

GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
THURSDAY DECEMBER 8 2011

Meeting commenced 7.30pm at The Cove Village Hall.

1. Present
Ron Spratt (president in the chair) - -- members as per the attendance sheet.
2. Apologies - as per the apologies list in the attendance book and Steve Steele, Gary Dibley, Doug Mason, Val Russell, Jeff Strickson, Martin Wellington.
- 2a Welcome New Members to the meeting –
 - * Prior to getting into the business of the meeting the president introduced the guest speaker Darryl Lennox - Senior Boating Officer Hawkesbury River/Broken Bay from the Department of Roads and Maritime to allow him to get away.
Darryl gave a presentation embracing the new format of the department – Roads and Maritime, which has been introduced to streamline licensing and administration matters. He also gave a presentation on recently introduced requirements for the wearing personal floatation devices and provided some samples of new equipment available for this purpose. There was great interest in the presentation from members present.
The president thanked Darryl Lennox for his presentation and moved on for the meeting business.
3. Confirmation of minutes of general meeting September 8 2011 as tabled.
Resolved (moved Bob Fahey, seconded John Murras) the minutes be adopted.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
 - * Entry Statement – the president advised the meeting that one of the entry statement walls has been refurbishing and other to be done. When the painter can arrange the necessary removal of the anti graffiti coating
 - * Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2009 – the president advised the plan is in the final stages of development prior to approval by The Minister.
 - * Ausgrid – Electricity upgrade the president advised the meeting that the work on the upgrade is progressing.
 - * Playground equipment in Solstice Place – the president advised the meeting that a response from council is that when funds are available the equipment will be removed and the area reinstated without playground equipment. New table graffiti attacked. Seating in the bridge reserve area and Solstice park will be raised carried out early in 2012.
 - * Odour nuisance from the sewer pump station – the president advised the matter has been resolved with new transpiration medium being placed.
Resolved - the information be received and noted.
5. Correspondence. In – nil.
 - * Gosford City Council re Discovery Street kerb & gutter to be carried out in 2012.
Resolved - the information be received and noted.
6. Treasures Report – as tabled was discussed.
Resolved (moved Alick Anderson seconded Neville Smith) the treasurer's report as tabled is adopted.

7. General Business.

* A motion was put from the floor that Neville & Marilyn Smith be thanked for the organisation of the Roctoberfest held October 3 2011 at their home.

Resolved unanimously the motion be adopted.

* The president raised the issue of Seal Level Rise and advised the meeting that the committee has been keeping a watching brief on Gosford City Council on the matter of sea level rise and the encoding of section 149(54) certificates and has obtained a copy of such encoding. From information received from Gosford City Council Integrating Planning Manager the encoding refers to

“The sea level rise planning level will be reviewed in the future upon release of revised policy statements by the State and Federal Government. The process of these reviews will involve consultation activities with the community.”

As per the newsletter residents were advised that a protest rally was held recently at the Woy Woy office of the member fro Gosford Chris Holstein.

Following discussion on the matter the president put the motion:-

The St Huberts Island Residents Association Inc write to the local, state and federal members of parliament advising that

The committee views with extreme concern the encoding of section 149 certificates relating to the 0.9M predicted sea level rise by the year 2100 adopted by Gosford City Council.

The St Huberts Island Residents Association Inc is of the opinion that the data upon which these predictions are made are flawed and seeks the urgent action by the state and federal governments to provide accurate credible data upon which Gosford City Council can base any planning decisions.

Also that Gosford City Council be requested to abandon the encoding of section 149 certificates in the manner currently undertaken until such time as accurate credible data is provided by state and federal governments.

Resolved – the motion as presented by the president be adopted.

8. Next General Meeting – Annual General Meeting February or Mach 2012 at a date suitable to obtain the use of the hall.

The president wished all residents and their families A Merry Christmas and A Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm