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EXECUTIVE MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday 4th March 2013

Meeting opened at Yulunga Hall, Manyana at: 6.05pm

Attendance:

Justin Field, Peter Hudson, Jennifer Whitmarsh, Ian Wearne, Margaret Rasmussen, Jenny Cleary, Lorraine Larri, Sue and Paul Nettles, Michelle North, Robyn Ralph, Linda and Neville Green, Anna and Eddie Brandt, Christine and John Bryant, Kerry Hickey

Apologies: Gary Barton, Michael Cvetkovic, Matt Sharrock, Geoff Bloomfield

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of General Meeting held 27th January 2013 tabled and accepted.

Proposed: Peter Hudson

Seconded: Jenny Whitmarsh

Business Arising:

- Lake Conjola has been opened last Wednesday
- Re service problems over the holiday period with Telstra mobile phones- Neville Green who is a Project Manager with Telstra has raised these issues with the organisation.
- Caravan Park- A Development Application has been submitted to reduce camping sites and to install male and female toilets in the area near the Headland Walk. There will also be significant plantings of native plants.
- A Garbage bin has been installed at Berringer Lake and has already helped with the litter problem.
- Shoalhaven Water is conducting tests at various sites around the villages and in various weather conditions after resident complaints about the smell from sewage facilities.

Correspondence:

Received

- Council

- Development Applications: 3 Belah Glen, 9 Belah Glen Bendalong, 88 Nth Bendalong, 2 Alberta Cl Cunjurong Point
 - Discussion Paper: Application for a Special General Rates Increase (by 8%)
 - Public re-exhibition of Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan, DCP No 78 On-site Sewage Management
 - Media Release: Lake Conjola Opening
- Grahame Gibson – Council Support for CCBs

Outgoing

- Peter has written to Council re the meeting to be held on Saturday 23rd March concerning communication problems between Council and the CCBs. He has suggested that the CCBs should be setting the agenda with the major focus being the lack of weight given to CCB submissions when considered by Council.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance of the RHVA account as at 28 February was \$11,116.64

General Business:

- Skate Park Facility
Residents living in the near vicinity of the oval at Manyana were notified that consideration was being given to the construction of a Skate Park Facility in the area. Council is investigating if it is an appropriate plan. The Yulunga Hall Committee has communicated with Council and did not oppose the investigation. Affected residents attended the RHVA meeting to express their views:

John Bryant opposes the proposal, seeing no need for the facility as he rarely sees children skateboarding around the town outside holiday time. The census shows that there are only 20 children in the area between the ages of 10 to 16. If the facility is meant for holiday makers then it should be constructed in the caravan park as elsewhere there will be noise issues for local residents. He feels the money could be better used elsewhere e.g the walkway/cycleway project.

Anna and Eddie Brandt opposed the proposal and said that the ramp would be only 40metres from their bedroom if constructed near the hall. They suggested that Washerwomans beach would be a better location.

Michelle North opposed the proposal and said that the money should be spent on something all of the community could use.

Paul Nettles opposed the proposal and stated that skate parks are usually located away from residential areas. He was concerned about the facility attracting alcohol problems especially as no police would be available being at least 40 minutes away. He thought kerb and guttering would be a better use of the money.

Neville Green opposed the proposal stating that there was not much information available from Council at this stage and that it should not be built in residential areas.

Linda Green opposed the proposal seeing little need for it and observing that the basketball court was rarely used outside holiday times.

Robyn Ralph questioned who had initiated the project. She often sees children skateboarding down the hall steps and suggested that maybe a constructed facility would be safer for the children. She had questioned the Council surveyor about the site of the facility and he had raised the issue of conflict with sewerage lines and the unsuitability of the site.

Sue Nettles opposed the proposal and observed that graffiti could be seen covering skate park facilities in other parts of the Shoalhaven.

Kerry Hickey opposed the proposal and would rather see the money spent on Bendalong Road.

Lorraine Larri opposed the proposal noting that it was a high risk activity with no local medical services available.

Justin Field noted that RHVA had not been notified of the proposal by Council. He proposed that RHVA write to the council making clear the community concern presented at the meeting and identifying that the preferred community option was for an investment in walking paths and cycle ways connecting the villages, but that if a skate facility was to be pursued that further community consultation would be required.

- Report back from Shoalhaven Council CCB Executive Briefing
 - * Department of Planning White Paper due March 2013, possibly later.
 - * Draft LEP will have a 28 day re-exhibition period from March or April.Changes will be highlighted and rezonings have been deleted. It will be finalised by July.
 - * Growth Management Strategy Version 2 will be finalised in 12 months.
 - * Community Strategic Plan is under review and a discussion paper will be issued.
 - * Application for a Special General Rates Increase (by 8%). If approved, this will add an additional \$70 to average rates in the Shoalhaven area, an extra \$40 more than the pegged increase. It is planned to spend the extra funds on roads and path projects.
 - * Shoalhaven Council Operational Plan will be outlined at a meeting at the Dunn Lewis Centre in Ulladulla on 8th May at 7.00pm with close of submissions date 24th May.
- Place Making Plans. These are community driven concepts involving group decisions for local planning. Shoalhaven Heads and Sanctuary Point have begun planning and are now seeking Council recognition of their plans and assistance with funding.
- 2013 Infrastructure Priorities
 - a) Information Sign at town entrance. Ian will approach Council as to where RHVA could place an information sign about organisations within our villages. He will also investigate design constraints and possible funding from Council.
 - b) Walkway/Cycleway- discussions are continuing regarding the best route and construction methods.

- c) Beach access at Flat Rock Beach. Ian is requesting signage to direct visitors to the access track.
- d) Ian has spoken to National Parks seeking to block 4WD vehicles from gaining access to Monument Beach. He will also approach Council.
- Local Environment Plan
 - Council has not incorporated all directions from the Minister in next draft. Rezoning will be dealt with after the LEP is accepted. Issues will be decided by delegated committees including all Councillors and CCBs will have access to discussion.

Next Executive Meeting will be held on Monday 6th May 2013 at 6.00pm at Yulunga Hall Manyana

Meeting closed at: 8.05pm

Margaret Rasmussen
Secretary