

DRAFT MINUTES VRRRA/CCB OCTOBER 19, 2017 MEETING

APOLOGIES

The meeting was opened by the president, Peter Livingston at 7.30 pm. Councilors Gash, White and Levitt were present. Their presence was appreciated and noted. Apologies received from; Angela Johnstone, Dawn and Tony Thompson, Tony and Jazz Vukelic, Leslie Hams, Wendy Whatley, John Ross, Jo Pullinger, Pat McMahon, Roslyn Brady, Keith and Barbara Howard, Kenneth W Buckley, Les and Jan Murray, Abe Mehmet and Councilors Proudfoot, Watson and Gartner.

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2017 VRRRA/CCB MEETING

The draft minutes were accepted subject to adding Jo Pullinger to the list of apologies.

1* Peter Livingston, 2* Noel Bowman, Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence has been sent out to all members as it comes into the VRRRA/CCB email account. This process is to continue as it keeps all members up to date with all matters pertaining to the VRRRA/CCB.

1* Roslyn Vickery, 2* Peter Livingston, Carried unanimously.

REPORT ON VISIT TO VINCENTIA BY COUNCILORS, 15 SEPTEMBER 2017

Mayor Findley and Councilors Alldrick, Gash, Gartner and Kitchener together with a number of senior Council officials met with a number of VRRRA Committee Members at Plantation Point Reserve on 15 September. The president, Peter Livingston, reported that at this meeting, Council was reminded of the 11 submissions made by the VRRRA as part of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan (DPOP) for 2017/18. He noted however that the meeting specifically focused on three issues that the VRRRA believes could be readily addressed within Council's existing maintenance budget.

1. Improve access for the disabled to the pathway from the Bayswood Estate to Collingwood Beach and the urgent need for a pedestrian traffic Island to allow residents from the Bayswood Estate to safely cross Elizabeth Drive as they access the beaches of Vincentia.
2. Address the issues caused by overgrowth of vegetation in the Plantation Point Reserve area and along the Round the Bay shared path
3. Re-position the beach access paths from the road heads at Berry St, Montague St and Bayswater St to reduce the risk of erosion caused by storm water run-off from Elizabeth Drive onto Collingwood beach.

Councilors undertook to consider the issues discussed. Councilors and staff are thanked for their time and consideration in meeting with the VRRRA.

REPORT ON CCB EXECUTIVE MEETING, 12 OCTOBER 2017

Roslyn Vickery gave the following report. Points of interest from Combined CCB Executive Meeting Held at the Ulladulla Council Chambers on 12/10/2017 at 11.45 am. Before the opening of the meeting we met with Gary Kelson from the Huskisson/Woollamia Voice he wished to work/ discuss the possibility of the idea of locals/members performing an early walk over the new walkway/viewing/cycleway which should be opened between April/June next year. Tenders are going out now and as this is a pre fab bridge they don't anticipate delays to its opening. The meeting opened at 11.45 am all CCBs within the Shoalhaven were represented including the VRRRA/CCB represented by Bob Pullinger and Ros Vickery.

Jessica Rippon from Council introduced the first Dept Head Carmel Krogh who is the Director of Shoalhaven Water.

- Current Drought Management protocols. (Currently flow of the river is 90 mega LT s per day when it drops below 80 mgs per day water can no longer be extracted from the river.
- Water would then be taken from Bamarang Dam
- Level 1 water restrictions would be triggered when Bamarang reaches 60% and at the current rate of usage this would be the 15 Nov.
- No water is currently going to Sydney. Tallowa dam is owned by Water NSW. Sydney must be at 75% for them to draw our water. Down 1 metre or 3 metres in extremes. No water has been transferred to Sydney since 2011.
- The new Porters creek dam was opened for southern Shoalhaven on 23 Feb 2017
- Towers- the new tower has been completed for Vincentia for phone/power the old tower will be demolished.
- Shoalhaven water was awarded NSW large employer of the year for its trainees.
- Level 1 water equates to hand held hoses only no fixed sprinklers no watering of hard surfaces.

Russ Pigg Shoalhaven Council General Manager addressed the meeting he announced.

- November is Asbestos Awareness Month he said Council would be putting strategies on line to manage asbestos around the home.
- Shoalhaven to be recognised as a fossicking district to attract tourists
- Council will be adding to their web site about controls to stop the Indian Miner bird from spreading.

Mr Pigg then introduced Phil Costello who is the new Director of Planning, Environment and Development (replacing Tim Fletcher). Mr Costello explained that everything that his department did was governed by different Acts. All Statutory Processes are governed by Legislation and Court process, they have to adhere to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act Section 79C considerations - law and policy. Also Environmental Social and Economic Impact Clause 5 AA bio diversity act.

