

# Huskisson & Woollamia Community Voice

## Minutes General Meeting, 7:00pm, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009



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**Apologies:** Kay & Conrad Boreham, Graeme Gibson, Meg Bishop, Roger Hart, Kate & Steve Broadhurst.

### **Guest Speaker**

Tony Holmes, Business Support Manager of Shoalhaven Water spoke about pricing, availability and usage charges. Benchmarking of charges. When pricing was re-structured in 2005-2006 to a lesser availability charge, but higher unit usage charge, the gross receipts went down. Need \$\$ for pipeline to augment water to Porters Ck Dam in future to supply southern city. Shoal. Water must use NSW Best Practice Pricing = cost recovery basis. Do pay dividend to SCC but may not afford next year. Huskisson piping is ok, it's the deeper blue pipes, not the shallower asbestos ones. Rebates on tanks, and the tap washer scheme is coming in. Average user - 145 kL/ann. Over next two years usage charge current \$1.00 going to \$1.45 per kL. Thereafter CPI indexed. Small availability charge increases as well. The REMS scheme a success, is now up for renewal of terms. SCC water tours periodically available and advertised.

### **Business arising**

Minutes of the general meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 were accepted as presented.

#### 41-43 Owen St DA:

The rescission motion on the floor of council earlier this evening was defeated, only four Cllrs supported it, Cllr Fergusson plus Cllrs Miller, Findley and Ward. The setback on Field Street was increased to a total 3m street + 3m undercover = 6m total, but now zero setback on Owen St. Facing Owen St, only the 4<sup>th</sup> storey has (minor) articulation. With the lift and stairwell protrusions, building height will be 13m + 1.8m = 14.8m total. Field Street is a narrow cul-de-sac, thus real concerns about access for services, incl. waste collection trucks, and fire appliances, also increased demand on scarce parking. Contractors will be encouraged to park in the bottle-shop carpark, across Owen St. Council would like to obtain some land somewhere in Field St to construct a turning circle for trucks. The DA rests with staff approval, once the performance criteria are negotiated with the applicant.

#### Holiday Letting Code

Steve circulated a 2 page voluntary code of practice (VCOP) for North Stradbroke Island (Redlands Shire Council QLD, in 2008) developed jointly by industry, police, tourism bodies, the holiday letting organization

(landlords) and community. The VCOP referenced similar documents in use at Byron Bay. It was suggested as a good reference point for us. Suggested that prior to formal submission to council, the matter initially be advanced by informal consultation with the equivalent bodies in Huskisson and Bay & Basin. Garry suggested HWCV committee participate in this, meeting agreed.

#### Rabbit Eradication Program:

Nina reported that the next baiting will take place in July 2009.

### **Treasurers report**

Current balance is \$1,330.77. Account for \$55 hall rental to Nov'09 received. Art sale: Meg is organizing with Lady Denman for August. Expenditure on 'new hotel' flyers (41-43 Owen St) was by personal donation by a select few, but a shortfall of \$267 - take from HWCV? - meeting said yes.

### **Correspondence – circulated**

#### **General business**

##### DCP99 – 3(g) zone workshops

Leslie displayed the workshop maps prepared by council, including the draft LEP 2009 height maps for Huskisson. The maps displayed findings, strategies and community suggestions. Council planners and the consultant emphasized best practice design, built form and streetscapes, however weren't so flexible on overall heights. The meeting wondered why the 2008 Growth Management Strategy findings weren't considered within the draft 3(g) workshops, or the draft LEP 2009 (currently with DoP).

##### 'Nightcart' lanes (Kent Lane-Winnima Lane)

Garry said these lanes should not become traffic and overflow parking thoroughfares. This is not their current use, and wasn't part of the residents' expectations when buying their properties.

##### CCBs – ask for increase to \$600 per ann

Steve said could CCBs ask for an increase from council to \$600 per annum, as it has been at \$400 per annum for many years now. The meeting agreed to the making of the request.

Close of Meeting at 9:05 pm

Next Meeting: Mon 13th July 2009 at 7:00pm