

# VINCENTIA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING 6th December 2018

### 1. Apologies

Pat McMahon, Peter Livingston, Lance Sewell, Clr Greg Watson, Leslie Hams, Barbara & Keith Howard, Johanna Pullinger, Clr Patricia White, Barbra Liddle, Rob Dunn, John Picot, Wendy Whatley, John & Bronwyn Ross, Abe Mehmet, John Levadetes

### 2. Presentations/ Discussions

#### \* Erica Jones – Vincentia Mall Update

Erica gave a report on the proposed upgrade to the Burton street Mall, a grant had been applied for, possibly a \$3 million dollar upgrade to the courtyard and car park area, council had been very supportive and the concept plan was still a work in progress. An all weather space for outdoor dining was being considered. Erica expected to have more information within the next three months and thanked the VRRRA for their help with the upgrade to the Mall as it would create more employment in the area. Erica considers there are exciting times ahead with the Mall and will keep us posted on new developments.

Clr Proudfoot mentioned the scope of works could be addressed at the council meeting next Tuesday night to discuss \$60k for street scaping and landscaping type of works for the area.

A **MOTION** was put forward by Ross Popplewell regarding the Tuesday night meeting, If the \$60k was not approved, ask council to hold off with the street scaping until other grant money could be approved. **CARRIED**

#### \* Update from Gareth Ward on VRRRA's six Questions tabled at Community Cabinet Meeting

An update from Gareth Ward (Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast) was passed onto members in response to some of the VRRRA questions for which Gareth's electorate of Kiama is a critical link for achieving outcomes.

#### 1. Tourism and consequences

(a) Making safer roads, in particular: ○ Major capital investment in the intersection of Princess Highway and Jervis Bay Road.

“Verbal update was received that the Minister for Transport had been asked to consider temporary measures such as temporary traffic lights or traffic controls to be implemented over the Christmas Holiday period.

**(b) Providing Shoalhaven with significant grants or contributions, to cover the consequences of tourism**

2. **Shoalhaven’s share of the Funds from the sale of Snowy Mountains Assets.**

3. **Public Transport**

**(a) Do you expect to make any improvements or investment on major capital works.**

Update “A response received from Gareth Ward subsequent to the meeting in respect of the railway strategy is included at the end of the minutes.”

**(b) Consequences of Climate Change - Risk assessment to rail line and Princess Highway at Bombo.**

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4. **Pragmatic policies.**

5. **Policy versus Petition.**

6. **Defending our coasts and waterways:**

**\* Feedback from Tomi Strugar – Vincentia Public Hall Outdoor Space**

Tomi Strugar had met with Brad Davis and two others at Shoalhaven City Council to discuss possible changes to traffic flow, increased public space and to promote the use of the hall to other groups as the Vincentia Community Hall is currently 13% utilised. It was advised Shoalhaven City Council have a strategic community plan and the hall is earmarked for disposal once the Bay and Basin new centre is built. A proposal was sent to the developer/owner who was not prepared to sell as there were plans for stage 2 for this centre. Several properties in the car park area had been purchased that could be developed for retail space and they were not prepared to revisit their plans. It was likely when the Bay and Basin Hub was completed the hall would not be here.

3. **Confirmation - Draft Minutes from 18th October 2018 VRRRA/CCB Meeting**

Accepted Ken Buckley Noel Bowman

4. **Actions arising from August minutes**

**Request for volunteers for the Tourist Pop up Stall by Vincentia Matters**

Some members indicated participation at the stall. Members were informed interest to volunteer could be made on line to staff the Pop up Stall.

5. **Correspondence - CCB**

General correspondence had been circulated to all members

## **6. Treasurer's Report for December 2018**

Currently \$3068

**MOTION** It was put to members whether the VRRRA should proceed with an audit, it would cost \$350

Resolved "No audit is required".

**Carried Unanimous**

## **7. Collingwood Beach Preservation Group (CBPG) Report**

**Plantings.** Shoalhaven City Council have provided details of the number of plants planted on the planting trial site?

**Risk Assessment Storm Water.** The CBPG are working with Council Directors Paul Keech & Phil Costello on a risk assessment on storm water discharge onto the beach, hopefully it will be included in the Coastal Management Program required by 2021 under the Coastal Reforms 2016.

