

Shoal Bay Community Association Inc

Annual General Meeting

4.00 pm Monday 14 August 2017

Star Room, White Sands Conference Centre, Shoal Bay Country Club

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: 52+

Opening by Chair – Tim Meharg

Acknowledgement of the Worimi people Traditional Custodians of Shoal Bay
Welcome to Andrew Lazarus, Country Club
Brock Lamont from Port Stephens Council

First speaker

Andrew Lazarus: thanks for having me and opportunity to speak on Country Club.
Lots of potential and rich history and want to recreate. 7 months to look and plan development.
Our architect has put together the plans.

Artworks of old pictures of the club. Would like to recreate the history.

Style will be 1950s look which will have a timeless look. Shows pictures of new look. Timber doors and windows and balustrading.

Plan. Sandy foot will re-locate into the pub where the bistro is. We will achieve the pub/ courtyard flow.

Big venue for 500 people.

Family oriented female friendly. Too blokey at present. Emphasis on food with double the menu choices.

Upstairs deck will be double in size and home of the new bistro. Casual atmosphere rather than Catch style. The place where people want to be. Relaxed. Fresh sea food. Lots of casual eating.

Relocating Sandy Foot bar to show that we are trying to introduce bistro as part of the pub (not the Ramada).

New courtyard will be green and leafy.

Sports Bar and TAB – old world charm.

Auditorium to have a kids playground with activities and putting curtain round at night so stage will move towards where the gaming is at the moment. Brick up gaming room back door.

Sound proofing will be increased – this will be addressed.

The Cane Lounge will be reintroduced for the ladies.

Upstairs bistro . Ceilings structure will remain. Casual but sophisticated.

Café will go into present bistro space.

Conference centre will be upgraded in 2018.

Pub will be ready just before Christmas 2017.

Next year to make the whole floor a dedicated function centre.

Increase function use ie weddings, conference.

Work with the Ramada in 2018 - then 2019 will look at the Cane Lounge.

End.

Questions and Answers

Q: courtesy bus – A: yes will keep one of the current and sub contract to Port Stephens Buses.

Q: smoking – it is a non-smoking venue. A: We will be better but there will be a smoking area.

Q: Chris Bastic – drink out the front of the pub? A: lot more outdoor seating- outside the pub plus upstairs.

Q: Russell Williams – history but also dubious past – what vision re anti-social behaviour. A: This will be a different venue emphasis on food and families and seating. Not stand and drink. Encourage good behaviour. Day time business with Sunday a big day. Not an emphasis on late night trade. People go to Wests Club. Will keep the 2am licence but mainly for entertainment not just drinking.

Q: Noise travels A: this will improve and be reduced. Better solution.

There are 2 venues in Sydney that have re-developed – Watsons Bay Hotel is a good example of the style we are going for. It's all about being social - eating and drinking.

Next speaker –

Brock Lamont: Port Stephens Council (Taken over from Brendan Calendar)

Foreshore is a constrained site. Key thing is getting location right for playground.

There is a site analysis plan – circulated.

Beach access points. Did a walk with Greg Kable, John Maretich.

Potential solutions – near lights has issues.

Dinghy rack will go back in. Beach access point and dinghy ramp. Want to get grass established first.

Access point near the wharf where the kids are walking up the side.

Constraints of land – shops, residential and real estate looking at intersection but child safety and traffic. When we decide we will get into design.

Background with lots of plans. Capital works program - making sure that a path or parking goes in so no funding at the moment. Don't want to put something in and then remove it.

Money has been requested for grants from State Govt.

Electronic copy of location and details will be sent to Tim.

Stakeholders will be included.

Questions & Answers

Q Nigel Dique: has Council got a preferred area? A: Amenities block couldn't be renewed – they will be in 2024/5. May be brought forward. Prefer to move and hide the facility out of the view corridor.

Real estate office opposite may be a good place as it gets skinnier towards the eastern end. The playground may be sculptural. We want it to be sculptural and high quality. Not red blue & green.

Q: Russell Williams: Money is being spent on foreshore, but look at the back streets and capital works program. Upgrade Tomaree Road as it doesn't have a footpath. School area. What about the people who live here? John Maretich replied last year regarding foot pathing, curb and gutting. He said plans are complex and hopes funding available in 2017. Council may use grants – but these can be random. When will money be spent on the kids. A: Adam Stewart also from Council, Capital Works – we are looking at this and footpath and road safety. Not sure where this is at. Shoal Bay is getting drainage in Bullecourt St but do not know details. Will take your email address and get back to you. Q: Bruce McKenzie said Tomaree Road would be done in current budget but Brook doesn't know details –A: speak to Adam and John Maretich.

