



VRRRA-CCB General Meeting

Draft Minutes - 17 February 2022

Meeting Started at: 7:35pm

Number of Attendees: 23



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

Welcome and Apologies

Chair Welcome Councillor Paul Ell

Apologies received from;

Evan Christen, Andrew and Brenda Garnett, Janet Langridge, Daniella and John Poschl, Jan Murray, Clr Patricia White, Clr Greg Watson; Annette Pham, Jessica Rawlins, Deborah Shapira, Beorn Hulme, Merilynn Weiss, Lance and Jen Sewell, Les Hams, George Kruk, John Stuchbery, Johanna Pullinger, Giorgio and margherita Antonelli, Craig Sutton; Matthew and Sharmaine McKenzie, Tony and Jazz Vukelic.

Minutes from 18 November 2021 Committee Meeting

Motion: That the draft minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18 November 2021 be adopted

*Moved by John Ross Seconded by Norm Vickery – **Motion Carried***

Actions and Business arising from the 18 November 2021 Committee Meeting

There was nil reported as all actions are covered in Agenda

Secretary Report

- Correspondence
 - Snail mail – Lou Casmiri stated that no snail mail was received
 - Email Register Summary
 - Lou Casmiri stated that the list of emails received since 20 January 2022 Committee Meeting as stated in the agenda, was sent to all on the 16 February 2022
 - Lou Casmiri reported that we are in receipt of email from Ward 2 Councillor Greg Watson expressing great disappointment about 7 Councillors voting for the removal of the Christian Prayer at the Council Meetings; and
 - has received and actioned, request by Anna Everts on 6 February for copy of email from Brenda and Andrew Garnett in reference to a petition.
- Megan Jobson expressed disappointment that the email register is delivered on the day of the meeting leaving her no time to go through it.
 - It was agreed that the email register will now be sent no later than 3 days before the meeting with any subsequent emails received announced at the meeting.

Treasurers Report –

by Bob Pullinger

*Motion: That the statement of financial position and performance for the period ended on 31 January 2022 be received – Moved by Ross Popplewell Seconded by Roslyn Vickery – **Motion Carried***

The Delivery Program & Operational Plan (DPOPs) Update

by Bob Pullinger

An update on the **DPOP listing for 22/23 and subsequent** update on the **21/22 DPOP's** were presented by Bob. For ease of understanding these two DPOP matters are combined into the one minute.

Bob gave apology for the Central Districts Engineer "CDE" not being able to be present to share the presentation.

The updates on the critical **21/22 DPOP's** are:

- **Vincentia Safety Hot Spots.**

CDE was at a meeting on 8th Feb when three locations were identified,

- **Location 1:** Pedestrian Refuge on Elizabeth Drive on the Western side of intersection with Plantation Point Pde, Vincentia.
- **Location 2:** Safety investigation/ treatment for the intersection of Elizabeth Drive and Frederick Street, Vincentia,
- **Location 3.** Safety investigation/ treatment for the intersection of Waldergrave Street & Saumarez Street, Vincentia.

Work has been assigned to designers, Investigators to provide a safe solution for the various issues across the three locations

● **Berry St Shared User Path “SUP”.**

The Berry St SUP was going out for tender in the next few weeks, money has been set aside and it was hoped it will be completed this financial year.

The update on the **DPOP listing for 22/23** was

The listing is still Work In Progress WIP despite hoping to table the finalised DPOP listing at the February meeting.

In summary; there are 35 DPOP's for 22/23 which could be aligned to 11 commitments (i.e. Safety, Strategic, Handling overflow from Hyams / Jervis Bay National Park.

The work in progress has involved going through each DPOP on the list and placing a tick against each item which the Section Managers have approved for submissions as a Budget bid.

Responses with the status of DPOP's passed over to other sections outside of City Services are awaited.

Once the outcomes from the other sections are available, the list for active budget bids will be completed and distributed to members. The CDE has interaction with but no control over other sections.

None of this is holding up the input to the Councils Budget bids for they were closed off back in November, because of the imposition of an earlier timetable than previous years.

A motion was proposed to be sent to Council to improve the effectiveness of the outcomes from the budget bids process. After lengthy discussion it was resolved the motion not be put because it was prepared with no notice prior to the meeting. Councillor Paul Ell who was at the meeting indicated he was prepared to take action to discuss it directly with Council.

The suggestion to be put by Paul Ell to Council

Purpose is to spread the understanding of the DPOP process and encourage participation to all of the community, the suggestion is:

- Creating a DPOP Input form “DPOPI” and include It in the package when rate notices are sent out with an explanation of the DPOP process and the DPOP I
- Include provision for entering the name of the rate payer's local SCB. (mandatory) Paul suggested the Council had the means to electronically identify the appropriate CCB name for each Ratepayer Reward the DPOP entries which promote the greatest potential return on investment with:
 - Tip voucher **package** to the value of \$50 per voucher i.e. one tip voucher for each of the 12 months
 - The reward will be one reward package for each of the local CCB areas irrespective of whether the entrant is a member of the CCB or not

Sub-Committees and Groups Reports

Plantation Point Playground Sails Project Update

by Ken Buckley

Ken reported that although the construction of the sails is progressing with the aim to be installed soon, the play equipment configuration and location has made the project much more complicated than first thought.

