

RED HEAD VILLAGES ASSOCIATION (Inc)



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Dear Mayor Findley

My letter relates to a matter raised at the Red Head Villages Association Inc (RHVA Inc) General Meeting of the 20th May 2023 by members of the Community Working Group.

The Community Working Group is a volunteer Sub-Committee of the RHVA Inc facilitating the research, consultations and publishing of the RHVA Sustainable Future Plan, working with Locale Consulting.

The volunteer members of this working party expressed their dissatisfaction and disappointment relating to the Shoalhaven City Council failing to disseminate important information in support of the project in its recent edition; 'In Your Neighborhood Newsletter.'

The Community Working Group's pending publication in the SCC 'In Your Neighborhood Newsletter' related to ongoing advocacy of an important community survey for residents and visitors, critical for maximizing community input into the RHVA Inc 'Sustainable Future Plan,' a community led initiative endorsed and funded by the Shoalhaven City Council.

However, following SCC suggested newsletter inclusion and noted critical time frame for maximizing survey responses, the information was not included in the recent 'In Your Neighborhood Newsletter,' consequently a lost opportunity, conflicting the project time-line and loss of trust in SCC support.

The ensuing debate about this issue raised additional RHVA Inc membership concerns regarding a 'lack of' open and transparent dialogue from SCC in response to RHVA Inc correspondence noting, RHVA Inc acting as a SCC Community Consultation Body.

Therefore, the RHVA Inc membership have instructed me to communicate their dissatisfaction regarding unacceptable SCC community engagement protocols disaffecting the residents and ratepayers of the five Red Head Villages and seek an urgent resolution to this impasse.

I look forward to your urgent response on behalf of the membership.

Yours Sincerely
Luke Bastock
24th May 2023

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