

# **RED HEAD VILLAGES ASSOCIATION (Inc)**



North Bendalong, Bendalong, Berringer, Cunjurong, Manyana

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Meeting Date :** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**Meeting opened at Yulunga Hall, Manyana at** 3.08pm

**Attendance:** 32 as per attendance book

**Apologies:** Suzanne Jones, Henry Musidlak, Peter Sweeney, Alex Syriatowicz, Patrick Troy, Sandra Mackenzie, Justin Murphy, Andi Ross, Bridgette Iken, John Maynard

The President, Justin Field, welcomed those attending the meeting after deferment from original date due to the bushfire threat. He also thanked Rural Fire Service members for their work in protecting the villages.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 14.01.12 tabled and accepted.

Moved : Peter Hudson  
Seconded: Patti Bartlett  
Carried

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Secretary's Report:** Tabled

Correspondence In

- Notification of local Development Applications and installation of Communications Tower at Waste Transfer Station
- Lake Conjola Interim Entrance Management Policy
- Guidelines for the Conduct of Community Consultative Bodies
- Notification of exhibition of draft Council policies-
  - \* Payment of Development Contributions and Section 64 Headworks Charges by Deferment or Instalments Policy
  - \* Introduction of No-Smoking Ban for Outdoor Dining Areas in Public Places
  - \* Shoalhaven Growth Management Strategy
  - \* DCP 82 Development Guidelines for Advertising Signs
  - \* Dog Breeding and Boarding Establishments
  - \* Amendment to Policy on the Waiving of Fees for DAs and other Charitable Organisations
  - \* No4 Amendment to Compliance Policy
  - \* Draft Contaminated Lands Policy

- \* DCP120 Commercial Use of Public Footpaths
- \* Amendments to DCP91 Single Dwellings and Ancillary Structures
- Notification of adoption of Council policies
  - \* DCP100 Subdivision Code
  - \* Design Guidelines for Local Shop in Coastal Villages
- Notification of dates for Community Consultative Body Meetings and Community Strategic Plan Workshops and village stalls
- CCB annual subsidy
- Notification of Weekly Recycling Collection over holiday period
- Request for membership of Better Planning Network

#### Correspondence Out

- Submission on DA 10/2144 Berringer Lake, SF 10125 Nth Bendalong
- Submissions on Council Draft Policies:
  - \* Draft SLEP
  - \* Lake Conjola Entrance Management Plan
  - \* Shoalhaven Growth Management Strategy
  - \* Budget
  - \* Delivery Program Operational Plan
  - \* Guidelines for Village Shops
- Council re
  - \* parking at Cunjurong Point boat ramp
  - \* bike path proposal
  - \* Manyana shops plan amendment
  - \* Land rezoning in Milton
- Kylor re preservation of Goodsell graves

Moved : Gary Barton  
 Seconded: Simon Barton  
 Carried



## President's Report:

### **Presidents Report**

**Justin Field, 27 January 2013**

Thank you for the opportunity to act as President over the last twelve months and for the trust you have placed in me to start to fill the enormous boots left by Peter Hudson. As a part timer still doing most of each week in Sydney I rely heavily on the rest of the executive committee and in particular would like to thank Margaret Rasmussen, Peter Hudson and Jenny Whitmarsh for their enormous contributions this year.

### **LEP**

In the last 12 months the LEP process has been one where it seems we have all been running very fast just to stand still.

The previous council went through a tedious process of reviewing the submissions, including ours, essentially reviewing each of the issues raised and making decisions as to whether or not to accept the submission points or not.

Our association made a deputation to the council on the behalf of the Association on the night that our area was being considered by the council.

While we were successful in getting the support of council on some local specific issues there was an overwhelming view across the Community Consultative Bodies that a number of worrying decisions had been made by council through the review process that would significantly undermine protections for local communities from inappropriate development.

That group undertook a range of lobbying activities last year including with the new Mayor, local state member of Parliament, the regional Department of Planning and the Planning Minister himself.

This resulted in a letter from the Minister to the current Mayor indicating that the department of Planning would not support a number of changes to the LEP that were put forward by the previous council.

This largely had to do with spot rezonings where holders of rural land had sought to use the LEP review process to have their land rezoned to allow for residential development. Many of these rezonings were supported by council but have been rejected by the department.

The Minister did not address a large number of issues raised by the review group, though comments were made about concerns the Minister had in the process and there was encouragement for the community to re-engage in the next submission process.