Bocce Court update and Bocce Club

by Lou Casmiri

Lou Casmiri reported that the Bocce Court project is now completed and liked to take the opportunity to thank Shoalhaven City Council for the great support during the project and very prompt response and

action (special mentioned Director Jane Lewis) in building the path to give wheelchair access to the Bocce Court.

Vincentia Golf Club

by Ken Buckley

Ken; reported that he is not aware on action or progress since our last meeting

Vincentia Mall Project Update

by Norm Vickery

Norm reported that he has spoken to Ros Homes on the 3rd February and she confirmed that she had a crisis meeting with the two preferred contractors. Ros Homes informed him that the project is still confidential. Both Greg Pullen and Marianne Jones have been transferred to another area of council. The project is now under Ros Holmes and her Director Gordon Clark. Ros is still working on getting a report to Council ASAP because of inflationary costs. Not sure if that will be Assets and Strategy or full Council meeting. Project requires extra funds in order to proceed with the project as is. Once it has been approved, they will then submit a letter of offer to the successful contractor.

Norm mentioned that, his understanding is that there is no tender approved for the project so far.

When approved a letter of offer will go to successful contractor and all costs so far have been covered by in house Council but they have outsourced a Progress Manager from Kiama.

After it has been finalised and the successful Tenderer notified the project will be handed over to City Services Paul Keech's department for the construction phase.

Norn stress that his concern is the delay is repeating over and over and we would like to see the job completed by the holiday period later this year.

Lou Casmiri commented that it is rather ironic that the new Councillors appears to give greater priority about abolishing the Christian Prayer and proposing in the up-and-coming agenda to remove the 45dg tree removal rule rather than give priority and address community projects such as our Burton Street.

Ross Popplewell apologised to the meeting for the incorrect information he presented to the previous meeting.

Motion: VRRRA write to SCC CEO and cc all Councillors, strongly expressing VRRRA and Vincentia community's disappointment with no progress to date on starting Mall update.

Moved Ross Popplewell & seconded Lou Casmiri. Motion passed.

Bay & Basin Leisure-Centre update

by Roslyn Vickery

Roslyn reported that she spoken with Susan Edwards Director from SCC and was advised that the report to accept a consultant to undertake the design stage is going forward. Once the Consultant is engaged, they will then liaise with all public groups including the VRRRA to come up with the design concept.

Lou Casmiri commented that, he has been informed by SCC senior staff that the construction of the Skatepark will be in the Bay and Basin Community Hub and that tenders have now gone out.

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group and Coastal Management Program –

by Bob Pullinger

Detail report was attached to the agenda. Discussion took place on the section of the CBPG Monthly Report January 2022 for Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan. Particular attention was given to the question from the floor, why did the report include reference to "staff". It was explained this reference was included because the vegetation plan was contrary to the NSW "Coastal Dune Management" Manual which is referred to in the NSW "Coastal Manual" which is part of the NSW Coastal Reforms Legislation 2016 and the fact the grant did not take into account the Banksia Management Plan. The question was raised because the grant mentioned in the report was coming from the DPIE, thus inappropriate to refer to "staff" in the report.

It was undertaken to withdraw reference to staff and issue an amended CBPG Monthly Report for January. The Chair requested reports issued by the VRRRA do not refer to "staff".

Olympic size swimming pool update

by Lou Casmiri

Lou Casmiri mentioned that due to family commitment Janet Langridge was not able to attend the meeting therefore, he reported that, as undertaken and stated in the 10 Feb 2022 Subcommittee minutes (attached to this meeting agenda) he contacted Council in reference to constructing the 50m Olympic size pool in The Bay and Basin Community Hub and the initial reply from Council was:

“The current Masterplan has not identified an outdoor pool. This Masterplan was adopted in 2018 and aims to balance the needs of the entire community.

The current Masterplan (attached) nominates a new indoor Learn to Swim Pool (15x18m).

Unfortunately, the existing site would make the accommodation of a new outdoor 50m quite tricky - the footprint as it currently stands will not allow for a pool this size.

The existing ground conditions at the depth required for a 50m pool are also adverse, with very low bearing capacity. This would make the construction of a 50 m outdoor pool onerous and very expensive for this area. Council is currently preparing to appoint architects, following approval of a report, to progress the design of the indoor pool. At this stage, further community consultation will be undertaken. We would love to invite VRRRA-CCB to be part of this discussion”.

