

THE ENTRANCE PENINSULA COMMUNITY PRECINCT

DRAFT Minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday, 15th June, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Meeting Room A, The Entrance Community Centre, Oaklands Avenue, The Entrance.

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** Vivienne Scott, Chairperson, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their. A special welcome was extended to Danielle Dickson, WSC's Manager Customer & Community Services who came to see our Precinct in operation.
Attendance: V Scott, T Scott, D Darlington, K Ford, N Gates, E Lyons, T Lyons, J Magri, N Harvey, C Harvey, N Penning, G Penning, V McKendrick, R McKendrick, J Price, , P Braithwate, E Matus, R Day, R Parsons, D Dickson, Rob Van Hess, and Jody Hinds. (22)
Apologies: L Nayna, A Rowlands; H Ford, J Holderness and Ccl L Webster

There was no objections to the meeting being recorded.

2. **Minutes of General meeting 218th Mat, 2010** Moved C Harvey and Seconded E Matus. Minutes of the Executive Meeting – 1st June, 2010 tabled for information only.

3. **Proceedings adjourned for Presentations:**

Vivienne moved Standing Orders be suspended for Presentation by Wyong Shire Councils' Chief Ranger Jody Hinds on “**The Ranger's Role in Wyong Shire**” Jody was accompanied by Wyong Shire Council's Manager of Regulation and Compliance, Rob Van Hese. Jody's presentation detailed the legislation that covered most of a Ranger's duty. This included the Companion Animals Act and Regulations, Environmental Regulations, NSW Road Rules and Local Government Act and Regulations. The presentation generated much discussion and the audience was very appreciative of Jody's very informative address and the manner in which it was delivered, which was clear and concise and direct, with no equivocation. Elaine Matus thanked Jody on behalf of TEPCP for his stimulating presentation and Jody received an enthusiastic round of applause from the twenty two in the audience. A report on Jody's presentation is attached.

Meeting resumed at 7:50 after a 10 minute break for tea and biscuits. Arising out of Jody Hinds' presentation it was moved by Vivienne Scott and seconded by Tony Scott that TEPCP write to council pointing out how difficult it is to patrol such a large area with so few rangers.

ACTION: Secretary to write to Council requesting additional rangers be employed.

4. **Matters Arising:** Vivienne reported on the following matters arising with discussion were necessary:
 - 4.1. **Social Housing** WSC has advise that they are meeting with NSW Housing and will take the opportunity to get answers to TEPCP concerns. See Correspondence Report.
 - 4.2. **TEPPS Master Plans** TEPCP has received advice from WSC that The Entrance Master Plan Committee Meeting will proceed and TEPCP will be given three weeks notice of the date. WSC unable to provide a date.
 - 4.3. **Data Projector for Community Hall.** Vivienne advise that she had received two quotes and the matter was proceeding.
 - 4.4. **New Development in Battley Avenue.** Secretary reported conversation with Adam Dean of WSC's Planning Department on 25th May 2010. Dean advised that the pathways shown on the old subdivision plan was only a paper path and had never been used by pedestrians. That the land of the subject DA was owned by the State Government and that they had rezoned the land and sold it, including the pathway. To establish a pathway WSC would have to purchase the right of way. Council is at present reviewing a large number of narrow walkways in the Shire with the aim of closing them because of the anti-social behaviour they are attracting. There seems little hope of the path being developer funded. These paths do attract anti social behaviour including graffiti. The Executive considers that the path may be of little community value and that WSC should not expend funds on it when so many other things need doing. Dean has put TEPCP on the list of those who will be advised of Council's decision on the matter.
 - 4.5. **Bus Terminal in Torrens Avenue.** TCM have had the bus terminal cleaned in response to TEPCP submission.

