

# **VRRA-CCB Committee Draft Meeting Minutes**

DATE: 17 November 2022 VENUE: 14 Elizabeth Drive

Start TIME 5:00 pm

Meeting Closed time: 6:45 pm

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** 

by Chair Ken Buckley

## Minutes from 22 September 2022 VRRA-CCB Committee Meeting

Motion: That the draft minutes of the VRRA-CCB Committee meeting held on 22 September 2022 be adopted Resolved

Actions and Business arising from the VRRA-CCB 22 September Committee Meeting

• All actions covered in Agenda

Secretary Report by Bob Pullinger

Email Register is to be attached to the minutes.

Treasurers Report by Lou Casmiri

Report was circulated with the agenda and attached to the minutes

Motion: That the statement of financial position and performance for the period ended on

October 2022 be received

Resolved

## **B-Sub-Committees and Groups Reports**

Plantation Point Playground Sails Project Update

by Ken Buckley

Due to variations to scope of works by Council. This resulted in project going over original estimate budget by circa \$5000. VRRA to approach Council to meet the deficit.

Meeting took place with Council, Builder Lou and Ken on 10 November at site to finalise installation of the posts.

Ken to approach Sail Maker to lock in date for installation before Xmas soon as the poles are erected.

# **Vincentia Mall Project Update**

by Norm Vickery

Norm Vickery tended his resignation from this sub-committee sighting differences with the way the project has progressed from that of the original plan. Heather suggested it be put out to members to try to elect another member for this committee. The Committee suggested we approach Council for a meeting to air our differences with Project Manager stakeholders etc...and to obtain a fresh idea of where the project is headed. Bob and Heather to liaise as far as writing to Council as to Capital Expenditure Post Audit by an appropriately skilled and experienced internal auditor independent of Council of the unplanned changes/variations which evolved in the design stage, collaboration and final costing of this project compared with the original grant of \$3 million and a recommendation on the lessons learnt from the Placemaking concept at Vincentia to be rolled out to other villages.

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group and Coastal Management Program by Bob Pullinger

Confirmation from Council on 31<sup>st</sup> October Emergency actions response works were undertaken at both Collingwood Beach and Nelson's Beach in recent weeks. A more rigorous beach scraping program at Collingwood Beach is in the planning stages for post summer School holidays, pending how the beach has recovered naturally by this time.

Council has internal budgets as well as a DPE Coast & Estuary Grant to implement beach scraping in response to significant coastal storms. This will be what would likely be utilised were further works implemented at Collingwood Beach.

Council submitted three grants under the recent 2022 DPE Coast & Estuary Grant applications:

- South Mollymook coastal protection
- Shoalhaven wide dune revegetation programs
- Further implementation of Coast snap stations

In summary, it can be seen by the buildup of the berm mid November 2022, how quickly the beaches respond to the movement of sediment once the north east pattern (usually predominant Mid Spring through to end of Summer) settles in, and again after the storm of April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 demonstrates the recovery of beaches.

#### The Delivery Program & Operational Plan (DPOPs) Update

by Bob Pullinger

DPOP Update for 22/23 & 23/24 / Pathways and Connection Frederick St /Elizabeth Drive.

Theo Prakash the Central District Engineer, advised on the 4th of November he was about to put everything else aside and for the next ten working days would be preparing an update on the DPOP.s to be presented to the directors for endorsement as Budget Bids.

Theo requested he not be interrupted whilst he picked up and followed on from the process previously adopted by Phil Critchley and beyond Beorn Hulme.

Prior to this close down, Theo was most cooperative in assisting with the information required for the application of a Grant for the Frederic St /Elizabeth Dr safety issue. Theo had previously advised the VRRA on 24<sup>th</sup> October to proceed with a Grant Application under the responsible ambling State Govt Body for a Community Development Program. Theo supported the VRRA focus on top priority be given to the Frederick St Safety issue in 23/24 and agreed with moving forward with grant application for \$250,000, trusting, if grant successful, Councillors would approve of proceeding with the Pedestrian Refuge and associated pathway outlined in the grant application and treat the contribution of Council funds, in the words of the VRRA, as Low Hanging Fruit.