- Application requirements are specified by Law schedule 1
- Planning principles as set down by the Land and Environment Court eg privacy, view sharing access to sunlight etc..
- He explained failure to address any of the above could lead to third party Land and Environment Court appeals.
- Points to be considered are flora and fauna, coastal hazard processes, bushfire, flooding and Environment/riparian
- He stated that all DA applications are available on the internet.
- DA totals to date 2015/16 total was. 1710
- DA totals for 2016/17. 1631
- DA totals so far for 2017/18 417.

Jessica Rippon addressed the meeting stating that Council is currently undertaking a Community and Engagement Survey to ascertain the best ways to reach the community, whether it be online media, radio, newspapers, Tv etc. Council wants to know what areas the members consider need to be improved. The survey closes at the end of October. The link for the members to participate in the survey is http://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/lets_keep_in_touch

Craig Milburn Finance and Community Director addressed the meeting. He stated an extra ordinary meeting would be held on Tuesday 17 October for the approval of the rate increases of 5% per annum for the next three years. IPART had approved a 13.2 % temporary increase which includes the mandatory 1.5% for 2017/18. Council is seeking IPART treat the 13.2% special rate variation in 2017/18 as a permanent increase because Council wants it to be included in the base rate for 2017/18 on which the 5% for 2018/19 will be applied

Capital works - compared to other councils State and Regional we spend \$720 per head comparison of \$540 per head with other councils. He stated that Shoalhaven council worked with fewer employees if compared to other councils the same size, he said we received 109,000 to 113,000 calls to council switchboards.....75,000 to 95,000 letters of correspondence per annum up by 28 % on previous year.

33% of all monies collected were staff related. He stated that Council would prefer to have 3 x 5% increases, three meetings will be held around Nowra to evaluate the community's views.

Tony Fraser. Acting Works and Assets Director. Roads resealing programme starts October 2017. He told the meeting bitumen lasts 10-18 years and needs to be done in the warmer weather. New Transfer Station is opened at West Nowra there will be a Home Sustainability programme workshop to help minimise rubbish that goes into land fill. He discussed income from Holiday Haven Parks, income was \$23 million nett \$17 million profits can only be used on parks etc on crown lands as all Holiday Haven parks are crown land. Council property strategy goes on exhibition on 25/10 members should take an interest and make submissions. Tenders for Moona Creek are about to go out.

Q and A

Vigorous discussion amongst motel owners. They stated that 4 years ago occupancy rates were 41% they are now around 23%. This they said was due somewhat to holiday rentals, B and Bs and property that was rented through Air B and B etc they complained that the lack of stringent requirements by Council such as fire safety schedules, water metering etc, insurances left them at an extreme disadvantage especially where some properties rented for cash.

Council did announce Kate Ryan is being promoted to a new role, Communications Officer. They are currently recruiting for Kate's replacement. Meanwhile mail to Kate should go to Council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au, but Kate will accept any enquiries. With no further business the CCB Executive meeting closed at 3.30pm.

REPORT ON VICENTIA MATTERS MEETING REGARDING NBN ROLLOUT HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2017

Bob Pullinger gave this report. Bruce McKenzie, the President of Vincentia Matters noted that on the night there was only 120 persons present out of potential of 1700. He requested the message be spread to your neighbours and others.

Executive Summary

- NBN starts at Vincentia 17th November 2017.
- NBN will be faster and more reliable
- Need to visit retail store to select plan
- Must convert to NBN within the next 18 months
- Assess if extra equipment is NBN compatible
- Have equipment in reserve to cover power failures
- Do not do speed tests
- Always report any problems to NBN or Retailer
- Wait and see if any carry over of problems during holiday time

Background

- NBN is expected to be operating in Vincentia from 17th November 2017
- NBN will (eventually) be faster and more reliable.
- Need to visit Retail supplier (Telstra or Optus etc) and select a plan to go live with conversion to NBN
- Conversion from current phone/internet line to the NBN can be requested at any time during the 18 months after NBN commences to operate in the area
- The current internet and phone lines will be terminated in 18 months.
- The retail providers of the current internet or phone line suggest all owners verify what peripherals/accessories which use the current broadband or phone lines coming into the property (e.g. more than one phone extension, remote cordless phones, back to base alarms, etc). Discuss with the original supplier of the equipment or visit local service provider (e.g. Telstra, Optus) to determine if current modem will still be suitable otherwise resolve solutions needed to go forward with NBN.
- The retail providers offer professional installers at a fee (e.g. Telstra \$240) to connect to your peripherals/accessories.
- The NBN process, unlike the current phone and broadband process, is not reliant upon voltage. As such back-up generators are not required to keep the NBN process operating nor is NBN subject to consequences from periods of heavy rain. The retailers suggest customers have a spare battery driven device to enable uninterrupted access to the NBN during power outages in the customer's premises.
- Do not try to measure the speed during the 18 month period whilst the two systems are being run and managed concurrently, i.e. the current broadband system and the new NBN system.
- Report any constant problems to NBN, it might assist the NBN identify where connection appears to be slower than minimum promised by NBN, can be distance from house to node, cabling to the node or property or property to premises.
- There appears to be a lack of understanding by NBN and the retailers, Telstra and Optus of the increased capacity needed during holiday time. Seems to be a wait and see situation over xmas/new year peak holiday period, although there is a "Congestion Project" planned for end of October to mitigate risks in Huskisson.
- Telstra and Opus were the only retailers to accept the invite to the session. Vodaphone indicated they did not expect to be in a position to offer retail services within the next 12 months, other 6 did not respond or did not have anyone available to attend.
- It would appear the retail stores are now a more significant role interfacing with the customer.
- Customers were made aware it was important to NBN and Telstra to be kept informed of any faults. e.g. distance of house to node can impact NBN performance from a cluster of properties in the same vicinity.