- 4.6 **Lack of Bins at North Entrance.** WSC replied to TEPCP letter advising 51 bins are in North Entrance and requested further information about where there was tables without bins
ACTION: TEPCP to investigate locations.
- 4.7 **Saturday Sausage Sizzle 10th July 2010.** Vivienne advise she had submitted a Community Grant application to fund the event. The Secretary has invited councillors. It is a lunch time event.
- 4.8 **Development on Corner of Coral Street:** The Secretary advised that we had no further advice from Council their advice a month ago advising they were undertaking the work themselves and as soon as the detail design was completed work would commence that included repairing broken tiles. It was reported that the recent wet weather and uneven bitumen path was dangerous when wet.
5. **Correspondence:** Copies of the Correspondence Report provide to the meeting, copy attached.
- Business Arising:** The Secretary highlighted the following items:
- 5.1 **Combined Precinct Forum** WSC has advise of a meeting to be held on 30th June, 2010 TEPCP has submitted agenda items that included Precinct funding, Transparency in Management Plan Infrastructure items, extending exhibition of time to four weeks and broadening community representative participation on some of Council's committees.
- 5.2 **The Entrance Community Centre Café:** WSC has advised of a Social Enterprise opportunity with an information session to be held on 16th June 2010.(Contact Glen Cannard on 43505214.) Vivienne spoke highly of the Photo Exhibition at The Entrance Community Centre Gallery and encouraged all present to attend this very good depiction on the effects of the 2007 flooding in Wyong Shire and enjoy a coffee from the Café.
- 5.3 **Craig Thomson's Election Promise to provide a \$50,000.00 grant.** Secretary reported on advice from Neil Rose for Craig Thompson. It appears that the funding will be available soon and will be put towards the Coastal Management Plan.
- 5.4 **Central Coast Highway through Long Jetty.** In response to progress request from TEPCP, the RTA advises that they should have a strategic Concept Design by the end of July 2010.
- 5.5 **Graffiti Management By Wyong Shire Council.** The strategy, of encouraging "Rapid Removal" has been very successful in reducing tagging in our area. However Council's policy of only removing Graffiti from Council property has frustrated us for some time. There are properties where it is impossible to get a rapid response to removing graffiti. Two such properties are on the Long Jetty Shared pathway along Tuggerah Lake, Long Jetty. They are the old Girl Guides Hall and the Old Long Jetty Sailing Club. Both are owned by the Crown and administered by the Department of Lands. The Minister for Lands has informed TEPCP that they are prepared to negotiate with WSC for them to remove the Graffiti at the Lands Department expense. TEPCP has written to WSC urging them to take the initiative and negotiate with the Department of Lands. The Secretary reported on the development of WSC's Graffiti Management Strategy which sees a partnership between Council, Police, Business and the Community in combating graffiti.
- 5.6 **Revitalising Town Centres Through People Power** A number of the Executive attended a presentation by Jim Diers Wednesday on 2nd June 2010 at The Entrance Community Centre. His presentation reinforced TEPCP's plans to become more engaged with the three other main groups on The Precinct, namely The Town Centre Management, The Entrance Chamber of Commerce and the North Entrance Progress Association by having TEPCP representation on these bodies.
ACTION: Secretary to place on agenda for next Executive Meeting.
- 5.7 **Workshop - A Guide To Environmental Law For Coastal Communities In NSW: The Entrance** The Environmental Defenders Office's is holding a free workshop, Saturday 19 June 2010. 9am to 12pm. at Diggers RSL Long Jetty.
- 5.8 **Road works at intersection Of Stella Street And Nivana Street.** Advice from WSC on a Concept Design for a proposed raised paved threshold in the centre of the intersection.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Charles Harvey advised a credit balance of \$335.75 and advised that he had written to WSC with a projected funding requirement for the rest of the year. Seconded by Pauline Braithwaite.

7. General Business:

7.1 **Displaying flyers in Grant McBrides Office.** Narelle Harvey expressed concern about TEPCP flyers nor being exhibited in our Local Member's Office window. Moved Charles Harvey Seconded J Price

ACTION: Secretary to write Grant McBride

7.2 **Water level in Tuggerah Lakes: Water level high and only falling slowly. Danielle Dickson advised on dredging and plant that Council had used to open up the channel.** The high tides and surges experienced at this time of year, were part of the reason for the slow release of water from the lake.

7.3 **Challengers in Managing Tuggerah Lakes & The Entrance Channel:** Marlene reported on the very successful Wycare Workshop to be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at The Entrance Leagues. Marlene advise the report on the workshop would be available in a couple of weeks. Vivienne Scott advised that she came away from the workshop with the impression that an opening at Budgewoi is feasible, Geotextile bags are feasible, more dredging near the mouth is feasible and that a breakwall is feasible. Marlene responded that people should view the "Save Lake Illawarra " web site. <http://www.savelakeillawarra.org.au/>. Marlene reported that it is silting up and that they are spending \$400,00.00 a year in dredging and have problems with ouze. While there are a large group of fishermen who are not happy, Marlene pointed out that the commercial fishermen are making a good living fishing in the lake and supplying the Sydney market.

The opinion was expressed that although the workshop provided a balanced view of the issues, however the workshop did not clearly define *"the question they are were trying to answer"* Vivienne expressed the view that the sequencing was wrong, that they did not present an option and then carefully explain the pros and cons of that option.

Marlene advised that the Evaluation report would show a completely different picture Marlene also stated that her proposal for Geotxtile bags was not for The Entrance Channel but as a dune management tool along the beaches and will come up again in the Coastal Management Plan.

Doug Darlington told of the problems of the break walls at the Tweed River and hoe by altering the flow they had denuded the adjoining beach and were now putting in a sand pumping system costing millions of dollars to replenish the beaches. Marlene advised that Noosa has a similar problem.

Tom Lyons stated that we while we can fix problems like Sewerage plants flooding, there are differing agendas in play about the opening of the lakes system. The fishermen say one thing, the environmentalists say another, others want the flooding addressed. There is a need for the options to be placed before the community and argued out.

Doug Darlington posed the question about there are so many things needed in Wyong shire where would you list it in your priorities. Before the Transport needs? The Hospital needs?

Jim Price said the problems with the Lake were mainly man made. Filling Memorial Park and filling Picnic point changed the natural flow and that the main channels right across the lake need to be deepened and reestablished.

Danielle Dickson advised that water was not being released from Mardi Dam but simply being draw down for supply.

Vivienne summed up by saying that TEPCP would like to host a debate by local speakers that allowed locals express their view on what should be done to address these issues.

Meeting Closed at 9:00pm

NOTICES

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 6th July, 2010: at 4.00pm at Meeting Room A,
The Entrance Community Centre, Oaklands Avenue, The Entrance.

Special Meeting and Sausage Sizzle to meet your Wyong Shire Councillors
Saturday, 10th July, 2010: at 11.00am at Meeting Room A,
The Entrance Community Centre, Oaklands Avenue, The Entrance.

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General Meeting: Tuesday, 20th July, 2010: at 7.00pm at Meeting Room A, The Entrance Community Centre, Oaklands Avenue, The Entrance.

Guest Speaker:

-Presentation By S/Cst Bruce Alcock - The Entrance Police's Crime Prevention Officer.

" LAW AND ORDER UPDATE "