Those issues that most effect this community are the general provisions relating to the biodiversity clauses and the expanded landuse options in certain zonings including environmental zoning that allow far more uses than were available under the old 1985 Local Environment Plan.

Unfortunately this means that LEP process is not over. A second exhibition period will occur for 28 days most likely from mid March to mid April. We again will be seeking your views, informed of course from the last submission process, to put forward a position from our community.

This has been an extremely busy year for planning issues at the state level as well, with a full review of state planning laws under way. One recent decision is particularly relevant and that is changes to the way Development Control Plans are able to influence development.

DCPs will no longer be a statutory instrument with legal force. We were expecting a city wide DCP would help to reinforce elements of the LEP with more specific controls. One issue that is particularly relevant to this community is setbacks that determine how close to property boundaries building can be constructed. Removing the power of DCPs could substantially change the planning protections many have relied on to protect our community's amenity. That can no longer be relied on. What we get in our LEP will largely be the extent of the controls that determine development in our local government area.

This will make 2013 an important year for re-engaging with the 2<sup>nd</sup> submission process for the LEP.

### **Involvement in the SLEP Review Group**

I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of the LEP review group. Peter Hudson's involvement in that group has been vital for our understanding of how the review group has been operating. Also a special thanks to Alan Burrows from Huskisson as the Convenor of the Group. He has been tireless in his work pulling together the submissions to the Department of Planning and all of the CCBs owe him a debt for his contribution.

### **North Bendalong Development**

There have been three separate modification proposals to council from the proponent of the 18 lot residential subdivision development at North Bendalong. One of those applications delayed requirements to comply with fire protection conditions with a decision being made by council within 24 hours with no notification of local residents or of the RHVA. The proponent is now seeking to have a number of conditions deleted from the consent altogether. The RHVA has made a submission to the most recent application opposing modification application.

### **Cycleway Project**

The cycle-way project discussed last year to link Manyana with Bendalong has largely been put on hold while efforts remain directed to the LEP review process. After heavy rains earlier this year an inspection of the potential crossing point revealed the extent of any bridge works that would be required to establish a resilient crossing. There was also some opposition identified in the community to such a project and there was a decision to look at alternative options. One includes improving the access through the Kylor land between Curvers Dr and Bendlong Road with a view to establishing a track that would come out halfway between the creek crossing and Bendalong Road at the electricity easement. The appropriate discussions are yet to be had to see if this is feasible but that is the direction the executive is taking in this project.

### **Website**

Towards the end of this year our long term website editor left us after many years of helping to keep information up to date for our members. Unfortunately we haven't been able to find the skills to maintain the old website and have been in the process of transitioning the site to a more modern web platform that is easier for non-technical people to manage. I hope that it will be live sometime in the next few weeks as the old information is transferred across. If anyone has experience managing websites using the wordpress content management system and would like to take on the role as web manager please get in touch. A special thanks to Caraline McLeod for her work in maintaining the website.

### Business Arising:

- Patti Bartlett asked for clarification that the removal of Development Control Plans and reliance on Local Environment Plans would remove the ability of Community Consultative Bodies to protect overdevelopment in their areas.

Councillor Patricia White stated that the White Paper on Planning reform in NSW would be issued by the State Government soon and completed by June 2013. The reform will increase reliance on LEP Process. She encouraged the RHVA and individual members to continue contributing submissions to the review process as Council considers them an important part of the process.

- Kevin Millar suggested expanding the walkway/cycleway project to include links to Nth Bendalong and Cunjurong Point. Dot King emphasised the need for the Cunjurong Point link considering the opening of the café there.

Justin reminded the meeting that Council funds were limited but the concepts could be included in future plans. He reminded members that they were welcome to attend executive meetings if they wished to raise issues or assist in planning.

Proposed: Peter Hudson

Seconded: Jim Tilley

Carried

## **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

Simon Barton acted as the Returning Officer and the following election of office bearers resulted:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINATION</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>
PRESIDENT	JUSTIN FIELD	PETER HUDSON	KEVIN MILLAR
SECRETARY	MARGARET RASMUSSEN	JUSTIN FIELD	GARY BARTON
TREASURER	MATT SHARROCK	PATTI BARTLETT	MICHAEL CVETKOVIC
PUBLIC OFFICER	GEOFF BLOOMFIELD	PATTI BARTLETT	PETER HUDSON
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	GARY BARTON	MARGARET RASMUSSEN	JUSTIN FIELD
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	JENNIFER WHITMARSH	JUSTIN FIELD	ROBYN RALPH
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR	PETER HUDSON	MICHAEL CVETKOVIC	COL GLADMAN
INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATORS	IAN WEARNE MICHAEL CVETKOVIC	JUSTIN FIELD	GEOFF BLOOMFIELD
SOCIAL & COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	JENNY CLEARY	PATTI BARTLETT	MICHAEL CVETKOVIC

The President thanked Simon Barton 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.

