

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12 2013**

Meeting commenced 7.30pm at The Cove Village Hall.

1. **Present**
Ron Spratt (president in the chair) and ---- members, as per the attendance sheet.
2. **Apologies** – received from Ken Lummis; Frank Hodgekiss; Bob & Heather Fahey; Ellen Passinis
Resolved – the apologies be accepted.
- 2a **New Members** attended the meeting for the first time were welcomed by the president.
3. Confirmation of minutes of General Meeting March 14 2013 as tabled.
Resolved moved Lex Clark, seconded Marion Anderson the minutes be adopted.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
The president made comments on the issues listed below:-
 - * Draft Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2009 – the president advised the plan is complete and the minister’s signature is expected in the not too distant future.
 - * Ausgrid – the president advised the meeting that work is still proceeding and completion expected by the end of 2013..
 - * Fees & membership – the president advised the meeting that some memberships are still outstanding, the number of members is now only at approximately 200.
 - * The president advised the meeting that the council blanket approval for moving sand to protect sea walls by dredging is still not finalised by council.
Resolved – the information be received and noted.
5. Correspondence. Nil.
6. **Treasures Report** – In the absence of the treasurer the Treasurer’s Report was tabled.
Resolved moved Martin Wellington seconded Neville Smith the treasurer’s report as tabled be adopted.

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7 **General Business.**

* Neighbourhood watch – Martin Wellington reported on neighbourhood watch for the period since the last meeting.

* Joan Barnes addressed the meeting in respect to problems perceived in respect to pontoons erected in the corners of canals.

The problems enumerate include particular reference to the pontoon recently erected at 14 Marina View Parade:-

- Black piles are unsightly;
- Access around the canal is obstructed;
- Height of walkway is well above the sea wall;
- Handrails are unsightly;
- Non-compliance with DCP 145;
- Property values are affected by the unsightly structures;
- 10 metre vessels are too large;

Also at the association meeting Ian Campbell of Long Arm Parade and Bill Bullion of 8 Barracouta Avenue addressed the meeting on matters similar to those of Joan Barnes but in specific terms to a pontoon at 6 Barracouta Avenue which has recently been approved by Gosford City Council. The issues of concern included:-

- No consultation with adjoining residents, in particular the person immediately adjoining, seven residents in total are affected by this pontoon;
- The provision of the pontoon seriously impedes the use of the canal beach area and restricts manoeuvrability of other vessels at the end of Crescent Cove;
- The canal area is seriously silted up and access is reduced by virtue of this siltation;

Resolved a meeting of the president and concerned residents be arranged with The Mayor and Councillor Strickson to discuss problems with recent approvals for pontoons in the corners of canals where residents consider such approvals were given contrary to the requirements set out in DCP 145 and the requirements of the DCP attached to the Draft Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2009. In particular approvals at 14 Marina View Parade and 6 Barracouta Avenue.

The residents aggrieved by such approvals to provide documentation of their objections for presentation to such meeting.

* Problems with Indian Myna Birds was discussed and residents having problems can contact the executive.

* Residents of Beachfront Parade raised the issue of vehicles travelling to the dead end as there is not a “No Through Road” sign at the corner of Sirius Street.

Resolved – A letter be sent to Gosford City Council requesting a “No Through Road” sign be installed Beachfront Parade at the corner of Sirius Street.

* A resident raised the issue that there is one street light is out on the bridge – top left side on approach to island. The president undertook to contact the relevant authority to rectify the outage.

* The matter of traffic at the round-a-bout at the top of the bridge was raised and the president advised the meeting that a letter has been sent to Gosford Council seeking the installation of traffic calming devices but there has been no reply to date on the matter.

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- * A resident raised the question of the deteriorating road surface on Helmsman Boulevard between the bridge and Barracouta Avenue.
Resolved – a letter be sent to Gosford Council to investigate the deteriorating road surface on Helmsman Boulevard between the bridge and Barracouta Avenue and carryout necessary repairs to such road surface before major works are required.
- 8. The General Meeting concluded at 8.30 pm to be followed by the A.G.M.