Q: Bob Mitchell: Can furniture be replaced? A: Council wants a consistent furniture style. Bike rack will be returned.

Q: Megan Waites –foreshore vegetation? A : not sure about what vegetation is planned but will check. Little Beach has routine sand removal maintenance so we have applied to Crown to fund Council for long term solution to include moving sand Four times a year from one end of the beach to the other. Will check to see if this affects Little Beach. Prefer not to use hard solution. This is not preferred. This might be routine maintenance. Also push the sand up the bank to do re-vegetation.

Q: Roz: walk way opposite caravan park - people walk on narrow road-side. Dangerous walk along roadside. A: That is not in the immediate future but looking at a safer solution – perhaps a boardwalk. Anzac Park has many interested parties. Informal parking at present. Will talk to community again.

Q: Tim: please could Council consult the Association for example perhaps the dinghy rack may not need to be returned to old place if there is a better position.

End.

Annual General Meeting

George Hammond – re Constitution.

The State Government revised the Act. We have taken the opportunity re-write the constitution.

Video conferencing and other methods of communication. We could have someone in Darwin being able to join the meeting.

Redefined the geographic area of the Association. Gowrie Avenue is the boundary. Pretty much the same – its longer about 20 pages.

Peter Dunkley moved to accept the Constitution.

Treasurer's report. Ted McKay.

Arthur Burns questioned a discrepancy in figures – Ted will correct this *word processing* glitch.

Ted McKay's revised accounts.

Opening position as at 01.07.16	\$2724.12
Income	\$4083.30
Expenses	\$4461.65
Net profit/loss	<u>-\$378.35</u>
Closing position 30.06.17	\$2345.77

Represented by – Cash at bank \$2213.87
Cash on hand \$131.90
\$2345.77

The Association has no other Assets or Liabilities

Accepted:

Proposer: Nigel Dique

Secunder: Derek Welsh

Roz Welsh: Minutes of Meeting. Posted on website. We have an active website.

Nomination of Committee for 2017/18

Daryl Dawson – Returning Officer - nominations were called for the 2017/18 for executive.

Chair - Tim Meharg

Deputy Chair – Nigel Dique

Secretary – Roz Welsh

Treasurer - Ted McKay

Exec Members: - George Hammond, Peter Thomas, David Wilson & Peter Dunkley

Proposed and elected.

Glennis Thomas – proposes Life Member – Daryl Dawson.

The Shoal Bay waterfront was previously in a dreadful state and Daryl suggested we have a public meeting and form an association. We did that and we were fortunate enough to form a group and work with Council and become volunteers. We are still doing that. We have some photographs of what it looked like – none of this would have happened without Daryl. Eco network works with many associations – their motto is “Tread Lightly on the Earth”. He got a whole group together to keep it a beautiful place.

Seconded: Roz Welsh

Sandra Miles – proposes Peter Thomas as Life Membership

RE: Life Membership Nomination

I would like to take this opportunity to propose Peter Thomas for Life Membership of the Shoal Bay Community Association.

Peter Thomas was the founding Chairman and mainstay of the Association since its inception and as such over a period of years has given outstanding service to the Association and its members...

With the help of his committee and members, he spent many hours working with the Port Stephens Council to improve our facilities here in Shoal Bay.....including saving and rebuilding the Wharf, re-inventing and beautifying the area down to the Lodge, and of course the Walkway through the Bush opening up such beautiful viewing areas.....

It was brilliant seeing so many visitors during the past school holidays enjoying all these improvements....which I believe is due mainly to Peter's enthusiasm and hard work in the initial years of the Shoal Bay Community Association..

Regards Sandra Miles

Seconded: Chris Bastic

Tim: Council elections – 9 Sept. Q: Would the group be interest in having a meeting with Council?

A: Yes.

Also mentioned TRRA meeting “Meet the Candidates” on Tues 15 Aug

Chris Bastic (seconder) – congratulated the nominations of Daryl and Peter. Believes Shoal Bay has been improved over recent years. Closing Tomaree Lodge – we have to be very active with Council as to our thoughts. He has had meetings but believes it to be a major subject as a public space area. Work has been done and thanks the group.

Tim noted and thanked the 355 Committee for their work on the foreshore.

Darryl Dawson – Tomaree Lodge – need to be mindful that it has affects far beyond the area of Shoal Bay. Newcastle is interested in what happens. There is one road in and one out. So headland future

must be able to cope with a single road. There will be a lot of traffic so need to be prepared that the size and activity of any future development takes the concerns of Shoal Bay.

Tim Meharg thanked Andrew Lazarus from the Shoal Bay Country Club for the use of the White Sands Conference Room.

Meeting closed at 5.30 pm