



Draft Minutes

VRRRA-CCB General Meeting

DATE: 20 October 2022

VENUE: Vincentia Golf Club

Chaired by: Ken Buckley

Start TIME 7:00pm

Meeting Closed at: 9:15pm



I acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of country and their continuing connection to the land, culture, and community. I pay my respect to elder's past, present and future

Present

There were 23 ratepayers and residents present at the meeting.
Councillor Patricia White was also present.

Apologies

Jim Fraser (SCC) **Theo Prakash** (SCC) **Les Hams**, **John Stuchbery**, **Jo Pullinger**, **Wendy Whatley**, **Margherita Antonelli**, **Giorgio Antonelli**, **Jen and Lance Sewell**, **Gavin and Michelle Phillips**, **Terry Bowman**, **Tony and Jazz Vukelic**.

Minutes from August VRRRA-CCB General Meeting

Motion: That the draft minutes of the VRRRA-CCB General meeting held on the 18 August 2022 be adopted Moved Ken Buckley seconded Ross Poplewell. Motions resolved unanimously.

Actions and business arising from September VRRRA-CCB Committee Meeting

All actions included in the agenda

Secretary Report

Snail Mail: None

Emails Register: The register was circulated to all before the meeting date
Lana Boats and watercraft left on Orion Beach

Megan Jobson spoke about her unanswered email asking who forms the various sub-committees and requesting that the Sub Committees and the people on them should be posted on the VRRRA website.

President suggested this should be brought up in General Business, but it was decided by the floor it be discussed and voted now.

John Ross stated that the web site has now been updated .to list the various subcommittees and their activities. Some sub committee members were approached to have their names published but were reluctant because they felt that that would make them the focus for complaints and criticism.

Megan also asked about sub-committee minutes and if they are published. Discussion followed that any reports from sub-committees are always published with the main committee minutes but there are no minutes as such produced by the subcommittees.

Megan had also asked how the subcommittee members were appointed. Discussion followed that being on a subcommittee is voluntary. The comment was made that often at general meetings requests are made for volunteers but rarely or no-one volunteers or those that do drop out very quickly.

Bob Pullinger explained that the CBPG sub committee was formed after Consultation with Councillors and the Assistant General Manager and is committed to table a report at the member's meetings. It was responded from the floor the CBPG was not the cause of the problems expressed with sub committees.

Megan then proposed a motion to list all sub committee names on the website:

The motion to list all names was defeated 12 to 9.

It was confirmed that sub committees are appointed by VRRRA Executive Committee as per the Constitution.

Plantation point Reserve

Ross Popplewell addressed the meeting asking that the VRRRA write to Council with the following two motions:

1. Council be requested to repair the roadway and parking facilities comprising the entrance road to Plantation Point Reserve as a matter of priority before the Xmas period especially in lieu of increased usage associated with Hobbies Australian titles for the period 27 Dec 2022 until 5 Jan 2023.
2. That Council undertake whatever repairs necessary to open the access to Nelsons Beach via the Disabled viewing platform entry ready for the Dec/January tourist influx.

Discussion amongst the meeting also took place about the toilet block as to whether the Disabled toilet could be opened during the holiday period to ease the load. However, Councillor Patricia White said this was not possible due to the code and cost of repairing these toilets if vandalised.

Treasurers Report:

Motion: That the Statement of Financial position and performance for the period ended in September 2022 be received. Moved Ross Popplewell seconded Dawn Thompson. Resolved unanimously

CCB-Sub-Committees and Groups Reports:

Plantation Point Playground Sails Project update:

Ken reported that the posts for the Playground should be finished with the galvanising process by the 1st November, the builder is ready to start as soon as posts arrive. We anticipate second week of November (weather permitting).

Vincentia Mall Project Update:

Norm Vickery reported; on the 20th Sept I met with Mathew Alder and I invited Mathew McKenzie to come along to discuss the plans. After my previous investigative walk with Matt McKenzie around the Mall where we worked on the RL levels and our concerns for the pedestrian access between the Mall especially pushing a trolley, pram or wheelchair, these worries were then passed onto Mathew Alder. We felt that he should pass on our concerns and suggested a slight variation to the plan whereby to allow direct access across the Mall. He agreed that he would take these points to the Architect the next day. Whilst we were there, he mentioned the RLs of the boardwalk had to be raised higher than originally drawn to account for the size of the tree trunks which in turn made disabled access more difficult. He asked us how we thought members and the public would react to the removal of the boardwalk. Both Mathew and I said it was part of the original concept that people would be able to sit in the Mall and enjoy refreshments etc. under the trees. We both voiced our disapproval to remove the boardwalk and I commented that maybe the Architect could step it to make a larger circumference for the trunks. This point was to be brought back to members however we have had no word from Council of the outcome. We have however received the reply to the pedestrian movement which has now been tabled on the VRRRA web site.

