

RED HEAD VILLAGES ASSOCIATION (Inc)



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DRAFT MINUTES GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 30th December at 3.30pm
Yulunga Hall Manyana

Attendance and apologies as per AGM

MINUTES from Red Head Villages Association (RHVA) General Meeting of 25 November 2023

Kerry Moore moved the minutes be accepted
Seconded: Neil McGuckin

MATTERS ARISING from the minutes: K Moore says the wording from the motion re the Strategic Plan need altering.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Newly elected President Chris Hayes thanked his wife for her continued support as he welcomed the opportunity to represent the people of the Red Head Villages.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As per preliminary reading on RHVA website
Kerry Moore highlighted correspondence from South Coast MP Liza Butler re Bendalong Road.
Fiona Friend moved the report be accepted
Seconded: R. Ricciardi

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Karen Weinart provided an update on the progress of the DA for the Yulunga Hall project. The DA submission is expected to go online on Shoalhaven Council website after the holiday period. SCC expects a 6-12 month wait for DA approval, provided there are no rejections/objections.
Michael Shaw moved the report be accepted
Seconded: N McGuckin

Lorraine Larri moved a vote of thanks to Karen and her infrastructure subcommittee for all their hard work and patience during the project. Seconded: R. Pearson

PLANNING REPORT

Luke Bastock provided an update and presented the recent NSW government planning report on low and mid-rise housing and dual occupancy in low density zones which would be applicable across the state. The report is open for comment until February 2024 and RHVA intends to make a submission.

Greg McKittrick moved the report be accepted

Seconded: Michael Shaw

Motion carried

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE REPORT

Kerry Moore provided an update with input from L Larri and M Bright, ie the Community Working Group (CWG).

The CWG has provided feedback to Locale Consulting, who sent back a revised plan on 19 December 2023. Hard copy data that includes 10% of survey responses had not been included in the data that informs the plan. The CWG has made clear to Locale Consulting that they are unhappy with this.

Therefore, posting of the draft plan to the RHVA website will be delayed until the end of January 2024 when the data is expected to be complete. Members will then be able to comment/provide feedback on the draft plan.

Discussion ensued as to whether this data is significant enough to delay posting the draft plan to the RHVA site. Discussion also ensued re the integrity of the survey.

BENDALONG ROAD

Gerry McCarthy provided an update, saying Shoalhaven City Council has announced that seven roads are to be fixed and Bendalong Road is included in that list. Discussion ensued re the nature of the works and timetable. All road upgrade works in the Shoalhaven are understood to be commencing in February 2024.

REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Market Day: Robyn Ralph notified members that there will be a market day at the oval on Sunday 7th January 2024.

Community Garden: The community garden is up and running with 100 members, having underspent on its grant. It is open Tuesdays and Saturdays. Much produce has already been harvested from the garden.

Five Villages Book: Jenny Cleary provided an update saying the book is still for sale and another demonstration day to educate the community on using defibrillator equipment is being organized.

OTHER BUSINESS

Don Hearn Cabins

Lexi Meyer requests RHVA support for her to continue operating the cabins. The lease is expired and Lexi manages them on a month-to-month lease.

Michael Germech moved that RHVA write a letter of support for the continued operation of Don Hearn Cabins. Seconded: Jenny Cleary

Motion carried

Grant applications

Treasurer Andrew Boyce advises Michelle Ricciardi has agreed to support the RHVA with ongoing grant acquittals pertaining to the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant (Grant details BSB R001626) and play a coordination role in identification and application in further grant opportunities.

Water safety

Members are concerned about water safety at the lake entrance with speeding jet skis not keeping their distance from swimmers, and tourists getting in the way of boats at Bendalong boat ramp.

Nathan Cattell moved that RHVA write to both Roads & Maritime Services and Shoalhaven City Council about our concerns. Seconded: Fiona Friend

Members also raised concerns about speeding on roads in the national park and local streets.

Solar grid

Several RHVA members recently visited Bawley Point and Kiola to discuss their solar microgrid. Bawley Point locals who were at the forefront of their solar project have offered to attend a meeting at Manyana to discuss the pros and cons and how a similar project could be undertaken for the Red Head Villages.

Meeting closed at 4.35pm