

GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
THURSDAY MARCH 11 2010

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
- 2a the president welcomed new members to the meeting –
3. Confirmation of minutes of general meeting December 3 2009 as tabled.
Resolved (moved Martin Wellington, seconded Vic Barnes.) the minutes be adopted.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
 - * Entry Statement – the president advised the meeting of the present position as to the completion of the entry statement.
 - * Boating in the canals – Brisbane Water Estuary Management Study was now on exhibition and any submissions need to be made by tomorrow March 12, also that the president as a member of the Coastal & Estuary Management Committee of council he had made some submissions which were included in the study currently on exhibition. The president also advised the meeting that the study showed a cost to restore the canals and the island waterways of in excess of \$2 million over twenty years with an initial cost of \$750,000.
 - * Sale of the canals – the president reported that there is nothing from council in this matter so far.
 - * Web Site *sthubertsisland.nsw.au* the president advised the meeting that the site is now up and running with some members using the site.
 - * the gathering of the younger generation in Attunga park raised at the previous meeting the president advised a letter had been sent to NSW Police on the matter.
 - * Jim Minogue and Discovery street the president advised he has received a letter fro council advising that the work including kerb, gutter and pavement is on the 2010/2011 program.
Resolved - the information be received and noted and the scholarship application be determined by the executive at the January 2010 meeting..
5. Correspondence. Nil.
6. Treasures Report – as tabled was discussed.
Resolved (moved Bob Fahey seconded Joan Barnes) the treasurer's report as tabled is adopted.
7. General Business.
 - * Neighbourhood watch – Martin Wellington gave a brief advising of neighbourhood watch since the last meeting. A question was raised as to the level of incidents on the island compared to other areas and Martin advised the incidence on the island is far less than other areas. However people should not be lax and should maintain a level of security of their vehicles and premises.
Louise Williams of Helmsman Boulevard raised an issue where her hand bag and goods were stolen from her car parked at home. Those responsible for the steeling where apprehended and the majority of goods recovered.
Resolved - Moved by Louise Williams that the new committee consider the initiation of a web site warning and an email service for interested residents.

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- * The matter of bridge jumpers was raised and received considerable discussion with serious concerns being raised as the safety of those jumping and the anti-social behaviour by those attending the bridge and surrounding areas.
Resolved – the committee to keep up the pressure on the authorities responsible for enforcement and investigate the installation of closed circuit TV to the bridge area.
 - * The matter of speeding vessels and jet skies in the canals was raised and considerable discussion ensued. Residents were advised that wherever possible to obtain the vessel registration number and refer the matter to NSW Maritime.
Resolved - the information be received and noted.
 - * Gosford Brisbane Water Estuary Management Study - Brisbane Water Estuary Management Study was now on exhibition and any submissions need to be made by tomorrow March 12, also that the president as a member of the Coastal & Estuary Management Committee of council he had made some submissions which were included in the study currently on exhibition. The president also advised the meeting that the study showed a cost to restore the canals and the island waterways of in excess of \$2 million over twenty years with an initial cost of \$750,000.
Resolved - the information be received and noted.
 - * Draft Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2009. – the president advised the meeting that the this plan is on exhibition and submissions need to be sent to council by April 8 2010. The president had obtained copies of the relevant plans (about 8 out of some 140 plans) and the relevant printed documents, being the Draft Gosford Local Environmental Planning Scheme Ordinance and four volumes of the Draft Development Control Plan (DCP) which replaces some 100 or so DCP's applicable to Gosford City Council local area.
Serious concerns were raised as to:-
 - building height restrictions;
 - The ability for moorings to be installed in Brisbane Water including the canals of the island without any planning consent nor the requirement to pay a license fee to council for installations within the canals;
 - The composition of the character statements included in the Draft DCP where they relate to St Huberts Island;
 - The inclusion of Rileys Island and pelican island in character statements for St Huberts Island;**Resolved** – the president and vice-president be authorised to prepare a submission on behalf of the association and that a suitable submission for interested residents to submit on their own right and that such a draft be shown on the website.
 - * The president invited all present to have a sample of wines and cheeses donated by another resident and member of the association, the secretary was asked to convey the thanks of the association for his generosity.
8. Next General Meeting June 10 2010.
The meeting concluded 8.55pm