



NORTHERN WYONG SHIRE GRAFFITI FORUM **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 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; Doug Darlington, The Entrance Precinct; Doug Vincent, Councillor, Wyong Shire Council; Sue Wynn, Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Wyong Shire Council; Bill Symington, Councillor, Wyong Shire Council; Neil Wynn, Mannering Park Precinct; Jean Tyler, Bamboo House; Coral Burnham, Mannering Park Progress Association; Gordon and Pat Silk, Wallarah North Precinct and San Remo Community Garden; Ian Rumbel, Gosford Juvenile Justice; Toni Trent, Benevolent Society; Angela Ware, Student Support Officer, Northlakes High School.

Apologies: Julie Vaughan, Manager, Community and Cultural Development, Wyong Shire Council; Tricia Carlson, Warnervale Family & Community Centre.

Jillian Hogan opened meeting and welcomed everyone and introduced Toni Trent from the Benevolent Society. Toni spoke on the Benevolent Society and the community hub model. There will be two community hubs opening soon at LakeLands Community Centre, Kanwal and at The Entrance. These will be both be open four days a week and will work with all age groups. 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, Reward and Respect

Northern Wyong Shire Graffiti Forum Endorsed Initiatives

- The NWSGF supports rapid removal programs – removal within 48 hours.
- The Forum supports recording and reporting graffiti harm.
- The Forum and Wyong Shire Council does not support graffiti art or graffiti walls as a way of deterring graffiti tagging.
- The Forum uses So Safe products.
- The Graffiti Beater trailer is equipped with chemicals, a gurnie and equipment for graffiti removal and is available for use by community and businesses.
- The Forum will provide an introductory kit to community members and groups and educate people on methods to remove graffiti.
- Wyong Shire Council will provide graffiti kits to residents.

- The Forum and WSC supports murals as a means to deter on-going graffiti vandalism.
- The Forum and Wyong Shire Council supports tree planting as a way to deter graffiti tagging.
- The Forum and Wyong Shire Council supports the Warner's Education Program.
- The Forum supports Graffiti Action Days – San Remo, Warnervale and Mannering Park involved.
- The Forum supports the Wyong Shire Council Graffiti Management Strategy.
- Wyong Shire Council and the Forum will work together to address graffiti harm.

UPDATES ON INITIATIVES

Replacement of Entry Signs – San Remo - Julie

- Julie advised by email that the General Works Assistant Supervisor has informed her that quotes for a new sign have been received. Sign is now to be manufactured with installation within 4 weeks.
- Discussion that hopefully the quotes received were for the two signs which needed replacing.
- Emma suggested that anti graffiti coating be painted on signs.
- Jillian recommended that, in future, processes be put in place to ensure we are heard and issues are chased up.
- Doug D to email Jillian details of how to register the Neighbourhood Centre so it is able to put in an on-line request.
- Jillian commented that the Forum is not mentioned at all on Council's website.

Tree Planting – Warnervale

- Tricia Carlson advised by email that Ruth Punch is still "babysitting" the trees as the Warnervale Family & Community Centre is temporarily located at Burnside, Wyong and will not be moving into the Hamlyn Terrace facility until early in 2012. Trish will not be in a position to organise the tree planting until after the move has been completed and until Woongarra Public School resumes in early February 2012.

CCTV Cameras at Blue Haven - Julie

- As advised in last minutes the funding agreement for installation of CCTV cameras and upgrading of security fencing at Blue Haven has been received by Council and the tender process has begun.

Discussion on Trailer

- John mentioned that the trailer is now sitting in Maree's garage and asked if anyone else knew about this. Apparently it can no longer be housed at Unique Security.
- Bill said there had been a reshuffle at the Northern Lakes Regional Business Chamber and a new committee is being formed.
- Bill and Sue suggested that Council be asked if the trailer can be housed at Council's depot.

Trailer on Display at San Remo/Blue Haven Christmas Celebration 7 December 2011

- After discussion, John and Gordon are to confer about transporting of trailer to Christmas event.
- John and Thelma offered to man the trailer at the event.