**Meeting Closed:** AT 3.50pm

## GENERAL MEETING

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Previous Minutes: Minutes of Executive Meeting 06.11.12 tabled and accepted.

Moved : Col Gladman

Seconded: Grahame Ralph

### Business Arising:

- Clean Up Australia Day will be held on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Participants can register at the Bendalong Waste Transfer Station from 8.00am.
- There has been no response from Council as yet to the plan to locate a Clothing Bin at the Bendalong Waste Transfer Station.

### General Business:

- The design of the new website has been completed and can be found at this link for the moment: <http://redheadvillages.wordpress.com/> In the next couple of weeks the [www.rhva.org.au](http://www.rhva.org.au) address will take browsers to this site and the old design will no longer be accessible.
- Jim Tilley raised the issue of poor mobile phone reception over the holiday period. He has contacted Telstra (132 200 complaints) and encourages other residents experiencing problems to also contact them as there is more chance of improvements being done if they receive a large number of complaints.
- Better Planning Network. RHVA has received a request to affiliate with the Better Planning Network to address concerns with the proposed changes to the planning process of the State Government and to increase community engagement in the planning process. Over 200 community organisations have affiliated at this time. Peter Hudson spoke supporting affiliation.  
**MOTION: That the Red Head Villages Association affiliate with the Better Planning Network, that the Secretary write to the Better Planning Network to advise them of this decision and RHVA's affiliation be noted on the association's website with a link to the Better Planning Network's webpage.**

**Moved:** Justin Field

**Seconded:** Peter Hudson

**Carried**

- Jenny Cleary raised the issue of pollution including human waste beside the Headland Track in the vicinity of the caravan park. Justin identified correspondence by email from another person reporting environmental concerns at the caravan park over the holiday period also. Peter Hudson will conduct site inspection with the park manager and invite the Mayor to attend.
- Dot King raised issue of opening Lake Conjola. Justin explained that Council is restricted by regulations governing artificial opening of the lake and it will not be opened until substantial rain has occurred.
- Lex Frew raised issue of odours from the sewerage plant. Meeting confirmed that odours occur irregularly and at different times and that the pumping station at Inyadda Beach is also a problem. Peter Hudson will contact Shoalhaven Water.
- Helen Hutchin inquired about the future of the Manyana Shops. Justin noted that he had contacted Peter Sweeney to invite him to attend the meeting but he was unavailable. Justin confirmed that Peter Sweeney had previously indicated that construction would begin in September 2012. The Association has no further information at this time. Justin will contact Peter Sweeney for an update to be posted on the RHVA website.
- Laraine Larri notified the meeting that the Community Craft Markets held in June and October were in jeopardy as Council has informed them that they were not covered by Council's insurance as they were making a profit. They are investigating the possibility of inclusion under the Hall Committee's insurance coverage and are currently waiting to hear from Joanna Gash.
- Kevin Millar raised the problem of the large number of native animal deaths on local roads. He suggested erection of signs indicating wildlife crossing areas with recommended indicative speeds. There was also a suggestion of lowering the speed limit to 80. Justin asked if anyone would be able to collect some statistics of animal death over the next couple of months so an informed response could be made to council. A straw poll was held in relation to reducing the speed limit with no clear consensus. Justin indicated that it was not possible for the group to take a position on changing the speed limit without clear community consensus. Kevin offered to collect data and provide that to Justin.
- Gary Barton requested that residents report fires immediately they are sighted to ensure a quicker response from the Rural Fire Service. Lex suggested that residents need to report suspicious behaviour to the police in light of the recent arson attacks in the area.
- A 2 drawer filing cabinet has been acquired by the organisation and will be stored at the hall to preserve RHVA documents.

- **MOTION: That the meeting authorise the executive to approve reimbursements for stationery expenses of executive members to the total of \$150 per year.**  
**Moved:** Justin Field  
**Seconded:** Simon Barton
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm at the soccer clubhouse Manyana. A decision on ongoing meeting dates will be made at that time but will likely continue on the first Monday of every second month.**

**Meeting Closed:** at 4.45pm

Margaret Rasmussen  
Secretary

Justin Field  
President