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE VRRRA/CCB

The draft minutes of the VRRRA Executive September meeting are available on the VRRRA website. President, Peter Livingston, reported that the committee had a broad discussion as to the future of the VRRRA/CCB

The proposed changes to the VRRRA Objects, Constitution and Code of Conduct arising from earlier Executive and General Meetings were discussed. The outcomes of these discussions were:

- 1 To not change the name of the registered association. This was decided as the committee felt believed a change of name would cause confusion and have limited benefit.
- 2 To review existing objects of the association and if necessary make minor changes to further highlight the VRRRA's role as the Community Consultative Body and the need to comply with the Council's CCB Guidelines.
- 3 Three minor amendments to the Constitution to proceed with
 - a. To enable the committee to determine the level of fees prior to the AGM to avoid the confusion encountered in 2017.
 - b. To align the membership of the Association with the eligible participants of the CCB as set out in the Council's CCB guidelines
 - c. Provide for up to 9 Committee members as previous proposed changes to the Constitution to this effect had never been registered with the Department of Fair Trading.

Amendments to the Code of Conduct

- a. When the CCB has contentious issues a plebiscite may be conducted to canvas the views of the wider community.
- b. Stating that the CCB should avoid becoming a "lobby group" on contentious issues unless such a role is endorsed by a significant majority of at least 75% of participating eligible members.
- c. Defining Operating Protocol of any Sub Committees of the CCB.

Special Resolutions to amend the Objects and Constitution and Ordinary Resolutions to amend the Code of Conduct will be circulated to VRRRA members before 15 November 2017 to enable consideration at the next VRRRA General Meeting on Thursday 15 December 2017 (please note that this is the **second** Thursday in December).

COLLINGWOOD BEACH PRESERVATION GROUP (CBPG) REPORT

1. The Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan "CBDVMP".

With reference to a motion proposed by CLR Jo Gash and passed at the August 22 meeting of Council a motion finalising the CBDV plan has been deferred pending discussions between representatives of key stakeholders with the objective of determining a compromise outcome that would be acceptable to all parties whilst maintaining a sustainable dune system."

2. Coastal Zone Management Plan "CZMP" and Sea Level Rise Policy

Council resolved unanimously at the June 2017 Strategy and Assets Committee meeting to:

1. Adopt the Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review, that includes Council's adopted sea level rise projections, in accordance with Council's resolution (D15/39660); and
2. Submit the adopted Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review to the NSW Government, replacing the 2009 Coastal Hazard Assessment, as part of the Shoalhaven draft 2012 Coastal Zone Management Plan for certification, in accordance with Council's resolution (MIN16.849);

Council has advised "it has now received feedback from NSW OEH on what changes are required to get certification".

3. Revised Coastal Hazard Mapping and consequences.

Council resolved unanimously at the June 2017 Strategy and Assets Committee meeting to:

1. Review the Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2014 and Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014 to reflect the outcomes of the Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review and a further report is provided on the proposed amendments. Council has advised (13th Sept 2017) "Strategic Planning is still working on the planning proposal for Council approval. This will then be submitted to the Department of Planning, the Coastal Hazard Review Report is on the SCC website <https://shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Coastline-and-waterways> and the maps will be available on the website in 2 weeks".

2. Write to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to confirm whether or not a more accurate engineering alternative to the Bruun Rule can be used to assess coastal hazards and if not what level of error is the OEH prepared to attribute to the Bruun Rule. Discussions have been held between Council and OEH staff. A follow-up letter has been sent. Council has advised no further action has occurred.

4. Coastal Reforms – Stage 2.

The CBPG along with many Coastal Communities is seeking clarification of many items in the Coastal Reforms Stage 2.