Lou commented that, although he does understand the limitations in the Bay and Basin Community Hub location, however there is no reason as to why a 50m Olympic size pool cannot be built in other location within Bay and Basin therefore, at this point in time the Subcommittee will continue with the aim to obtain community support for the facility to be constructed for our young aspiring Olympians.

Constitution update

by John Ross

John Ross explained that because of lack of meetings and restructuration’s experienced last year, the planned process did not go as he had wanted. In particular debates regarding the constitution changes and timing such that if the changes were approved then there would be sufficient time for members to satisfy the new requirement before the next AGM. As this is now not possible, action on the constitution changes has been put on hold for consideration by the next committee.

In the meantime, notes will be sent out outlining the pros and cons of the constitution changes and requesting input from members. Any input received will be revised into a final document to be sent out to the members and presented to the new committee for them to go forward as they see fit.

Membership Fees

Questions were raised in respect of the expiry date of membership fees and any link to the annual anniversary of joining the VRRRA.

It was explained the constitution defines expiry date of membership fees is the ending of the VRRRA financial fee, i.e. 31st December. There anniversary date of joining the VRRRA is irrelevant. There is however provision in the VRRRA constitution and the Dept Fair Trading model constitution for cessation of membership which is 3 months after the end of the financial year. The VRRRA is reviewing for simplification of this in the changes to the constitution. Bottom line is membership fees for 2022 fell due on 1st January 2022, members who have not reviewed by 31st March will cease to be members of the VRRRA.

Other Business

Requested by

- **Update on Temporary Toilet facilities at Collingwood Beach**

Ken Buckley

Ken reported that in his opinion because the rushed and temporary response by SCC, there was some concerns by some community members and that SCC needs to look at a long-term solution for the necessity of toilet facilities between Burton Street toilets and Huskisson located toilets.

Bob Pullinger mentioned that toilet blocks at road heads have not been approved by Council in the budget bid process.

- **White Sands Walk – Count down - rescheduled to 18th Sept 2022**

Bob Pullinger

Bob confirmed that at this point in time the event will take place as planned

- **Hold my Hand update and future strategy** Bob Pullinger
 Bob mentioned that there is nothing further to report – signs are in place.
- **Nowra By-pass** Ken Buckley
 Ken mentioned that although the very needed bypass is not directly a VRRRA matter it is a very import infrastructure required for all in Shoalhaven.
- **Cruise Ships in Jervis Bay**
 Megan Jobson raised the questions as to why the VRA Committee did not take up the offer to join the JBCCC (Jervis Bay Community CruiseShip Coalition) action group?
 She raised this, as it was stated at the November 2021 meeting, that it would be addressed at the next VRRRA Committee meeting.
 No report has been forthcoming.
 When asked, from the meeting floor, whether Megan would provide information to the Committee on the issue of Cruise Ships, Megan suggested that you contact Penny Davidson at the JBCCC.
 She would like it noted in the Minutes, to show her disappointment with the VRAA/CCB committee in their lack of representation or voice regarding cruise ships into Jervis Bay. When a committee member replied that the Port Authority are not allowing cruise ships into Jervis Bay, Megan replied that the Port Authority are not the body who grant permits into Jervis Bay.
- **Safety signage for Frederick/Murray St and Minerva/Murray Street** Jess Rawlins
 Lou Casmiri mentioned that Jess was not able to attend the meeting, however we are in receipt of email from Jess expressing concerns and requesting safety signage / slow down signs for Frederick/Murray St and Minerva/Murray Street Suggesting to SCC that it would be great to include the new council signage at these locations and well. If they can't get these signs soon, then maybe we should use some of the Blue Dinosaur signs in these locations for the interim. This safety concern has also been addressed in the VRRRA's submission to council for the proposed cycle ways needed on the Vincentia Hill.

Closing the Meeting

- **Ken Buckley** mentioned that we have some good news about the Bus Shelter for Bayswood, however awaiting formal confirmation
- **Councillor Paul Ell** addressed the meeting and referred to:

 - The changes to Council Meeting date and time and about processes in reference to Committees,
 - His disappointment about the abolishment of the Christian Prayer and that he voted against the motion suggesting that a good alternative was to retain the Christian Prayer and add a 1-minute silence for Councillors that wish to pray for their God.
 - Mentioned that he is the Chair of the Coastal Committee therefore has an interest in Collingwood and other beaches in Vincentia.
 - Made the meeting aware that, in the Agenda for Monday 21 February meeting, Mayor Amanda Finley has included the abolition if the SCC 45dg tree removal rule and that in his opinion it is a rather irresponsible motion because, we already had 1 fatality in Shoalhaven with person being killed in his home because SCC would not allow him to remove a tree near to his home.

Meeting Closed at 9:20pm – Next General Meeting is on Thursday 21 April 2022