

RED HEAD VILLAGES ASSOCIATION (Inc)



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Date : Saturday 25th January 2014

Meeting opened at Yulunga Hall, Manyana at 3.15pm

Attendance: 45 as per attendance book

Apologies: Suzanne Jones, Henry Musidlak, Carol and Geoff Bloomfield, Mick Cvetkovic, Sandra Mackenzie, Joyce Hitchen, A Golowenko, Simon Barton, Kevin Millar, Carolyn Barrett, Iris Stapleton, Clrs Allan Baptiste and Amanda Findley

Previous Minutes: Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 27.01.13 tabled and accepted.

Moved : Patrick Troy
Seconded: Peter Hudson
Carried - unanimous

Business Arising: Nil

Secretary's Report: Tabled

Correspondence In

- Council Re-structure
- Local Development, Subdivision and Rezoning Applications
- Exhibition of draft Council policies and SLEP re-exhibition
- Free E-waste collection at Waste Transfer Stations
- Notification of dates for Community Consultative Body Meetings and records of minutes
- CCB annual subsidy
- Notification of Weekly Recycling Collection over holiday period
- Request for information concerning tree vandalism at Manyana
- Combined CCB Meeting with Council Friday 21 March at 10.00am Reception Room City Administrative Centre Nowra
- NBN Rollout Project Briefing Ulladulla SCC Office Thursday 20th February 2.30-3.30pm Executive members are invited to attend

Correspondence Out

- Submissions on Kylor Development, SF 10342 Nth Bendalong, skate facility at Yulunga Reserve, cycleway/pathway proposal, CSP, playground equipment replacement
 - Submissions on Council Draft Policies and re-exhibited SLEP

- Council re
 - * Washerwomans Beach Warning Signs (now installed)
 - * removal of tree stumps at Cunjurong Point Boat Ramp and change of signs to “No Standing”
 - * repair of stormwater pipe at Boat Harbour Beach

Moved : Gary Barton
 Seconded: Jenny Cleary
 Carried - unanomous

Treasurer’s Report: Read and tabled.

RED HEAD VILLAGES ASSOCIATION

Summary of Income & Expenditure
For the period January 1 to December 31, 2013

Income

Subsidy received from Shoalhaven Council	\$500
Membership Fees	\$283
Donations	\$38
Bank Interest	\$38.01

Total Income	\$859.01
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Expenditure

Department of Fair Trading	\$51
Printing & Stationary	\$71.15
Subscription	\$120.45
Insurance (Roughs Road to Recovery)	\$218.13
Donation (Environmental Defenders office)	\$500

Total Expenditure	\$960.73
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Balance for the year -	-\$101.72
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Bank Account Balance

The balance of the Red Head Villages Association bank account as at 31 December 2013 was \$10958.07.

Moved : Justin Field
 Seconded: Peter Hudson
 Carried – unanimous

MOTION:

Audit of Accounts (in the AGM following Treasurers Report)

That the Red head Villages Association have the accounts audited by a suitably qualified person by the end of March and make the result of the audit available to the membership for inspection. That a suitably qualified person be sought within the Associations membership in the first instance otherwise a local auditor be engaged to undertake the work.

Moved: Justin Field

Seconded: Jenny Cleary

Carried – unanimous

President's Report 2014:

2013 has been a remarkably busy year for the Association and I would like to start by thanking the committee and the many non-executive members who have contributed over the last 12 months.

I would especially like to acknowledge Peter Hudson who continued to manage the Association's response to the Local Environment Plan, a project that has been going on in some form since 2006.

The Local Environment Plan still is not a final document but it is very close. Throughout the process the Association was successful in getting a range of recommendations supported and worked closely with the Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan Review Group.

These plans set the framework for development in the Shoalhaven for as much as 25 or 30 years. While the State Government at the moment is trying to change the NSW Planning Laws, we can be protected by putting our effort into upfront planning like we have done in the Local Environment Plan.

