



## **NORTHERN WYONG SHIRE GRAFFITI FORUM** **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**Present:** Jillian Hogan, Services Manager, SRNC; Emma Ward, Graffiti Removal Expert and Adviser; Thelma McFarlane, Blue Haven Craft; John Carpenter, San Remo Tidy Towns; Gwen Gehan, Wallarah North Precinct/Blue Haven Craft; Jean Tyler, Bamboo House; Doug Vincent, Councillor, Wyong Shire Council; Ruth Punch, Toukley Branch Labor Party; Andrew Whitbourne, Mannering Park Precinct; Jon Howieson, Dukes Painting; Kerrie Forrest, Senior Social Planner, Community and Cultural Development, Wyong Shire Council; Martin Winterburn, Assistant Operations Manager, Lake Haven Shopping Centre.

**Apologies:** Doug Darlington, The Entrance Precinct; Trish Carlson, Warnervale Family and Community Centre; Bill Symington, Councillor, Wyong Shire Council; Neil Wynn, Mannering Park Precinct, Coral Burnham, Mannering Park Progress Association.

**Jillian Hogan** opened meeting and welcomed everyone. Two new faces were introduced – Kerrie Forrest from Wyong Shire Council who is representing Julie Vaughan and Jon Howieson from Dukes Painting. Jillian recapped as follows:

### **Integrated Approach**

**Council and MP's** – Writing of Graffiti Management Policy, Funding, Kits, Education, Posters, Changes in Legislation

**Community** – Paint-outs, Graffiti removal, Letters to businesses and Council, Posters, Collecting information, Graffiti Clean-up Days, Trailer, Murals, Schools

**Businesses** – Toukley, The Entrance, San Remo, Lake Haven

**Police** – Information for policy writing, Information sent to graffiti tag team @ The Entrance, PALS, Youth Service and Police working together

### **Forum Principles**

**Four E's** – Eradication, Engagement in Projects, Education and Enforcement

**Aims of Forum** = Responsibility, Report, Removal and Reward

### **UPDATES ON INITIATIVES**

Kerrie Forrest gave updates from Council on the following initiatives:

#### **Resident's Buckets and Gwandalan Spring Fair**

- Council staff attended the Gwandalan Fair on 18 September 2011 and along with members of the Forum provided information on graffiti, its minimisation and removal and free Council Resident's Buckets.

### **Coordination of Trailer**

- Advice received from Julie Vaughan and Kerrie Forrest that initial discussion held with the Board of the Northern Lakes Regional Business Chamber confirmed their groups' commitment to the concept of the trailer but noted their concerns and ability to manage the trailer due to limited staff resources and the fact that this is not the groups' core business. Council discussed with the Board of the Chamber that they would hold initial discussions with San Remo and other interested parties. Council also discussed the option of undertaking an EOI process following an information session.

Council recommends that an EOI process be undertaken to seek support in the management of the trailer.

### **Other Council Initiatives**

- Council staff attended a Local Government Forum in Sydney regarding other Council initiatives in combatting graffiti. Staff were provided with information on programs involving the following:
  - e-nose
  - volunteer removal programs
  - Warners Education Program

Julie Vaughan will provide further updates on the above programs at the next Forum meeting when notes have been received.

- Council has been contacted by the Attorney General's Department as a priority local government area to apply for funding as part of their Crime Prevention Program. Funding will be provided to implement CPTED programs. Julie will be meeting with staff in late October with funding applications due in early November 2011.

### **CCTV Cameras at Blue Haven**

- Funding agreement has yet to be received by Council. Funding includes installation of CCTV and upgrade of security fencing around the site (buildings). When funding agreement is received this work will go ahead.

### **Community Buckets and removal of graffiti**

- Jillian advised that there were 17 community buckets still available.
- Discussion took place on Council's Resident's Buckets and organisation of bulk deliveries to different areas of the Shire.
- There was discussion on how difficult it is to remove graffiti from wooden fences and it was decided that this would be an agenda item for the Forum's October meeting.
- Jon from Dukes Painting advised that he had a surplus of paint left over from different jobs that could be donated for use in painting over hard to remove graffiti. He has a list of different colours and quantities available. Jon also said Dukes Painting had equipment that can be borrowed to spray paint on fences. Discussion on airless spray machines and their cost (approximately \$700).
- Jillian said experience has shown that the trailer was not fully equipped for all different types of graffiti removal and for removal from different surfaces. Maybe trailer could be equipped with an airless spray machine. Jon offered to obtain quote from Dukes Painting for an airless spray machine in different sizes.

### **Tree Planting – Warnervale**

- Trish Carlson reported as follows:
  - A list of donated plants was forwarded to Council on 6 September.
  - A Council officer contacted Trish on 9 September to advise that the land belongs to the RTA and was investigating the possibility of a WSC officer overseeing tree planting. As at 22 September, Trish has not heard back.
  - Plants have been temporarily located due to the relocation of the Warnervale Family and Community Centre.
- Doug Vincent suggested convening a meeting (as a sub committee of this Forum) with Trish, Doug, Ruth and maybe a representative of the RTA.
- After discussion it was decided that Trish should contact Council to check that:  
(1) the trees are OK to plant and (2) obtain permission to plant them.  
Doug to contact Trish to organise.

### **Restoring Harmony Project**

- Jillian said still waiting for specifications from funding body.

### **JJ Conferencing**

- Ian Rumbel from Juvenile Justice was not at meeting to give an update but Jillian reported that through Juvenile Justice, young people have been cleaning off graffiti through LINKS Youth Service.