Restoring Harmony Project - Jillian

- This project to roll out in 2012.
- The funding will employ one person for 25 hours per week with the main focus being engaging young people and the setting up of Graffiti Action Teams in 5 different locations around Shire. The project aims to reduce graffiti vandalism in the Wyong Shire and engaging young people and community members.
- The project would also work with young people from Juvenile Justice.

Attorney General's Department Funding Application – Julie

- Julie advised by email that the Attorney General's Department has requested more information and is not keen to fund murals (which is disappointing). Council has been asked to target some particular building with a focus on lighting and security. This will be a combination of isolated halls and amenities building.

Warners Education Program - Julie

- Julie advised by email that the proposal has been received and the program is anticipated to occur in Term 2, 2012.

Bulk Chemicals – Blue Haven

- Gwen and John advised they had obtained chemicals for Tidy Towns from Maree.

List of Sponsors – Jillian

- Jillian advised that she has still to compile power point slide comprising list of sponsors.

Provision of T Shirts – Emma

- Discussion on price of t shirts as per quote from Trio Embroidery. Council's donation of \$1100 will allow for the provision of 21 t shirts.
- It was decided to price reflective vest safety shirts – Emma to chase.
- Sue to follow up re obtaining permission to use Wyong Shire Council logo on shirts.

Brochure for Letterbox Distribution in Budgewoi and Other Areas – Emma

- Emma passed around brochure for everyone to see. Everyone impressed with brochure – thank you to Emma.
- Sue to follow up re obtaining permission to use Wyong Shire Council logo in brochure.

Use of CSO Workers – Jillian

- Discussions still ongoing. Jillian still to contact Probation and Parole - graffiti removal needs to be on Wyong Shire Council scope.

Darren Webber – Community Partnerships Grant

- Jillian has applied for a grant through the Community Building Partnerships Grants and met with Darren Webber. She has applied for
- -All accessible playground equipment - \$60,000
- -Disability access for bar-b-que - \$20,000 for the new Community Park at the old Xtreme park.

Budgewoi Vision/Precinct – Mural

- Jillian to email Doug Vincent to ask about contact with relevant people from Budgewoi Vision re funding towards artist for mural at Budgewoi.
- Budgewoi Precinct (Phil Heaton) to donate \$500 towards mural project.

SUCCESS STORIES

- ✓ Wyong Shire Graffiti Management Strategy
- ✓ Graffiti Action Days held at San Remo, Mannering Park, Warnervale
- ✓ Graffiti Trailer on display at events including GOATS Family Festival, Gwandalan Festival, Christmas Event and clean up days
- ✓ Sunny San Remo Mural
- ✓ Budgewoi Mural promoting disability access
- ✓ Provision of Graffiti buckets
- ✓ Rapid removal of graffiti
- ✓ Juvenile Justice – consequences

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

- Sue spoke about the Mannering Park toilet block and other buildings which have been graffitied and suggested that where it was not possible for the building to be planted out, maybe they could be painted with an anti graffiti coating
- Discussion on making part of policy that where buildings that cannot be planted out and there is no other alternative, they be painted with anti graffiti coating for protection.

Doug Darlington, on behalf of Forum, thanked Jillian for all her hard work in the facilitation of the Graffiti Forum. Her leadership, commitment and tireless work is appreciated by all members of the Forum in the fight to minimise graffiti in our communities.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2012

AT 4 PM
AT SAN REMO NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

TASKS

Jillian to:

- 1) **List of Sponsors** – create power point slide of sponsors
- 2) **Use of CSO Workers** – Contact Probation and Parole re graffiti removal on scope.
- 3) **Forum revisit** “Reporting to Police” at a future meeting
- 4) **Mural Funding** – Contact Doug Vincent re funding towards mural at Budgewoi from Budgewoi Vision

Emma to:

- 1) **T Shirts** – Update
- 2) **Brochure/Generic Letter for Letterbox Drop** – Update

Sue to:

- 1) **T Shirts** – obtain permission to use WSC logo on shirts
- 2) **Brochure for Letterbox Distribution** – obtain permission to use WSC logo on brochure