The next part of that process will be the completion of a city wide Development Control Plan and it is something I am hoping Peter will be around to help the new executive with over the next 12 months

Peter was also central to council reinventing their engagement with the Community Consultative Committees. A letter he wrote early last year outlining concerns about the way the council was treating the CCBs has been the catalyst for a new approach to its meetings with the combined Shoalhaven CCB Executives meetings. After attending a couple of those last year I can say that the mood is changing and there appears to be increased focus by the council on listening to the CCBs.

The Association was very supportive this year of the North Bendalong Community in their legal efforts to stop the sale of land to the south west of the village from the State Government to a property developer. The sale would have potentially allowed development against the recommendations of the Sensitive Urban Lands report from several years ago and would have gone against all our work on the LEP. For a range of reasons a development application to further extend the North Bendalong footprint did not go ahead. I thank on behalf of the CCB the North Bendalong Community for their efforts and Jenny Whitmarsh for her work in maintaining a forensic account on the history of development applications and other processes that have impacted that site. It has made it far easier to respond with that level of corporate knowledge within our committee.

In April last year we got word of plans by Kylor to seek a rezoning of their land at Manyana. I would like to quickly outline what has been done up until that point.

To start with an informal sub-committee was established and we went to work thinking about how to respond to the proposal. We invited the councillors to visit the site before the first meeting on the issue and I thank those members of the community who were able to attend that site visit. It was important for the councillors to see and hear your concerns about the proposal.

To council's credit they gave us an opportunity to undertake a community survey to be able to accurately gauge local opinion and to be able to develop an alternative vision for the site.

I think that community survey was a big success. It had over 150 responses and gave the Association the mandate to argue strongly for a range of changes to the proposal.

A range of members have been involved in our response to the Kylor proposal, including members of the sub-committee, people who help put up signs and letterboxed the survey. Many others contacted me informally with their views and opinions. It has been a real team effort.

The end result was a council meeting last week that essentially rejected any residential development at the eastern end of the Kylor land, close to Inyadda Beach. There were a range of other elements to the decision and I would encourage everyone who is interested to read through the full history, which is published on our website.

It is now up to Kylor to respond to the decision. They could withdraw the proposal or they could challenge the council's decision with the State Planning department. They may also allow it to proceed with the council's changes, in which case the council effectively takes over the process, and will prepare an alternative plan based on the councillors' decision last week. We will keep you up to date with what happens.

Bridge/Cycleway

There has been a significant amount of back and forth with council over the proposed cycleway and bridge from Inyadda Beach following the power line easement up to Bendalong Road. I have been reliably informed that the bridge has been purchased and is being stored at the Bomaderry depot. It is planned to be installed in late March.

It is a steel construction with a plastiwood deck. Some of the delay this year has been environmental and heritage studies that have been undertaken by the council.

There are still questions and discussion to be had about the path type, with concrete preferred by the committee to prevent erosion during big rain events. This obviously costs more. Once the bridge is in, we will turn our attention to the path.

Social Media

We started a new website just before the AGM last year and it is now being used very regularly by members to access information about what is going on with the association and has especially been useful for keeping a record of the Kylor rezoning proposal.

At the moment that website and the facebook page is being managed by me. It would be great to have someone else within the Association take over some of the

content management of the facebook page and website. If anyone is interested in doing that or learning how to update the website, please let me know.

The little things

Sometimes the little things get lost in the big projects that we work on or the big issues we have to deal with as an association. Often these are the things that are noticed by the community but the role of the association may not be known. This year some of the things the Association have done include:

- Spoke with council about litter problems, resulting in additional bins being installed
- Meeting with the Bendalong Caravan Park about damage to trees along the headland track with a solution agreed and put in place.
- Engaging with Shoalhaven Water about problems early last year with smells from the sewage system.
- Donated \$500 to the Environmental Defenders Office

Moved: Justin Field

Seconded: Ian Barrett

Carried - Unanimous

Business Arising: Nil

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Peter Hudson acted as the Returning Officer and the following election of office bearers resulted:

POSITION	NOMINATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
PRESIDENT	JUSTIN FIELD	Peter Hudson	Patti Bartlett
SECRETARY	MARGARET RASMUSSEN	Justin Field	Simon Barton
TREASURER	MATT SHARROCK	Jenny Cleary	John Whitmarsh
PUBLIC OFFICER	CAROL McBRIDE	Margaret Rasmussen	Matt Sharrock
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	GARY BARTON	Col Gladman	Peter Hudson
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	JENNIFER CLEARY	Jenny Whitmarsh	Justin Field
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR	ALEX SYRIATOWICZ	Peter Hudson	Debbie McBride
INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATORS	IAN WEARNE MICHAEL CVETKOVIC	Neil McGucken	Col Gladman
SOCIAL & COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	ROBYN RALPH	Margaret Rasmussen	Simon Barton

The President thanked Peter Hudson for the role of Returning Officer and reminded members to refer to the RHVA website for information and updates and again members were invited to attend Executive Meetings to raise issues of importance.

MOTION: That a formal vote of thanks be given to those executive members standing down at this meeting, Peter Hudson, Jenny Whitmarsh, Ian Barrett and Geoff Bloomfield.

Moved: Justin Field
Seconded: Jenny Cleary
Carried - Unanimous

Meeting Closed: 3.50pm

GENERAL MEETING

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Previous Minutes: Minutes of Executive Meeting 04.11.12 tabled and accepted.

Moved : Justin Field

Seconded: Peter Hudson

Carried - Unanimous

Business Arising:

Patrick Troy questioned if the proposed strengthening of Porters Creek Dam would affect flow to the system.

Clr Patricia White replied that flow would not be affected as the wall would be strengthened to improve integrity not increased in height.

General Business:

- Graham Quinton: Centenary of ANZAC activities at Sussex Inlet.

Sussex Inlet Branch would be holding their own commemorative activities for the centenary in 2015. The branch is encouraging residents from Tomerong to Bendalong-Manyana to participate in community activities at Sussex Inlet on Anzac Day 2015. The War Memorial is to be upgraded and will include the names of the five local men who died in World War I and World War II.

Anyone who requires more information is encouraged to contact Graham grahwendy@bigpond.com

- Sue Westaway told the meeting that Bob Goodsell, grandson of the local pioneers of our area, died in September. RHVA has requested that the Goodsell graves be included in Council's heritage list. Council has requested co-operation from the developers in preserving the graves.
- Clr Patricia White acknowledged the efforts of Peter Hudson and Justin Field in acquainting Councillors with issues relevant to the Red Head area and giving insight into community concerns and wishes. She stated that Peter had moved the relationship between Council and Community Consultative Bodies forward. She also recognised activities of community members in putting forward their views and feedback on proposals.
- Kylor update. Council has accepted staff recommendations on the rezoning proposal. Council will now rework their requirements for an acceptable proposal e.g buffer zones and R2 zoning.

- Owners of the land involved with Malbec and Vacenta development proposals are both attempting to sell the land.

MOTION: Donation to the EDO (General Meeting)

That the Red Head Villages Association make a donation of \$500 to the EDO to support their work in providing legal support to communities around NSW.

Moved: Justin Field

Seconded: Patrick Troy

Carried - Unanimous

MOTION: Donation to the Better Planning Network (General Meeting)

That the Red Head Villages Association makes a donation of \$500 to the Better Planning Network to support their campaign for better planning laws in NSW.

Moved: Justin Field

Seconded: Jenny Whitmarsh

Carried - Unanimous

- Clean Up Australia Day will be held on Sunday 2nd March 2014. RHVA will be co-ordinating local participation with sign up at the Waste Transfer Station from 8.00am.
- Justin thanked Peter King for erecting the meeting notification sign and modifying it when necessary with the change of date.

Next Executive Meeting will be held on Monday 3rd March at 6.00pm at Yulunga Hall Manyana.

Meeting Closed: 4.25pm

Margaret Rasmussen
Secretary

Justin Field
President