

GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC

Purpose of Meeting: General Meeting

Location: The Cove Village Hall

Date: Thursday 15th September, 2016

Time: 7.30 pm

No.	Item	Resolved	Seconded
1.	Present		
	<p>Rod Blake, President in the chair, welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>He then gave a brief history of the continuing Canal issues, and introduced the four guests from Council, and GHD Consultants who presented at this meeting.</p> <p>From GHD Consultants –</p> <p>Craig Dengate (Senior Maritime Engineer) and Edward Rowe (Maritime Engineer)</p> <p>From Central Coast Council –</p> <p>Tim Macdonald (Environmental Planner) and Chris Drinan (Canals Project Engineer)</p>		
2.	Canal Plan Of Management presentation by GHD Consultants		
	35 minute presentation by Craig and Edward with considerable Q&A from the floor.		

	<p>After GHD and Council left more discussion and Q&A ensued. Rod Blake and Ron Spratt met with the four for about 1 1/2 hours before the meeting to discuss the POM and the major issues the Association perceives - restoration of the canals, mainly collapse of seawalls due to loss of sand. From the floor a concern that Council may not act on the POM. President's response was there is money (currently about \$300,000) in the Council's fund for canal management of which a maximum of 10% can be allocated to consultants, and the balance for canal work. Only pontoon owners contribute to this fund each year and no other canal residents, and thus it is growing very slowly. From the floor information that a previous study and recommendation estimated that at least \$2.5 million was needed over 20 years to repair canals back to their design criteria. Discussion on the road drainage areas in the canals. They need work done on them sooner than waiting for the POM process, and information and requests for work should be sent to Council ASAP. Council have always been responsible for this area and finance should not come from the POM fund. This should be pointed out to Council. This pointed raised and supported by more attendees. President will raise this issue with Tim Macdonald from Council.</p>		
3.	New Visitors		
	<p>David and Rita (?), Salacia Daniel Powell, Cuttlefish Helen & Trevor Russell, Mercator Allan Watson, Marina View</p>		
4.	Apologies		
	<p>Annabel McMillan - Association Secretary Rod & Virginia Wenzel.</p>		
3.	Correspondence		
	<p>Nil</p>		

4.	Treasurers Report		
	<p>No comments or questions regarding previous meeting's minutes.</p> <p>Report was tabled and explained, including \$8000 in account from pontoon owners group and \$16,000 in Bendigo Bank term deposit.</p> <p>Question arising: can we get a better rate than 2.45% from Bendigo Bank, or in shares?</p> <p>Answer: personal accounts can find higher rates but Associations cannot get these rates due to regulations. We need our money safely invested rather than shares, and we support the Bendigo Bank for many reasons.</p>		
5.	Secretary Report		
	<p>(Read by Julie Piper)</p> <p>10 residents have taken up 4 year membership @ \$20, to date there are 262 members on the database, 111 of these have not renewed, 151 have renewed consisting of 24 new members. These fees are used to benefit the island and carry out activities and events. There are about 527 houses on the Island, with less than half in the Association. I encourage everyone to join for the betterment of the Island.</p> <p>We now have 177 resident's email addresses on the database, including 16 from non-members who are encouraged to join. We can send information and messages to you quickly and your email is private.</p> <p>St Huberts BBQ - kids entertainment has been booked, toilet available again, over 200 last year, all had a fantastic day, and the same entertainers will return this year.</p> <p>More information coming by letterbox drop, Facebook, website and email.</p>		

6.	General Business		
	Dog DNA testing newsletter article mentioned – with some enjoyment(!).		
	President has written to Police/Council/Busways regarding speeding on Helmsman. Increased patrols requested, overtaking on bridge has occurred, speed sign at bottom of the bridge has been requested, texting by P platers observed, AND a request that dark clothing be warn by walkers as a safety issue.		
	Roundabout - The Traffic Committee has been written to regarding poor sight lines at the roundabout and speeding through it.		
	Entry Palms - council to remove and replant with Kentia palms when able to.		
	Next Dineout - location still to be decided although set for 7 October. Previous Dineout at Daleys Kitchen that was successful with over 50 people. It was a well received and successful night.		
	Neighbourhood Watch report from Martin Wellington - police on top of crime in area, stealing from cars in wider area happening so lock car. Increase in soft crimes such as unlocked garages or leaving items outside. Magnets with crime numbers (and conversion tables) handed out.		
	Coastal Watch have a new updated Waterways map for Brisbane Water for \$5 - all sold immediately.		
	President - Pontoon Licence by Council report. President and others met with General Counsel @ Wyong who are in discussion with their southern neighbours (“ex-GCC”), there appear to be problems between the two groups, but a resolution is coming soon. Looks like at least 20 year licences for pontoons, although those already paid will probably need to change to new licence period after their current 5 year period. Legal Moratorium on those who haven’t paid anything yet, although some problems there too.		

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	Ken Lummis - Ettalong Hotel and Ettalong Diggers fishing club looking for active members.		
	Speeding - have we written to RMS regarding a mobile speed camera? Informed RMS are part of the Gosford Traffic Committee (Council/Police/RMS/Emergency Services) and already approached, already asked for help and waiting for reply. Further discussion on benefits of a mobile speed camera and live sites.		
	Rod and Virginia Wenzel will be doing "Santa on the Water" again this year on Fri 23 December.		
	Paperbark trees causing problems with kerb and guttering. Best to write to Council regarding problems. Council loath to remove trees - prefer to repair kerb and guttering. Arborists report will help but Council will cut eventually or you do at your cost sooner. Attunga Park and roadway roots raised. President to raise with Council.		
	Steve Steele - Reason for creation of new BuySellSwap website: Increasing request for "For Sale" items in newsletter that has no room for them. Association website has the ability to do this. We hope the new system is easy to use, there are already some items on it, and it is free. Maybe Peninsula people might see these items as well. It is for Islanders and moderated to prevent problems and abuse.		
7.	Meeting Concluded and Next General Meeting		
	The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.		
	Next General (Christmas) Meeting December 8 2016		