

Huskisson Woollamia Community Voice

General Meeting: 7.00 pm Monday 8 October 2007

Agenda

Chairperson - Marco Verdugo

Meeting guidelines

**Everyone has the right to speak and be heard
All speakers need to be relevant and brief
One person speaks at a time – don't talk over others
We discuss issues not people
We learn from history but we don't dwell on it
Chair has right to advise a speaker to wind up**

Welcome

Introductions

Apologies

Minutes of the AGM held on 11 September 2006

Business arising

Treasurers report

Status of Bank Account

Results of Fund Raising

Correspondence ... Items of note;

- Threatened "Species officer" ... status
- Receipt from Council of various "Character Statements" from a range of communities
- New Notice Board guidelines
- Community Consultation Policy
- Ltr from H-COC&T declining any future association

General business

- Letters in support of J Hatton action re RSL Block
- Status of 1 Beach Street DA.
 - Letters from the Environmental Defenders Office to Council & DOP
- HWCV Communications with Residents and Ratepayers - e-mail / web site/ noticeboard/
- Local Environment Plans (LEP) due for update by March 2009
- SCC Growth Management Strategy
- DCP54 Workshops .. outline ... Infrastructure Plan delayed
- Community Art ... Bollards Project ... Tracy Lumb to present at meeting
- Outcomes of meetings with DOP and DLG
- Proposed changes to the HWCV web site
- Nominations for the unfilled positions, Secretary, Council Liaison
- Opportunity to make Submissions re Bridge Street development
- Follow up to Police

Tea and Cake

Report re meeting with DLG in Nowra

Alan and I met with Domenic Riordan (Investigations) and Grahame Gibbs (Executive) from Dept of Local Government on Wednesday 12 September. They listened to our angst and points arising from the meeting were:

The Dept is interested in Council processes, rather than in specific issues.

- Any process leading to an administrator replacing Council includes a public enquiry and takes time. We are not far from the next Council election.
- Any planning issues need to be taken up with Dept of Planning who will look at trends in planning decisions as well as individual projects where they could be the consent authority.
- The officers asked if we had contacted the Ombudsman, obviously another avenue if we are unhappy with any Council decisions.
- The International Standard on Community Engagement may be useful to ensure Council have a reasonable approach to this. However, larger Councils with more resources can implement more of this than smaller Councils.
- It is a case of buyer beware, ie look to who you vote for in Council elections.