### **Little Blue Dinosaur**

Kim Snow from the Hold My Hand Little Blue Dinosaur campaign has informed VRRRA that the signs are now going up in areas around the coast. They will be doing a photo shoot at the Vincentia Marketplace as it is the first shopping centre across NSW to promote the Little Blue Dinosaur. There is now a sign overhead on the Nowra Bridge.

Safety issues – fallen limbs. A member reported a dangerous tree branch had fallen down in Bayswater Street and asked for the council to be notified to investigate.

### **MOTION:**

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group – Sub Committee Monthly Report  
The CCB adopts the sub committee's report and that the Minutes including the report are distributed to All Councillors.

The Council is sought to investigate the safety risks linked with fallen limbs.

**Moved** Bob Pullinger Seconded Ross Popplewell

## **8. Other Business**

**Committee actions.**

**FAMILIARISATION TOUR, with Councillors and council staff**

Ros & Norm Vickery, Dawn and Tony Thompson, Jessica Rawlins, Annette Pham, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Wells, Clr Pakes, Clr Gash, Madelaine North, Sue Edwards, Carmel Krogh, Phil Critchley, Paul Keech and Rhianna Burgess.

Participants visited various sites identified by the VRRRA to discuss suggestions for works to be undertaken by Council. The areas selected were in line with DPOPs previously submitted by the VRRRA.

**Plantation Point** At the park, playground equipment and the all inclusive access area were discussed, Annette Pham provided much input into the requirements for the facility.

### **Minerva Avenue**

Jess Rawlins discussed feeder pathways and the safety issues encountered by mothers with small children and the need for a footpath coming down Minerva Avenue.

### **Elizabeth Drive Pedestrian Refuge**

A pedestrian refuge at the Intersection of Berry street and Elizabeth Drive was requested. This would enable safer crossing of Elizabeth Drive for residents from the western side of Elizabeth drive and people from Bayswood who now use the access way past the sewage works to enjoy the "Round the Bay" shared pathway/cycleway.

### **Collingwood Beach Dune Replanting Site**

This site was selected by council for staff to see the results of the promoted planting site. Time did not permit a visit to the pruning site.

### **COMBINED CCB EXECUTIVEMEETING 2 Committee Members invited to attend**

**Bob Pullinger and Ros Vickery** attended along with representatives from 28 CCB groups. Some groups only have 5 members attending meetings. Paul Keech spoke on his visit to Poland where he inspected a recycling plant, a quote for the same system has been requested for the west Nowra site.

Carmel Krogh explained how Sydney did not have unlimited access to the Shoalhaven water supply.

The minutes and papers can be accessed on the SCC site <https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/My-Community/Residents-Groups/Resident-groups-meetings-with-Council>

### **COMMUNITY CABINET MEETING**

Bob Pullinger attended the Community Cabinet Meeting with State Members and Gladys Berejiklian held at Ulladulla.

### **VRRRA - REQUEST FOR MEMBERS DETAILS**

A request was received for a list of members names and the date of joining the VRRRA. This proved to be an innocent action, however Legal advice was sought, Fair Trading overrides CCB guidelines

and no information was provided. Membership forms for 2019 will be amended to allow for members to tick if they will allow their personal details to be released.

**MOTION** The membership renewal forms for 2019 are to be updated with provision for members to place a tick if they approve of their personal details being released.

**Passed unanimously**

**DPOPs** :- Some successful outcomes for the VRRRA this year are:

- \* The inclusive access concrete pathway to Collingwood Beach, Pauls Keech's team made this beach access happen.

- \* Plantation Point - All abilities playground. Successful \$ 110k grant for Strong Country Communities Funding Grant.

- \$ 50k grant being submitted for Everyone Can Play being matched with \$50k from Council for Plantation Point. Accessibility to play space and shade, the council will consult with the VRRRA and the VRRRA will provide a letter of support.

- \$140k for amenities block at Plantation Point. Council have moved the shower as a temporary measure until funding is available.

