

Huskisson & Woollamia Community Voice

Minutes General Meeting, Monday 9 February 2009



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Apologies: Leith Clayton-Brandt, Marco Verdugo, Garry and Elaine Kelson, Graeme Gibson, Meg Bishop, Leslie Lockwood, Roger Hart, Sandra Keppo

Business arising

Minutes of the general meeting of 10 Nov 2008 were accepted as presented

LEP: Talks have been held with Gordon Clarke of SCC and Mark Parker of DoP. The new LEP is intended for exhibition later in 2009, then goes back to DoP

Treasurers report – Current balance is \$605.52

Correspondence – circulated

General business

Huskisson Sea Pool: Martin Benge of the Huskisson Swimming Club (HSC) spoke. The issue of access and fencing has been running for ~ 4 years. The HSC put five proposals to Council (see HWCV website). There was general discussion, and Cllrs Fergusson, Miller, and Findley all spoke. It is expected that the pool season and opening hours will be extended for 2009 – 2010 season, but that fees will be introduced.

19 Fegen St, DA 08/2501 – DCP 99: Cllr Fergusson spoke. Concern that elected Cllrs voted to bypass the DCP in the case of 19 Fegen St DA. Recission motion on 24 Feb. Default code is SEPP65 Residential Flats, but this requires a contextual review. Alan read a draft HWCV letter to Council and sought approval to send – received.

41-45 Owen St DA: was submitted as apartments, but on approval a variation was requested for hotel rooms, i.e greater density. The consensus is that the re-submitted design is scarcely an architectural triumph.

DCP54 walk-around: was held as a Council in-house fact-finding mission, but the HWCV is hearing rumours that local developers were allowed along. Requires confirmation.

Fund-raiser Easter Saturday Sat 11th April: it is planned to hold a Trash and Treasure fund raiser sale in Jervis St on Easter Saturday

Australia Day Riots: the Police Riot Squad were called, large numbers of youths disorderly in White Sands Park, also at Currarong on this day. Running short of time this meeting, defer to March meeting.

AUCD huskisson.nsw.au domain: discussion on the proposal to start up a community portal, an index to - business and services, community groups, tourism and professionals. The meeting thought the idea had merit, but could a demonstration of how these portal sites work be made at the next meeting.

Rabbit Eradication Program: a second phase of the program is due to commence on 23 March with clean carrot being placed at locations where concentrations of Rabbits are known to exist. Baiting will take place on Mar 30 and April 2. Residents of Huskisson and Woollamia are requested to advise the March meeting of observations of rabbit concentrations. Geoff & Nina will manage Moona Moona Creek Reserve, Council will manage Voyager Park, volunteers needed for the reserve on the boundary of the Caravan park (southern).

Community art projects: any interest in picking this issue up. The bollards project appears to have faltered.

Cinema corner roundabout: an issue within DCP54, some doubts that this corner meets the required specifications to have a roundabout. Will the cinema come under pressure to make way.

Owen St pedestrian crossings: a source of frustration – a constant request by the community, but refusal by Council. HWCV will keep trying.

Bushfires: Susan said that HWCV should write to NPWS and Council - clearing around the back of houses, including the fire trail along the Callala St – Bescroft St boundary is needed.

Voyager Park trees: it was noted by the meeting that the club's objection to trees potentially blocking views - has to be considered in light of their recent addition of a view-blocking outdoor poker machine area - the consequent noise and cigarette smoke drifts across the wharf area. Could the idea of trees and picnic tables now be re-introduced for the park.

Recognition of Leonie: Susan said can we please acknowledge Leonie's sterling catering for our meetings, but can we pitch in with some assistance for her. Agreed.

Signs DA – Murdoch St: it was questioned whether the sign opposite the cinema, advertising the Murdoch St development, and the one in Murdoch St itself, have DA approval from Council. Committee to follow up.

Close of Meeting at 9:15 pm

Next Meeting: Mon 9th March 2009 at 7:00pm