Theo advised he was working on with pro-active pedestrian and Safety improvements This would be the focus of the 23/24 Budget Bids to be considered in Nov/Dec 22. Community engagement will take place when the Budget 23/24 goes on public exhibition in May 2023.

In line with the Grant Application methodology Letters of Support were received from the State Member, Shelley Hancock and Council, Theo Prakash.

The cause of the safety risks at Frederick St/ Elizabeth Drive Intersection are shown in the pictures.





Unfortunately, the Grant Application Process does not permit inclusion of pictures. An update of the output from Theo's preparation of budget bids is eagerly waited for by the VRRA to endorse or otherwise.

# **Other Business**

## **Update on VRRA 2025 Strategic Plan**

by Lou Casmiri

Lou circulated prior to the meeting the draft VRRA 2025 Strategic Plan

It was agreed that the Draft Plan with comments or corrections from the Committee will be sent to VRRA members with aim to seek for members to participate in a Sub-Committee to:

- Reviewing the attached document
- Obtaining feedback from all members on the plan
- Collate the information for review in concert with the Executive Committee
- Apply the requested/suggested agreed changes to the plan

- Provide all the compiled changes to Consultant (James Cowie)
- James to produce final proposed plan to be voted for adoption at the 2023 AGM.

#### **Confirmation of Vice-President appointment**

by Ken Buckley

Ros Vickery's previous appointment as Vice President is now minuted to provide recording to satisfy the needs for update of Banking and Fair-Trading records.

## CCB Meeting at Ulladulla on 24 November from 10am

Ken and Lou will be the VRRA representatives at Council's CCB Executive Meting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at Ulladulla. Because there is only a short period of 10 minutes for Q&A with each of the Directors, the committee is to supply any questions they might like to raise to Bob asap so a formal list of questions can be logged with Council. The VRRA will expect formal list of answers. It would be good if the committee could list the appropriate Dept / Director listed on the agenda, namely Kevin Voegt – City Performance, Robert Horner – Shoalhaven Water, Paul Keech – City Services, James Ruprai – City Development, Carey McIntyre – City Futures, Jane Lewis – City Lifestyles, Stephen Dunshea – CEO

## **Marine Equipment left on Plantation Point Beach**

Ken addressed the meeting stating that the sailing club executive had identified any craft or equipment belonging to them to be taken off the beach. A notice will be posted on the beach stating that a timeline will be given to remove any other left equipment to be removed or confiscated. It was agreed that VRRA will write to Lana Fredkin informing her of the outcome to her letter of concern about abandoned boats on Orion Beach

#### **Bay and basin Leisure Centre**

by Roslyn Vickery

The Manager of the BBLC reported that an Architect has been engaged to develop detailed design for the redevelopment. The scope will include upgrading and extending the existing leisure centre as well as the sporting precinct. This will incorporate:

- Learn to swim pool
- Extension to gym
- Community meeting rooms
- Improvements to the existing pool and amenities
- Sports ground precinct upgrades including additions of
- Netball courts
- Cricket practice wickets
- Amenities
- Landscaping and car parking.
- Timelines are yet to be delivered for the project.
- Enquiries are to be made with regard to the proposed Skate Park that was to be built.

# **Guest Speakers at the General Meetings**

It was suggested that VRRA should invite Pia to inform the members about the great achievements in the seaweeds industry or Theo to give us an inside on the DPOPs situation in Shoalhaven.

# **Safety Concerns in Cycleways**

Heather and Bob to do a safety report of the cycleway even to go as far as to involve the Press as far as dangers along the paths especially where the concrete is undermined in front of 238-242 Elizabeth drive. Mesh has been installed a motion was raised at the General Meeting in October asking Council how far along the pathway the mesh will continue. To date no reply from Council.

## **December General Meeting**

It was agreed that, because there is no clash with the Santa ride, and the third Thursday falls early this year, it is unlikely there will be significant clash with Christmas planning, the December General Meeting will be as normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday on the 15 December at 7:00 pm in the Vincentia Golf Club.