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VRRRA CCB General Meeting 20th February 2025 – Minutes

The meeting opened at 6.05pm with 23 in attendance

Welcome to country and several apologies were received and noted by Ken Buckley

A motion to accept the previous Minutes of the last meeting 15th August 2024 was passed.

Presentation by Clr Lou Casmiri

A copy of this presentation is attached, and several questions were raised by members regarding the rescission motion passed to delay the addition of Local Character to the Planning process. The meeting felt that no consultation had taken place before Council acted. Clr Jemma Tribe, who was present at the meeting, was invited to speak to the matter and gave an outline of next steps expected to be made by Council and her understanding of the need for Local Character to be considered. The VRRRA has written to Council requesting urgent consultation and an extension to planning process timetable and has now received advice that a future Council meeting will be held to discuss this issue.

Presidents Report by Ken Buckley

Confirmation of current Office holders - President Ken Buckley, Secretary David Pursley, Treasurer Margherita Antonelli, and Phil Smith. Craig Hatton and Anna Everts are members of the Golf Club subcommittee. An appeal has been made for new members to join the committee to bolster our numbers. Formal notification of these changes has been made to the relevant authorities.

Bob Pullinger resigned from the Committee and was thanked for his many years of service to the VRRRA. Vincentia Golf Club Working Group and Project Team news is as circulated in published newsletters.

Secretary Report by David Pursley

The meeting was advised of progress on our Web site, Facebook and Instagram and Newsletters. An appeal for more input and feedback was requested. Meeting dates set for 2025 have been published, DA reports are available from the Council web site. Discussion around the Annual Fee changes and invoice procedure was postponed to the AGM.

Treasury Report and CCB updates by Bob Pullinger

A copy of the current report is attached. An update to our bank account signatures and payment approval process is required following Committee changes and confirmation presented to the next AGM.

Banksia Street Reclassification by Stan Bevanda

The meeting received an update on this issue which continues to be advanced by Council, and we await further news on the next step about the sale of this land. The council is being pressed not to sell this land by residents and the VRRRA.

Demarcation to accommodate safe swimming Zones by Anna Everts

A motion of support to request the council create safe swimming zones at three locations was passed and a discussion of the dangers and risks of Jet Ski activity was held.

Meeting was closed at 8pm **Please note change of date next Meeting 15th May 2025 – Annual General Meeting**

Attachments - Character Definition Statement from Clr Casmiri and Treasures Report as of February 2025

Sunday, March 16, 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT - VRRRA Inc - Year to date 1 January 2024 to 1 August 2024											
LAST YEAR - FULL YEAR - Restated											
Main A/C	Plantation Point	Village Opening	White Sands Walk	Bocce		Main A/C	THIS YEAR TO DATE	Plantation Point	Village Opening	White Sands Beaches Walk	Bocce
						\$	Note				Note
10732	1	8,900	20	190	Everyday Account Start of year	3107		1	298	20	190
					Income						
560					Membership subscriptions 2023	470					
0					Pre-paid subs following years /other						
0					Bank Interest						
3450					Grants - SCC						
100					Grants - Other						
					Donations Leslie Hams	100					
		1000			Donation - Mintus Properties						
					Temporary Tfr from VRRRA accounts						
500					Community Consultative Bodies-Annual Subsidy						
4,610	0	9,900	0	0		570		1	298	20	190
					Expenditure						
632					Public liability insurance						
			0	0	Bank Charges						
					Fees Dept Fair Trading	104					
6,050	0				Professional Fees -						
					Vincentia Hall Hire	192					
					Room Hire etc - VRRRA meetings						
153					PO Box rent	174					
					Post, Print, Stationery, Supplies & Advtg						
	0				Computer, Peripherals, other						
5,400					Project						
					Internet Website						
					Safety - Hold My Hand, RFS						
					Temporary Tfr to VRRRA accounts						
0		9602			Village Opening expenses				250		
12,235	0	9,602	0	0		470		0	250	0	0
					Balance in bank account end period						
3,107	1	298	20	190	Everyday Accounts	3,207		1	48	20	190
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**Shoalhaven's Plans to Deliver Affordable Housing is In Danger
of falling by a not clear Character definition.**

Keeping in mind that Shoalhaven City Councils' revenue comes from Ratepayers and Developments contributions it is now more than ever essential that we at Shoalhaven Council reduce expenditure and although Council is endeavouring to increase income by the proposed 12% rate raise, there are many projects on hold by Council staff for many years and for many different reasons that if approved, they will generate millions of dollars in additional income from the Developments and many more Ratepayers.

This is why in my opinion we must get the "Character Definitions right" in respect of a villages because if we do not get the Character definition right, it can stop affordable and all housing contractions creating more delayed by an incorrect interpretation of Character for a village or location.

The Character Definition reworking will be undertaken with input from all stakeholders (as stated in the 12 December 2024 Council Regular Meeting resolution below), rather than adopt a document produces in 10 days by a Sydney Consultant and some community consultation with just comments about "Character" with disregard to addressing the Shoalhaven housing crisis due to the limited number of houses built in Shoalhaven in the past 10 years.

Therefore, as I mentioned, after given more thought about what we voted for (CL24.384 motion) my major concern with "Character" was that, if it is not clearly defined and categorised it can become another potential obstacle and delays in having developments approved by staff with additional costs to all stakeholders including substantial additional consultants and legal costs to us the ratepayers.

In my opinion housing prices and availability is like any other business, it is driven by the supply and demand rules, therefore I would argue that if we do not get the Character definition right, Shoalhaven City Council will be contributing to additional construction cost and to the non-availability of homes because the potential major delays with approvals!

In closing, in my opinion, it is the duty of Shoalhaven City Council as the local government body to **facilitate developments** for the benefit of our children, our grandchildren and for the many that would love to be part of our communities.

RESOLVED (Clr Casmiri / Clr Wilkins) MIN24.655

That Council:

1. Pause Planning Proposal PP073 and the drafting of character statements and design guidelines to be considered including work on the new Land Use Planning Scheme (Local Environmental Plan), until such time as Council can hold a briefing to receive information on the background and status.
2. Acknowledge that the Shoalhaven Development Industry Reference Group has workshopped design at a previous meeting.
3. Ensure there is adequate Community involvement/consultation in the development of any Character and Design Guidelines or requirements.
4. Ensure this issue is investigated with other items yet to emerge impacting housing supply.

FOR: Clr White, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot and Clr Clancy

AGAINST: Clr Dunn, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd, Clr Johnston and Clr Krikstolaitis

CARRIED

Luciano (Lou) Casmiri

Councillor - Ward 2

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