As the representative on this subcommittee, I am somewhat disillusioned as to how this can get to the Tender stage and then these changes made along the way.

As an afterthought at the close of our meeting I mentioned the position of the Notice Board not being in a focal viewing corridor and commented could it be changed around after a consultation with members, to my surprise he said he knew nothing about a Notice Board.

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group and Coastal Management Programme:

Full report issued with Agenda:

Motions:

- 1. Collingwood Beach Preservation group- Sub Committee Monthly Report. That the VRRRA/CCB accepts the sub committee's report.*
- 2. Council be requested to issue a report with details of what, where and when on the Recovery Program from the April 2022 storm and appropriate safety program for risks identified in the CBPG reporting, including the discussion on the safety risks at the beachside exists/entrances and the Round the Bay walk at the southern end of Collingwood where the sand is disbursed away from under Shared User Path caused by the discharge of storm water from under the nearby pedestrian bridge.*
- 3. Chicken Wire: this was added to the motion to seek clarification from SCC as to how far the chicken wire will be installed along the new strip of fencing where vandalism has occurred.*
- 4. Dawn Thompson requested that As a safety issue, 'Council relocate fencing along Collingwood Beach where it is within ½ metre to the edge of the shared pathway' to be added to the motion. Moved Ros Vickery seconded Tony Thompson.*

Pathways and Connections Update

Nothing to report since last meeting.

The Delivery Program and Operational Plan (DPOPS)

Bob Pullinger:

The meeting was informed of a joint message from the VRRRA and District Engineer arising from a phone chat with the Engineer on the 19 October, which is subject to the District Engineers confirmation.

The DPOP process will follow a similar timetable to previous years in particular:

- 1. Input of the bids to the DPOP process will be via the CCB working with and submitting to the District Engineer "DE" over October/early November.*
- 2. It is intended to get the bids for the DE in. ie early November.*
- 3. The DE has identified the likely DPOPs to be expected from the CCB and will share the DE descriptions of the expected CCB DPOPs with the CCB to ensure consistency throughout the process.*
- 4. The DE has identified the potential commitment and fast tracking of potential items through a special grants program the DE will provide information to the CCB to enable the CCB to prepare grant requests.*
- 5. The grants are to be prepared upon a triple bottom line – triple P.....people, place, prosperity.*
- 6. The Community will have the opportunity to confirm or make updated or new submissions when the DPOP goes on public exhibition in May 2023.*
- 7. The DE is to send details of his direct email address to facilitate effective collaboration with the CCB as the DPOP progresses.*
- 8. The expectations of the CCB and application for blackspots could be submitted to Fiona Phillips...as this is not recognised by Council as a possibility.*

Bob suggested that the message to the Community should be to "Pick the low hanging fruit and work with the possibilities recognised by the DE, after all, the Shoalhaven is in a very demanding situation with potholes and disaster recovery,

we should put priorities on the possible wins". There are many factors that staff use to consider for inclusion in the forward Capital program – including assessment of changing priorities due to recent and ongoing extreme damage to the road and infrastructure network.

VRRA 2025 Strategic Plan Update

Lou addressed the meeting stating that a workshop had been held with the Convenor (James Cowie) and that the Committee members had been asked to answer a questionnaire/survey with regards to their opinions on Vincentia. These surveys were then collated.

Discussion then followed amongst committee members with agreement that no subcommittee be appointed yet. Lou also mentioned that the proposed next step is for James to produce a strawman 2025 VRRA Plan for it to be reviewed by Committee members and then call for Subcommittee Members for them to review the plan and initiate consultation with members with the aim for the subcommittee to produce a final draft 2025 plan for circulation and feed back by all members.

It was suggested by the meeting that to cut double handling, the survey go out directly to VRRA members for their opinions and then form a subcommittee for them to finalise the Draft Strategic Plan.

General Business.

Councillor White addressed the meeting to state the Shoalhaven Dog Policy will go on Public Exhibition on Thursday night at the SCC.

Next meeting to be discussed at committee meeting, this is owing to the proposed date of 15 Dec being so close to Xmas and in previous years meeting has been held at an earlier date.