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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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Yulunga Hall
3pm, Saturday 16th September, 2023

Attendance: Luke Bastock, Karen Weinert, Gerry McCarthy plus members on attendance list.

Apologies: Nathan Cattell, Martine Bright, Andrew Boyce, Robyn and Graeme Ralph, Fiona Friend, Brad Christmas.

Minutes of General Meeting 15th July 2023 accepted. Moved: Patti Bartlett; Seconded: Toni Johnston.

Matters arising: Nil

Correspondence: (as per secretary's report)

Treasurer's report: Andrew Boyce's report is attached. Moving on hold.

Secretary's report: Correspondence In and Out was listed by Luke Bastock.

Infrastructure report: Karen Weinert updated the meeting on progress of the DA for the upgrade of the hall. Karen also updated the members on the progress of the pathways. The Cunjurong Point Road pathway reached to 75% of its final planned destination being the Manyana RFS shed. \$1,612.66 is remaining from the pathways account.

Strategic Plan: Dr Lorraine Larri updated the members on progress from the 'Planning for a Sustainable Future CWG. Locale consulting have completed the draft 'Findings and Engagement Report' and Strategic Report. The CWG have provided feedback to Locale Consulting on the draft document. The next step is to write a Character Statement.

RHVA website: Brad Christmas had advised that the new website for the RHVA is now complete.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Bushfire Hazard Reduction: Luke advised a letter from Matthew Reeves Shoalhaven RFS Superintendent was received by RHVA. Local RFS member Keith McBride presented the letter to the General Meeting which was well received.

There was a discussion about an issue raised by Anne Jackson concerning large growth and dangerous trees on adjoining properties. Local RFS member Toni Johnson advised about the SCC website which is used to report hazardous vegetation on neighbouring properties. Toni also said that the RFS community engagement held that day was a success and “Get Ready for a Bushfire” packs were handed out. Dr Larri raised a motion thanking the RFS for their assistance and this was seconded by Anne Jackson.

Bendalong Road: Luke advised that Troy Punnett, the SCC district engineer, had communicated that the grant application for the \$4.8m roads betterment funding from the SCC to the government for roadworks on Bendalong Road was not successful. In relation to the pending SCC ‘natural disaster recovery funding’ repairs and maintenance program, SCC are awaiting final approval of their scope of works submitted to Transport NSW dictating the total road works package. In relation to the failed \$4.8m Roads Betterment Funding grant by SCC, critical new drainage and supporting roads infrastructure will not be completed on the Bendalong Road regularly failing sections prior to the SCC pending repairs and maintenance program conducted under ‘natural disaster recovery funds.’ However, interpreting the SCC email correspondence, it would seem, SCC is now preparing a ‘package’ of 5 coastal village access roads to be procured as one contract therefore significantly increasing the budget and capacity of the project that should attract ‘best practice’ civil infrastructure companies delivering ‘value for money’ and industry ‘best practice’ roads repairs and maintenance. This welcome outcome goes ‘some way’ to addressing the RHVA Inc membership and petitioners ‘no confidence’ in SCC current procurement methodology for road repairs and maintenance across the Southern District.

RHVA AGM: Following correspondence from the RHVA Membership a change of date for the next AGM was raised by Luke Bastock due to the past incorrect timing of AGM’s. The AGM has been operating unconstitutionally and must be within six months of the end of the financial year. After a discussion about the timing, it was decided that Saturday 30th December would be the best time to maximise community involvement. A motion was raised by Bill Eger and seconded by Neville Green.

Dual Occupancy: Luke advised that SCC have put together a working group due to the perverse outcomes of this form of medium density development affecting the Shoalhaven’s coastal villages. The working group put forward a range of proposed amendments to the Shoalhaven Development Control Plan. These amendments were resolved at SCC’s Ordinary meeting 28/08/2023. SCC’s resolved amendments seek to refine DCP provisions relating to medium density development to increase the long-term amenity and liveability of the resulting and surrounding dwellings and reduce the impact on the public domain, road network and the environment. The amendment will be formally publicly exhibited for at least 28 days in accordance with legislative requirements. CCB’s will be directly notified of the exhibition.

REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Five Villages Book: Patti Bartlett provided members with an update regarding sales and expenditure of the book, attached.

Five Villages Community Garden: Dennis Buttigieg provided the members with an update, saying the garden was now completed. The official opening of the garden was held on 9th September which was well attended by 80 members and special guests such as Paul Jrumpinjinbah Mcleod Yuin elder, Fiona Phillips MP and Liza Butler MP.

Bush Care: Dennis Buttigieg advised that they have had 12-15 participants per session. They have been working on the north end of Manyana Beach and are moving to work on the south end.

Rural Fire Service: Local RFS members updated the meeting on activities listed above in General Business.

Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association (CPSA): John from the Seniors group addressed the meeting and advised about the activities that the group does and welcomed any new members. They meet at the hall on every Monday of the month except the first of the month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Greg McKittrick advised about a community info session regarding the Voice referendum. This has been organised for 30th September at the Hall.

Chantal Kershaw briefed the RHVA membership in attendance seeking community support for a family request to rename Flat Rock beach. Following this briefing Gerry McCarthy advised that the RHVA Executive will facilitate a formal process where the membership will be consulted via email in relation to the proposal.

MEETING CLOSED: 4.40pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Saturday 11th November, 2023. 3pm Yulunga Hall

