

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
THURSDAY DECEMBER 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
Resolved – the apologies be accepted.
- 2a **New Members** Rod Blake attended the meeting for the first time was welcomed by the president.
3. Confirmation of minutes of General Meeting September 12 2013 as tabled.
The matter of the content of the minutes was made by Chris Law of 14 Marina View Parade and the reference to his pontoon. Considerable comments were made but the main thrust was that the pontoon referred to at 14 Marina View Parade was not erected until after the date of the meeting. The president advised that the minutes were a true reflection of the comments made at the meeting and although Chris Law was present at the meeting he made no effort to question the validity of the comments at the meeting.
Resolved moved Alick Anderson, seconded Neville Smith 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 has now been adopted by council and the Ministers signature is expected before Christmas.
 - * Ausgrid – the president advised the meeting that work remaining to be done relates mostly to final checking of individual residential connections to underground pillars and is expected to be completed in the later part of 2014.
 - * Fees & membership – the president advised the meeting that some memberships are still outstanding, the number of members is now only at approximately 220.
 - * Council blanket approval for moving sand to protect sea walls by dredging is still not finalised by council, with a consultancy brief to be finalised in the near future.
 - * Meeting of the president and concerned residents has been arranged with The Director of Environment at council to discuss problems with recent approvals for pontoons in the corners of canals
 - * No Through Road” sign at the corner of Sirius Street – reply from council signage not considered to be necessary.
 - * Street light is out on the bridge – the president took the matter up with Energy Australia street lighting office.
 - * The matter of traffic at the round-a-bout at the top of the bridge was raised 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.
 - * The deteriorating road surface on Helmsman Boulevard between the bridge and

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Barracouta Avenue - a reply to the association letter has council will deal with the matter as maintenance is considered necessary in accordance with the maintenance schedule.

Resolved – the information be received and noted and a further letter be sent to council in respect to the round-a-about in the light of the recently installed traffic lights in Empire Bay Drive at The Cove.

5. Correspondence. In

* Gosford City Council – No Through Road Sirius Street.

* From Councillor Jeff Strickson re dredging of canals by residents.

* Lorna Campbell.

Resolved the information be noted and the correspondence be received and tabled.

6. **Treasures Report** – Treasurer’s Report was tabled.

Resolved moved Ken Lummis seconded Alick Anderson the treasurer’s report as tabled be adopted.

7 **General Business.**

* The secretary made a report to the meeting raising the issues of financial membership and requested any resident who knows of any resident not a member to encourage their contribution of membership fee of \$5.00.

He also raised the observation of the amount of residential work on the island by way of renovations and extensions to homes.

* A motion to donate an amount of \$500.00 of association funds to the Cancer Council Big Cuppa was moved but after some lengthy discussion on the matter, the motion was withdrawn.

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

* A letter has been received from resident Lorna Campbell requesting a memorial seat to be erected in Long Arm Reserve at the expense of the Campbell family with a plaque of the following inscription:-

In Loving Memory of
Harry (Ken) Campbell
30-8-1923 - 22-8-2013
35 Years Island Resident
Donated by the Campbell Family

Resolved that the association accept the wording for a plaque as requested by Lorna Campbell.

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* The matter of the reserve in Beachfront Parade was discussed and the problem of gouges in the turf from vehicles was discussed. The matter of a piece of park furniture which was provided in the reserve area has been removed by council.

John Alderley from Boyd Close again raised the issue of a community garden for the area of reserve in Beachfront Parade and suggested that a physical barrier in the form of a community garden could be provided along the Beachfront Parade frontage to deter access to the reserve.

Resolved:-

1. a letter be sent to Gosford City Council requesting the provision of physical barrier to the Beachfront Parade frontage of the reserve near to Boyd Close, such physical barrier could be in the form of a raised garden bed which in future times could be used a community herb garden.
2. Gosford City Council be requested to reinstate the park furniture recently removed from the Beachfront Parade reserve.

A question was raised by a resident of Attunga Close that several residents with young children frequent the reserve and there is no table or and suggested council be requested to provide Tables for Attunga Reserve

Resolved A request be made to Gosford City Council to provide a park table a chair set to the Attunga Close reserve.

8. The General Meeting concluded at 9.15 pm