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6th Annual General Meeting Thursday 22nd September 2016
Held – WhiteSands Room Port Stephens Country Club Shoal Bay NSW

Minutes

Meeting Opened Chairman – Tim Meharg at 4.10pm

Number of people present: 38

Apologies:

Carol Miller
Kathleen Crooks
Dave Clark
Vicki Clark
Kevin Atkins
Elitta Atkins
Joanne Blow
Eric Blow

Les Miller
Cheryl Miller
Terry Wakelin
Narelle Wakelin
TC Wall
Sandy Zell
David Hitchcock
Julie O'Shea

Rick O'Shea
Ian Chapman
Bruce Olding
Suzzie Olding
Judy Mitchell
Robert Mitchell
Carol Burns
Derek Welsh

Chairman Welcome to Country, welcomed, Wayne Wallis (PSC General Manger (GM) John Maretich (PSC Assets Section Manager (ASM) , all members and guests

David Wilson: introduced the new website for Association – www.shoalbay.org.au
Unfortunately internet connection slow – and he was unable to demonstrate effectively
David explained the changes to the website and how this was the basis of new information being made available to members.

Chairman TM gave a power point presentation covering – Bike Racks, Catalina Motel, Shoal Bay Road car parking.

Deputy Chair Nigel Dique: Due to the number of cars using Shoal Bay Road for parking and causing damage to vegetation in Anzac Park ND put forward motion on Shoal Bay Road car parking. This was passed, but later modified after discussion.

Peter Drummond, resident of Harbourside Retirement Village, suggested an invitation should have been sent to the management of Harbourside. He advised staff parking has become very limited since the car parks were built due to increase residential buildings. The motion was modified to take this into account.

Wayne Wallis – GM PSC

Council is aware of the parking problem at Anzac Park and have noted. However it is not a simple solution. Proposed Council merger – still a preference for Council to merge with Dungog rather than Newcastle, but still waiting for a decision to be made.

John Maretich – ASM PSC

Traffic light update: Small works will take place in the summer months due to Shoal Bay being busy during the holiday season. Major construction will commence in the winter months. Work was postponed due to the Federal election. JM will supply latest plans for the project.

A pedestrian crossing near the shops will be included when the traffic lights are installed.

The foreshore path between known as 'the missing link' to Beach Rd is estimated to cost \$350,000 due to environmental issues. At present PSC have \$80,000 funding for this project.

Over the past 5 years due to severe storm damage to the dunes..So far this year 500 tons of sand has been used to replenish the beach to the east. 300 more tons to be replenished prior to Christmas. Nature would be able to replenish sand, but takes time.

Russell Williams

RW is concerned with problems caused by the lack of a footpath to this busy road.

- i.e. Public School with numerous young children walking to school
- Parents walking with small children and prams
- Residential property for disabled who have to use their wheelchairs on the road
- Bus route
- Narrow road due to cars and boats parking on the side of the road

John Maretich

Tomaree Road Footpath

No plans available as priorities are complex depending on how projects are funded. Council is hoping for funding to be available in 2017. The Council can sometimes fund a project outright or may "seed" their funds towards a bigger project via the grant system. The outcome may therefore appear to be random.

Ron Land – Hunter Koala Assoc.

Took the opportunity of thanking Council for funding they have received with Koala safety and care in the Post Stephens area.

Roz Welsh

Boats swept onto the beach during the recent storms had caused damage to the dunes. Would it be possible to make a claim against the boat owner's insurance companies? Council responded they are happy to get funding from all sources but did not feel they would be successful in this regard.

Roz also asks that the beach access following through from the pedestrian crossing be repaired asap as this beach access has been extensively damaged when the storms. Refer below

Ralph Harrison

RH also questioned dune access to beach opposite Shoal Bay Holiday Park pedestrian crossing. Would Council be constructing steps to access the beach where substantial erosion has occurred? This access is used by the many visitors from the Holiday Park. Council responded this was a high priority and had allocated an 'extra' flight of steps for Shoal Bay. RM to confirm whether this is the position for the new steps and possibly to be decided at next Council meeting.

