shoalhaven Council held a community forum to determine how they could address the issues around the vegetation on Collingwood Beach. They wanted to stop the vandalism, the pruning and poisoning of trees. At this forum the community were asked what they considered should be done with the vegetation along the beach. The answers put forward from the floor, were compiled by the convenor of the meeting. These answers became known as the KEY Issues.

Council invited interested people from special interest groups to apply to be a member on the Dune vegetation Group. They were to select 7 people from these groups, 2 council staff and a councillor as chairman and a council staff member to take minutes. This group was to address the KEY ISSUES put forward by the public.

Late last year it was discovered that members of the VRRRA that were on the group, were not there as representatives of the VRRRA.

In May this year the VRRRA as the CCB for Vincentia, put a motion to council, requesting 2 members Giorgio and me, be accepted to the group to represent the VRRRA/ CCB. This request received no response from council. We both sent many emails, and came up against a brick wall virtually. Luckily, Councillor Greg Watson pushed forward at a council meeting, the importance of the CCB, and convinced other councillors to support this motion. Mayor Gash also gave her support and we were admitted as full members. If it was not for councillor Watson, we would still be sitting on the side line.

Giorgio and I attended our first Dune Reference Group Meeting on 24/6/15

At the meeting were 2 representatives from the Collingwood Beach Preservation Group

2 people from NGH the consultants working on the Dune Vegetation Management Plan

Mr Pigg General Manager , Mr Tim Fletcher Planning Department Manager, Isabelle Ghetti Manager Natural Resources & Floodplain, Kelie Lowe Environmental Services Manager, Kerry Thompson

and the Chairman Councillor Allan Baptist. The 5 other members of the group did not attend we were told they would not be attending, no apologies were given.

We were able to ask questions ... The first question was, were the objectives (i.e. the recommendations made by the original group on the vegetation on the dunes) fixed or negotiable. We were told they were negotiable, broad not definitive, not pre determined. The discussion on the recommendations went on for some time.

The discussion then went on to how the consultant would engage with the community to show the designs that they propose for the dune area.

Kiosks were mentioned several times or a public meeting. We suggested that the consultant attend a VRRRA meeting. This was not supported by council staff who said that it would not be very effective.

(As many CCBS have less than 20 attend their meetings, we made the point that Vincentia had good attendance rates and thought it would be worthwhile to have a public meeting.) We considered that it would be more advantageous for everyone to hear the opinions put forward by the community.

We were invited to send further documentation that we would like the consultant to consider. This has been done.

In the last 10 minutes of the meeting Mr Pigg and Mr Fletcher had to leave to return to a council meeting. Then, in the last few minutes of the meeting , after they left. It was declared by the Chairman that the objectives or previous recommendations were fixed.

We left the meeting

When the minutes of the meeting were sent out by Isabelle Ghetti, they stated that the objectives were fixed, the minutes were approved by the Chairman Councillor Baptist.

Between the 4 members of the group that did attend, we have written at least 10 emails to Mr Fletcher and Mr Pigg, requesting the minutes be amended to give a true and correct reflection on the meeting. Pointing out that the Consultant could be working towards the wrong recommendations. We have been told this can be discussed at the beginning of the next meeting. A date for the next meeting was confirmed this afternoon for 7th August.

Motions voted on –

The CCB/VRRA adopt the sub committee's report and the report be consolidated into the minutes.

The CCB request Council to engage directly with the sub committee on Friday 31st July 2015.

This is in response to a meeting requested in the CBPG letter 15/05 with suggested agenda. All Councillors

be copied with the request for the meeting with the sub committee.

The CCB request the Council assess the erosion at Moona Moona Creek and take into account a suggestion from the officer from EOH that an estuary management plan be considered for Moona Moona Creek.