### **Use of CSO Workers**

- Jillian reported that Probation and Parole already have graffiti removal on their scope.
- Discussion on partnership with Council in using CSO workers to clean off graffiti. Chemicals, paint and sprayer needed.
- Needs activation by Council. Kerrie Forrest offered to follow up.

### **Replacement of Entry Signs – San Remo**

- Julie Vaughan advised by email that once a service request is lodged it is forwarded to the relevant section. It does not remain the lodgers' (in this case the original lodger for the replacement of entry signs at San Remo was Julie) responsibility. Julie further advised that a new request was received from Councillor Sue Wynn and a subsequent new service request has been lodged.

### **MURAL PROJECT**

- Julie Vaughan advised that the funding for the murals at San Remo and Budgewoi was not provided through a crime prevention grant but rather it was a project supported by Wyong Shire Council as part of its implementation of the Graffiti Management Strategy.

### **Mural at San Remo Shops**

Jillian showed photos of the completed mural at San Remo shops – looks great and everyone very impressed. Doug congratulated Jillian for her coordination of this project. Discussion took place on funding for murals :

- approximately \$15 an hour for artist, Anthony Williams.
- cost of paint was approx. \$1000 for one mural.

- other resources from San Remo Neighbourhood Centre provided.
- approximately 90 people involved in planning, coordination and painting of mural at all different times of the day.
- crucial part is engagement of community in the process.

Jillian hopes we can save money on paint so the artist can be paid more and ask group if they knew of other sources of supporting this project.

Ruth Punch mentioned as a possible link and source of interest that university students doing the Bachelor of Arts Visual Arts might be able to develop their community contribution by becoming involved in the painting of murals.

### **Mural – Budgewoi Wall**

Jillian conveyed the following:

- Graffiti being cleaned off wall on Wednesday 28 September – Karen de Coque coordinating and community trailer being used.
- The wall at Budgewoi is larger than the one at San Remo.
- As well as the \$8000 grant from Council and \$500 from San Remo Neighbourhood Centre, Budgewoi Vision had pledged \$800 - \$1000 some time ago towards painting of mural. Doug Vincent advised that he would contact the relevant people from Budgewoi Vision as the group would need to pass a motion to donate the funds.
- If the Forum continues with the painting of murals in other areas, we need to be more realistic about price and the artist needs to receive more monies for his work.

### **Graffiti Updates**

- Blue Haven “hit” again badly. Discussion followed:
  - Doug Vincent said what is needed is relocatable video cameras.
  - Provision of mobile cameras has been held up due to contract issues. Council’s security contract has gone to tender and we are waiting for contract to be awarded.
  - Kerrie Forrest advised that Council had received some quotes and at their October meeting, Council will be looking at security contracts and she will have more information after this after the meeting.

### **OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED**

#### **Display of Trailer at Lake Haven Shopping Centre**

- Martin Winterburn has offered space free of charge for display of trailer at Lake Haven Shopping Centre.
- It was decided to defer the display of the trailer until the coordination of the trailer is finalised with proper structure.
- Signage would be needed at the display with information on how to obtain a graffiti bucket.
- Thelma asked how do we get the message across that if you obtain a bucket you have to remove the graffiti yourself. There is a perception by some community members that “someone will clean off the graffiti for you”. Jillian said we need good marketing.

### Provision of T Shirts

- Council, through Doug Vincent, has kindly donated \$1100 for provision of T Shirts for Forum members to wear to meetings, events or when removing graffiti.
- After discussion it was decided that the colour of the T Shirt would be light blue and would display the logos of the Graffiti Forum, San Remo Neighbourhood Centre and Wyong Shire Council (Doug V to seek permission for this). Depending on cost maybe some writing/screen printing on back.
- Emma to price embroidery/screen printing and do a mock up of t shirt design.

### Development of Generic Letter for Letterbox Distribution in Budgewoi and Other Areas

- Jean Tyler asked about the generic letter that was discussed at the last meeting.
- Emma to meet with Jean and draft letter and send to Jillian for approval in the next two weeks.

### Sponsors

- Doug V suggested creating a power point slide of sponsors. The list of sponsors should include Lake Haven Shopping Centre, ELCO International, Dukes Painting, Mannering Park Tidy Towns, Pioneer Dairy, Wyong Shire Council, local businesses and others as advised.

### Gwandalan Spring Fair

- Jillian showed photos of Thelma and John manning the Graffiti stall at the Gwandalan Spring Fair on 18 September and thanked them very much for their time and effort.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2011**  
**AT 4 PM**  
**AT SAN REMO NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

### TASKS

Emma to:

- 1) **T Shirts** – price embroidery/screen printing and do mock up of t-shirt design.
- 2) **Development of Generic Letter** – meet with Jean Tyler, draft letter and send to Jillian for approval.

Jillian to:

- 1) **List of Sponsors** – create power point slide of sponsors.
- 2) **Agenda Item for October Meeting** – Removal of graffiti from wooden fences

Doug V to:

- 1) **Tree Planting at Warnervale** – Doug to contact **Trish Carlson** to organise contacting Council to check that trees are okay to plant and to obtain permission to plant them.
- 2) **Mural at Budgewoi** – Doug to contact the relevant people from Budgewoi Vision re funding towards artist for mural at Budgewoi.

Kerrie Forrest:

- 1) **Use of CSO workers in graffiti removal** – needs activation by Council – Kerrie to follow up.
- 2) Kerrie/Julie to provide updates on the following:
  - EOI process seeking support in the management of the trailer
  - Warners Education Program
  - CCTV cameras at Blue Haven – has funding agreement been received
  - Security contracts – provision of relocatable video cameras

Jon, Dukes Painting

- 1) **Airless Spray Machine** – provide quote
- 2) **Logo** – email Dukes Painting logo to Jillian