RH confirmed the Shoal Bay Beach Preservation Group 355c have also suggested a new flight of steps be installed at the Holiday Park pedestrian crossing junction to the beach.

Enquired re large sand moving equipment was best approach to replenishing sand. Council responded that small 'bobcat' equipment would be used to repair small critical areas of damage.

John Maretich

Council has a responsibility to create solutions that are ecologically sensitive, balanced and follow mitigation guidelines.

Storm water catchment. An estimate of between \$6-\$15 million has been estimated to resolve this problem. Funding the Council does not have. They are able to provide minor improvements but no-one is able to protect the coast for the next 100 years. Part of their works includes the purchase of 15 Horace Street to create a retention pip. The area near the tennis courts is also being considered for a retention basin. The environmental implications of laying drainage pipes into Shoal Bay need careful consideration.

Richard Poggioli

Suggested the road sweeper should work in the Bullecourt area more often as there is often a build-up of street debris in this low lying area. Council will advise the Association regarding this.

Wayne Wallis and John Maretich thanked the Association for inviting them to the AGM and departed.

Nigel Dique

Tomaree Lodge – ND advised of the visit to State Parliament by Roz W, Tim Meharg and Nigel D. Meeting with Minister for Disability Services John Ajaka on 4th May regarding the Lodge and the areas surrounds where ND informed the meeting of the Committee's proposal for a Reserve Trust to be established to manage Tomaree Lodge. This information was presented to Mr. Ajaka for future reference.

Darryl Dawson

Enquired re any progress had been made regarding additional chevron signs on the corner approaching Shoal Bay. Also whether a unisex toilet is to be constructed at the base of the Tomaree Head walk. What progress has been made regarding the signage for the Marrungbangbaa Reserve?

TM replied the road bend will be re-aligned by Council. The unisex toilet will be considered when the Lodge's future is resolved.

RW advised she has been in contact with local Elders re the Marrungbanbaa Reserve signage who advised they would like the sign made from blackbutt timber. Council have advised funding is not available for this small project.

Roz Welsh

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM were read - No business arising from the minutes. Accepted Nigel D, Second Peter Dunkley

Ted Mackay – Treasurers Financial Report 2015-2016

Opening position 01.07.2015	\$1354.43
Income	
Member subscription	\$740.00
Donations	\$52.50
Raffle proceeds	\$1030.00
Council function reimbursement	\$112.00
Total income	<u>\$1934.50</u>
Expenses	
NSW Fair Trading Fee	\$52.00
PS EcoNetwork subs	\$25.00
Printing & stationery	\$0.000
Function expenses	\$295.75
Travel expenses	\$99.21
First Aid Kit	\$91.85
Total expenses	<u>\$564.81</u>
Net Profit /loss	\$1369.69
Closing position 30.06.16	\$2724.12
Cash at bank	\$2640.52
Cash on hand	\$83.60
Balance	<u>\$2,724.12</u>

The Association has no other Assets or Liabilities.

Election of New Committee

Tim Meharg declared all committee positions vacant.

Darryl Dawson acted as Returning Officer and called for nomination from the floor for all positions

Chairperson Tim Meharg nominated by George Hammond – seconded Peter Dunkley

Deputy Chairperson Nigel Dique nominated by Penny Meharg – second Maxine Jackson

Secretary/
Public Officer Roz Welsh nominated by Sue Dunkley – seconded Glennis Thomas

Treasurer Ted Mackay nominated by Maxine Jackson seconded Carol Dique

Committee Members:

Peter Dunkley nominated by Roz Welsh seconded Peter Thomas
George Hammond nominated by Tim Meharg second Peter Thomas
Peter Thomas nominated by Tim Meharg second Sue Dunkley

All accepted unopposed

Tim Meharg took over the Chairing of the meeting.

Tim thanked all outgoing Committee Members for their assistance. Also thank Shoal Bay Country Club for the use of their support and use of the Whitesands Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45 pm