5. Beach Erosion signs – Discharge of Storm water.

A request for a copy or summary of the latest risk assessment of Storm Water Discharge at Collingwood Beach has been referred to Assets & Works by Council. Council's Roads & Drainage Engineer is to organise a site inspection to address concerns with stormwater drainage raised in DPOP submission. Council has been requested to supply a risk quadrant showing the risk assessment for the various storm water discharge locations across the Shoalhaven, and for those requiring capital expenditure, what provision has been made in the 10 year strategic plan.

6. Hold My Hand - Safety Signage.

Subject to discussions between the managers of the shopping centre car parks and the Little Blue Dinosaur group, the members of the VRRRA are likely to be requested to finance new signage from some of the \$450 donated by Elite Energy for volunteer work done by members of the CBPG at triathlons over the last two years.

7. Visit to Collingwood by Minister of Environment & Heritage

The Honourable Paul Green and the CBPG hosted a visit to Collingwood Beach by Gabriel Upton the NSW Minister for Environment to Collingwood Beach on 23rd August 2017 for the purpose of:

Understanding Collingwood Beach - The science and the Agencies

Vegetation Plan - a balanced outcome

Coastal Management - A site visit report is included in the VRRRA Newsletter – Issue 9, October 2017, which can be found on the VRRRA website <http://www.vrra.org.au/current-news/>. The CBPG supplied many questions to Minister Upton.

These were summarised under three areas of interest and addressed to the Minister by Paul Green as The Chair of the NSW Budget Estimates Committee in Sept 2017, namely:

Page 33. - Minister, thank you for your recent visit to Collingwood Beach. Can you advise if the Bellerive plan was considered and why it cannot perhaps be applied to Collingwood Beach?

page 33. - Are you able to provide any further advice on whether an agreement or recommendation has been made to restore the sand dunes after your meeting with Shoalhaven City Council during your visit to the region?

page 40. - Are you able to give an update on the status of the Shoalhaven Coastal Zone Management Plan?

MOTION: The CCB adopts the sub committee's report and that the Minutes including the report are distributed to All Councillors. Moved; Bob Pullinger, seconded Noel Bowman. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Councillors Patricia White and Councillor Jo Gash addressed the meeting and stated that it appears the only way that the Collingwood Beach vegetation issue can be resolved is by compromise and that there are likely to be unhappy members on both side of this issue, but the issue must be addressed, and compromise is the fairest way to get a working result.

TREASURER'S REPORT - VRRRA Inc - 9th October 2017 OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING

LAST YEAR - Full Year		THIS YEAR TO 06-Sep-17	FORECAST Full year 2017
1627	Everyday Account Start of year	2215	2215
Income			
485	Membership subscriptions 2017	800	815
40	Pre-paid subscriptions following year	35	0
0	Bank Interest	0	0
500	Grants - SCC	500	500
0	Grants - other	0	0
577	Donations	199	199
<u>1,602</u>		<u>1,534</u>	<u>1,514</u>
Expenditure			
599	Public liability insurance	0	600
0	Bank Charges	40	50
54	Fees Dept Fair Trading	84	100
0	Professional Fees - EOY accounts *1	0	300
	In Kind activities - consumables *2		350
240	Room Hire etc - VRRRA meetings	122	165
121	PO Box rent	124	124
0	Postage, Printing stationery & supplies	179	203
0	Computer & Peripherals	0	0
0	Internet Website	55	55
0	Dog Bags - Plantation Point	0	100
<u>1,014</u>		<u>604</u>	<u>2,047</u>
2,215	Balance in bank account end period Everyday Account	3,145	1,682
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*1 - Booth & Partners
*2 - Consumables to paint Holden St toilets

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE/AUDIT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

The President noted that the VRRRA's Public Liability Insurance (\$600 per annum) expires on 9 November 2017 and that he has proposed to the Committee that renewal of the insurance be deferred until March 2018 when the new VRRRA Committee can assess the value for money of such insurance in light of the proposed activities of the VRRRA in 2018.

Our auditors, Booth and Partners, have proposed a nominal fee of \$300 to conduct an audit of our financial accounts needed prior to the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer Bob Pullinger moved a motion to let the existing Committee determine whether to proceed with the Audit at a cost of \$300 in 2017 and that the new Committee for 2018 decide whether the VRRRA should renew the Public Liability Insurance in 2018.

This motion was seconded by Norm Vickery and was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

The NSW Government has recently announced that Jervis Bay will be one of three sites in NSW to receive artificial offshore reefs

Councillor White suggested Bob Pullinger ring Tony Fraser (SCC) and meet with him to show him what was expected with the alterations to 5 bollard access and exit points in the Bayswood Estate path. These access and exit extensions have already been approved in this year's budget by Council

Meeting closed at 9.00pm