



North Bendalong, Bendalong, Berringer Lake, Cunjurong Point, Manyana

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Draft Minutes RHVA Inc General Meeting - 22nd February 2025

- Acknowledgement of Country – Chris Hayes
- Apologies
Michelle Ricciardi, Fiona Friend, Andrew Boyce, Lorraine Larri, Graeme Ralph, Bernadette Hayes, Cnr Gillian Boyd, Cnr Karlee Dunn
- Minutes of RHVA General Meeting 16/11/24 -
moved that be accepted – Bill Eger
seconded – Irene Bartlett
carried
- Matters arising from the minutes - nil

1. REPORTS

- **Treasurer's Report:** Andrew Boyce
moved that be accepted – Margaret Rasmussen
Seconded – Bill Eger
Carried
- **Secretary's Report:** Kerry Moore
see report and correspondence on RHVA website.
Moved that be accepted – Robyn Ralph
Seconded – Raymond Ricciardi
Carried
- **Planning & Development Report:** Richard Pearson
- Manyana Beach Estate – response to RHVA submission from NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully is that the 2008 approval remains in force.
- Nth Manyana DA – no date for rescheduled L&E Court hearing
- **Infrastructure Report:** Karen Weinert
Yulunga Hall renovations- Stage 1 underway currently until end of March 2025
- bathroom, toilets and kitchen upgrades primarily
- protracted negotiations with Council have led to long delays in progressing the full scope of works
Moved that be accepted – Irene Bartlett
Seconded – Kerry Moore
Carried

2. REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

- **Yulunga Hall Committee** - Robyn Ralph
see report on the RHVA website
- **Manyana Matters** – Bill Eger provided an update on the Manyana Special Conservation Reserve (MSCR or Manyana Beach Estate) advocacy by Manyana Matters.
 - MM is finding out more information about the onerous conditions applied by the Dept of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water on the DA
 - also waiting on the Dept's statement of reasons for their decision to authorise the continuation of the DA
 - expecting reports from NSW Government inquiries into zombie DAs and impact of climate change on coastal regions

3. Special guest SCC Mayor Patricia White addressed the meeting

main points:

- **character statements proposal** for inclusion in revised Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan (LEP) – extension of 12 months given by Minister for Planning to conduct new consultations with communities with view to reviewing and revising the interim 2018 character statements and providing consistency. A workshop will be conducted by Council in the near future as first step in consultations. RHVA will be advised of this. The Mayor indicated the importance of community input such as has occurred with the RHVA character statement work in finalising the character statements for adoption by Council.
- **SCC growth principles** – have been revised in response to community consultation
- Ms White also indicated Council's continuing opposition to the Manyana Beach Estate development.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Implementation of the RHVA Community Plan for a Sustainable Future** – postponed till next meeting where a progress report will be presented
- **Mobile phone coverage in the 5 villages** – Michael Shaw raised the matter of poor mobile phone coverage across the 5 villages. He has been in touch with Telstra and the Regional Tech Hub. Michael requested that RHVA writes to Fiona Phillips to request her assistance in registering our area in the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP) in round 8, 2025
Moved – Neil McGuckin
Seconded – Georgie Macsmith
Carried
- **Illegal use of fireworks** – Lorraine Larri has requested that the RHVA considers the impact of illegal fireworks activities over the recent holiday season and at other times. She provided significant background information about the potential safety impacts of such activities on residents and visitors and the environment

(including animals and risk of fire). Based on wording provided by Larri, who could not attend the meeting, the following motion was presented to the meeting. *"Out of concern for the safety of holiday makers, residents, domestic animals, and the environment, RHVA take steps to liaise with the RFS, Police, and Shoalhaven City Council to ensure any fireworks displays are conducted with all legal requirements covered and are limited to New Year's Eve only."*

Moved – Georgie Macsmith

Seconded – Peter King

Carried

Action – RHVA Committee to liaise with RFS, Police and Council re clarification of laws/regulations, and relevant agency responses with a view to developing a communication strategy to educate the community and visitors.

- **Community usage of Manyana fire shed**

Chris Hayes raised the potential community usage of the current fire shed in Cunjurong when the new one is opened. A number of community groups have indicated their interest in sharing usage of the facility. It was raised that Council first needs to be contacted regarding the potential community usage. This topic will be agended for the April meeting with the possibility of an RHVA working group being formed to develop the concept with interested community representatives.

Action – Chris Hayes to contact Council and/or Crown Lands re plans for the site

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Overgrown grass along verges on Bendalong Rd and Inyadda drive –**

Margaret Rasmussin raised the matter of the verges along the above roads being overgrown. There is less frequency of mowing of the grass by Council which has led to reduced visibility of wild life on the side of the road and an increase in the numbers of animals being killed by motorists. It is also dangerous for motorists. Margaret moved that the RHVA writes to Council to request that the verges be mown as soon as possible to reduce the numbers of road kill and improve safety for motorists.

Seconded – Robyn Ralph

Carried

- **Board walk over creek off Manyana drive between the 2 ends of Sunset Strip and maintenance of Goodsell grave site on the Nth Manyana**

Inyadda dr DA site – Sue Westaway requested that the RHVA advocates to Council for the above mentioned board walk and looks into maintenance of the historic Goodsell grave site.

Action – the committee will discuss these requests further with Sue and view the sites

- **Illegal camping in beach car parks-** Neil McGuckin raised the increased frequency of illegal camping in local car parks especially at Dee beach. He has spoken with the rangers who said that they are unable to enforce the regulations as they cannot be available outside their normal work hours. They need overtime but this is not available. He moved a motion that RHVA writes to Council about the proliferation of illegal camping and its impacts on the

amenity of the areas, requests that rangers be available to enforce the regulations outside of usual work hours and other alternative ways to prevent the problem.

Seconded – Judith Way

Carried

- **Risks to stingrays at Boat Harbour, Bendalong -**

Richard Pearson raised the concern of the unregulated nature of the interaction between visitors at Boat Harbor and the resident stingrays. There is a proliferation of feeding and close encounters with these animals. Recently there was a stingray death which may have been caused by boat propeller injury.

Richard moved that the RHVA writes to Fisheries NSW to request their attention to this matter with a view to an education approach through appropriate signage and other forms of awareness raising.

Seconded – Adam Golden

Carried

Meeting closed 4.30pm