

GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
THURSDAY JUNE 9 2011

Meeting commenced 7.30pm at The Cove Village Hall.

1. Present  
Ron Spratt (president in the chair) - 59 members, and 8 non-members as per the attendance sheet.
2. Apologies - as per the apologies list in the attendance book and Alick & Marion Anderson, Gary Dibley, Helene Cornwell.
- 2a Welcome New Members–
3. Confirmation of minutes of general meeting March 10 2011 as tabled.  
**Resolved** (moved Bob Fahey, seconded Martin Wellington) the minutes be adopted.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
  - \* Entry Statement – the president advised the meeting that one of the entry statement walls is in the process of refurbishing and the contractor is experiencing problems in removing the anti graffiti coating from the wall.
  - \* Boating in the canals – the president advised that following action by council since April 1 2011 legal action is being considered in respect to one pontoon which remains without planning consent.
  - \* Brisbane Water Estuary Management Study – the president advised that the plan is on exhibition from Monday June 13 2011.
  - \* Draft Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2009 – the president advised the plan was adopted by council May 2011 and is to proceed to the minister for final approval.
  - \* 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.
  - \* Provision of natural gas.  
**Resolved** - the information be received and noted.
5. Correspondence. In  
From Cancer Council re big cuppa held in May.  
**Resolved** – the letter be received and noted
6. Treasures Report – as tabled was discussed.  
**Resolved** (moved Neville Smith seconded Steve Steele) the treasurer's report as tabled is adopted.
7. General Business.
  - \* Neighbourhood watch – Martin Wellington reported on activities of neighbourhood watch since last meeting.  
**Resolved** - the information be received and noted.

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- \* Stephen TREMBLE – Senior Liaison Advisor - Operations Lower Hunter & Central Coast  
Steven CAWLEY - Central Coast Manager, Design & Maintenance  
Andrew CURRIE - Acting Project Portfolio Manager  
The president welcomed the Ausgrid representatives to the meeting who gave an overview of the works as done and of the works as proposed for the power upgrade to St Huberts Island followed by questions from the floor.  
Questions/comments from the floor (see attached schedule)
  
- 8. Next General Meeting September 8 2011.  
The meeting concluded 9.00pm

Schedule of Questions/Comments from the floor  
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- \* Ted Carpenter 8 Salacia Close – Methods used so far have been crummy.  
Answer – most residents have been happy with works, Driveways will be replaced 'like for like'. Driveways will be replaced from the property boundary to the street gutter
- \* Ron Schirato 12 Helmsman Boulevard – driveway and grass verge have been destroyed along with watering system.  
Answer – arrangements will be made to meet on site and discuss rectification.
- \* Jim & Sandra Slack-Smith 18 Longarm Parade – bore not done, driveway has experienced hairline cracks beyond the road reservation area, damaged by back hoe. Grass not replaced satisfactorily.  
Answer – arrangements to be made to meet on site.
- \* John Regan 47 Helmsman Boulevard – where is the cabling to be laid? Which side of the road? Can a plan be provided?  
Answer – designs have established side of road to be affected and details as to conduit numbers will be included in a newsletter to residents by Ausgrid.
- \* Dieter Mucharsky 21 Cuttlefish Parade – Why not lay cabling in roadway?  
Answer – greater depth requirements for cover where cabling laid in roadway, taking the cabling in most instances into the water table.
- \* Ivan Schleder 23 Mercator Parade – Replacement turf should match that as existing prior to the works.  
Answer – Turf will match existing, any problems the contractor should be advised. If this is still a problem then contact to Ausgrid via the association.
- \* Barry Thomas 8 Mercator Parade – Can working drawing for project be made available and can we visit the contactors to view the plans?  
Answer – working drawings are the property of the contractor and Ausgrid, plans should be able to be provided as to the number of conduits to be laid in each locality and made available in a newsletter which could be published on the association website.
- \* P Ellis 69 Helmsman Boulevard – the sewer went under driveways why cant these cables be bored under.  
Answer – there are multi conduits to be laid either 2, 4 or 6 conduits, directional boring on the test bore was successful for no more than 2 conduits. The greater number of conduits needs to be dug. The sewer was a single pipe which did not create the same difficulties as the multi conduits.
- \* Brian Zeederberg 28 Mainsail Avenue – What is the problem with boring?  
Answer – from the test bore we are able to directional bore for up to 2 conduits, above that number of conduits the drag on the bore to install the conduits is too great.
- \* Michael Cunice 3 Solstice Place – comment - The island has been referred to as an island paradise but with the works as carried out in Helmsman Boulevard it can hardly be seen as 'a paradise'.
- \* Colin Halliday 4 Mooring Place – What is the criteria for 2,4 or 6 conduits?  
Answer – The size of the cabling required to carry the load.
- \* Malcolm Hughes 1 Mooring Place – Why not use boring in the road as has been used in the various cross trenches?  
Answer – Cross trenching in the roadway had to be done to coincide with the tides as there is a water table problem with the trenches at the required depth. To do this in the roadway for all trenching is impractical.

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- \* Jeff Warren 18 Marina View Parade – What is the situation within the properties?  
Answer – The cabling to the ‘pillars’ is all that is proposed to be replaced as the cabling from pillars to property is not in need of replacement. However where such cabling is required to be replaced that will be done.
- \* Helmsman Boulevard – There has been 7 opening across the road in Helmsman Boulevard so far how many more have we to get?  
Answer – Under boring of the road pavement for cross trenched has not been successful due to many factors.
- \* Steve Johnston 34 Mercator Parade – Driveways as installed by residents may now not be able to acquire the same tiles as used therefore the whole driveway from kerb to garage needs to be replaced to preserve property values?  
Answer – Driveways from kerb to property boundary are installed on property owned by council and in many instances do not comply with current slip requirements. It is not possible for Ausgrid to replace the entire driveways as you have requested. Ausgrid has sought legal advice which suggests Ausgrid is entitled to replace “like with like” materials for driveways, "like for like" materials for driveways depending on material availability. Every attempt will be made to match new sections of driveways to existing, however the age of some driveways will affect the outcome.
- \* Sandra Slack-Smith 18 Longarm Parade – during the vibrating of the fill windows were rattling?  
Answer –When this was brought to the contractors’ attention there was a revised procedure to obtain the required compaction of the fill.
- \* Bruce Hall 19 Mercator Parade – Where turf is taken up why not cut existing and leave aside and relay on closure of the trench?  
Answer – This may be possible but on a practical note remove and replace is the easier option.

***General comments from Ausgrid***

- \* The works as proposed are of urgent necessity to upgrade the cabling to St Huberts Island in an effort to guarantee supply demands over the forthcoming 30/40 years.
- \* Works are also required to limit the number of outages experienced over recent years due to the deterioration of the existing cabling installed some 40 years ago when the island was developed.
- \* Normal requirements for cabling in road reservation (footway area) for electricity is that the cabling be between 600, and 900mm from the property boundary to allow for other services such as sewer, telephone, water and gas to be provided in the footway area.
- \* Directional boring, as tested, was satisfactory for up to 2 conduits, number of conduits above 2 provide too much drag on the machine when retracting the conduits.
- \* Other problems relating to conduits laying in the footway relates to water, telephone, storm water and other garden reticulation systems connected to properties.
- \* A newsletter is to be prepared and distributed to residents in respect to the works as proposed.
- \* Plans of proposed works in relation to the positioning and number of conduits are to be supplied in a newsletter to residents and made available to the association for distribution and publication on the website if appropriate.