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**Storm Water – Safety issue with Loss of sand in recent rain event from south end of Collingwood Beach.** Norm Vickery advised that Holden street access way had been washed out by stormwater and there was a 3 foot drop to the beach adjacent to the bridge over the creek just north of the Holden St boat ramp. Paul Keech, and Phil Critchley to be alerted to assess possible consequences on holiday makers.

**Road / K&G Maintenance.**

Ross Popplewell requested we approach Paul Keech re the new laying of bitumen on Elizabeth Drive near Moona Moona Creek.

**Growth Management Strategy.**

Norm Vickery informed members that there is a discussion paper available that informs the draft plan to cater for population growth in the Shoalhaven in the next 20 years., Growth Management Strategy. Concerns regarding changing the character of the area.

There are 2 papers

- addressing a review of if the town was willing to change
- addressing the rezoning of land

The period for submissions has been extended TO 2<sup>ND</sup> January.

## **MOTION**

### **Confusing Beach Access Signage. Church St.**

Ross Popplewell requested we contact Paul Keech to have the sign at the bottom of Church Street changed to direct people to the new inclusive beach access way south of Church St and other access ways immediately north of Church Sts.

### **Passed unanimously**

### **Princess Highway/ Jervis Bay road upgrade.**

Ross Popplewell reminded people to sign a petition for the intersection upgrade at Jervis Bay Road and the Princes Highway.

Meeting Closed at 8:50pm

Signed by

Chairman

**From:** ElectorateOffice Kiama <[ElectorateOffice.Kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ElectorateOffice.Kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 7 December 2018 8:42 AM  
**Subject:** Vincentia Residents and Ratepayers Association - Answers to Questions Posed

Please find below the questions you raised and my subsequent answers:

**1. Public Transport**

**a. Do you expect to make any improvements or investment on major capital works, be it:**

1. Upgrading the capacity and frequency of rail transport between Kiama and Bomaderry?

*To improve capacity on the section between Kiama and Bomaderry would require additional investment, and priorities for this investment have not yet been determined.*

*Track duplication south of Wollongong would be needed to improve frequency, reliability and journey time for customers south of Kiama and improved services to Bomaderry (Nowra).*

*Transport for NSW is working closely with key internal and external stakeholders to investigate options to improve services on the South Coast Line, with substantial planning and analysis being required to overcome some of the existing challenges. Future enhancements are likely to require a combination of measures to improve capacity, including significant investment in new services and upgrading existing infrastructure.*

*The Government has committed to an initial \$880 million investment to investigate upgrading key infrastructure to allow improved capacity on the South Coast Line, including new high-tech signalling to boost capacity and reliability for train customers.*

2. Increasing the number of carriages on all trains leaving Central for Kiama from 2.23pm and throughout the peak hours to a minimum of eight carriages?

*From Monday 7 January 2019, the 3:24pm and 3:54pm services from Central to the South Coast will double in capacity by operating as eight-car Oscars, in response to crowding on these two services.*

*All services departing between 3:00pm and 6:00pm will be 8 cars. The first 4-car after the PM peak departs at 6:41pm.*

3. Announcing and media promotion of the timing and details of the roll out of new stock for the South Coast railway line? Will the compute still be on one train all the way from Sydney to Kiama?

*The rolling stock will continue to travel between Sydney and Kiama.*

4. Sharing if there is a strategy for diversity in the mode of transport? Do you believe any improvement in public transport currently between Kiama and Bomaderry will be via the railway or do you envisage specially designed buses(people/luggage movers) like those which service the Tullamarine Airport to City or other regional towns will replace the rail transport south of Kiama.

*I think that your above question is best addressed by the Future Transport Strategy*

*which outlines NSW's Long Term Transport Master Plan. It is a suite of strategies and plans for transport and can be found at [future.transport.nsw.gov.au/plans/future-transport-strategy](http://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/plans/future-transport-strategy).*

**b. Consequences of Climate Change - Risk assessment to rail line and Princess Highway at Bombo.**

What risk assessment has been undertaken on the threat from sea level rise to the stretch of the South Coast rail line (and perhaps Princess Highway) which is adjacent to Bombo beach. What does your government consider is the probability of any risk and what are the consequences of this threat from Climate Change?

*We are constantly reviewing maintenance and infrastructure that may be at risk from environmental changes.*

Kind regards

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Member for Kiama

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