

SHOREHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Thirty-fifth Committee of Management Meeting
Monday 17th November 2014, 7.30pm, Old School Hall, Shoreham

MINUTES

1. Chair's Introduction (Peter Renkin President):

- Welcome
- Present: Peter Renkin (President), Rob Patrick (Vice-President), Kathryn Shain (Secretary), Barb Kelly (Treasurer), Maddy Machin, Lee Collins, Verity Ducos Saunders, Sue Boggan, Bob Nottle, Peter Kelly
- Apologies: Helen Alcock, Linda McLeish. Robyn Oswald Jacobs.
- Acknowledgement of the Boonwurrung/Bunnurong First

People who had prior occupation of Shoreham and the Peninsula; and with their descendants, we are partners in working for reconciliation. Peter reported that Adam Magennis, Indigenous Cultural Heritage Advisor, MPS, will talk with the Shoreham Foreshore Reserve Committee at its meeting on Monday 24th November about the significant role of the Committee in 'cultural heritage management' in relation to the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Victoria).

- Peter announced the sad news that Leo Maher died today; he read from an email sent by Leo's wife Marg. Rob agreed to write an appreciation for inclusion in the Minutes. The following statement was subsequently provided:

Committee members were informed that Leo Maher had died peacefully in Peninsula Private hospital at 12.45pm today. Leo was diagnosed with a tumour at the base of the brain less than 3 weeks ago, after nearly three months of undiagnosed illness.

The SCA Committee acknowledge the enormous contribution made by Leo Maher during the past 8 years in the resolution of the proposed developments for Shoreham's two business sites, the General Store and the Post Office. Leo was the longest serving member of the Shoreham Village Taskforce and provided focused and tenacious leadership to the critical task of negotiating the best possible outcome for Shoreham's residents and visitors.

Peter Renkin shared some words received today from Leo's widow Margaret which reflect, in part, the calibre of the man who worked assiduously in Shoreham's interests.... "*Leo dealt with the challenges of the past few weeks the same way he did all things - with humour, intelligence and limitless reserves of courage and bravery*".

Vale Leo Maher

A **resolution** was moved acknowledging SCA's profound gratitude for the immense work Leo had performed in support of the Shoreham community
Moved: Bob; Seconded: Sue. Carried: unanimously.

- Committee activities and memorable events since the October meeting:

- **CFA:** Peter K reported re landscaping: that expectations have been exceeded and work in the last week has been inspirational. CFA greatly appreciates the support of SCA and that of the community; in particular acknowledgement is given to Rob Heath, a Shoreham resident, who has donated days of his skilled time and equipment to the landscaping.

- **Shoreham Common:** Peter R referred to a photo of the Common included in the MPS 'September Monthly Report' noting works had been completed. Mention of Shoreham in the report is a sign that we are in their sights!

- **Dog Regulations:** Peter R noted there are pamphlets at the Shoreham Post Office re regulations pertaining to dogs on beaches over the summer months. Rob stressed the importance of keeping dogs on leashes, in particular to protect bird life - over the 2013/2014 breeding season only 1 plover chick survived from 38 hatchings.

- **'Cuppa in the Hall'** - Verity reported the last event was a good one, held outside. There are approx 20 people on the attendance contact list. Peter K offered to attend an Xmas 'Cuppa' event (if held) as Father Christmas.

2. **Confirmation of previous minutes:**

Minutes of the thirty-fourth Committee of Management meeting held on 20th October 2014

Motion: that the Minutes be approved

Moved: Lee; Seconded: Sue. Carried: unanimously.

3. **New and/or priority items:**

3.1 **Committee members finalise 'Targets/Goals and Priorities for SCA in 2014/2015'.**

Discussion ensued around clarifying and aligning the framework 'Objectives and Priorities for 2014/2015' proposed by Bob with the 'Objectives' listed in the SCA Rules: in particular, what Bob meant by suggesting 'SCA move into a focus on community engagement and away from its past focus' (see Minutes of SCA Meeting 15th September).

The goals as suggested by Bob are:

- Community engagement - eg dinners etc.
- Improving community quality of life egs The Common, beach areas and reserves, Shoreham Village, drainage;

- Protecting quality of life egs Development of Hastings Port, coastal village strategy, etc;
- Management of the SCA group eg membership.

Bob explained the wording quoted above. He intended SCA should look at this as a package and evaluate whether it was spending sufficient time re: each of the four above areas. As a newcomer he saw the Shoreham Beach as the biggest asset and questioned how the work of SCA as a community group integrated with the work of the Shoreham Foreshore Committee.

After discussion and clarification it was felt Bob's suggested framework is useful to have eg when talking to people like Cr Tim Wood and to other groups. Lee noted that 'building community' should be the SCA's focus, as community is our greatest asset. Even though 'community engagement' is really important, the goals have not been prioritised but have equal value - projects taken on within each goal would depend on time, money and the ability of SCA members. It was important to do things well and not try to take on too much although SCA should be prepared to take on important matters as they arose. Peter R indicated SCA's budget was limited (estimate based on membership fees received at \$3,600), and fundraising/grant applications may be required. It was acknowledged SCA may be positioned to get more action from MPS given the shift in politics within MPS with a change of CEO and election of Cr Tim Wood.

Motion: that the framework proposed by Bob be adopted with each goal being of equal value; the current projects being undertaken by SCA in 2014 and carried into 2015 will fall within these goals.

Moved: Lee; Seconded: Rob. Carried: unanimously.

3.2 Planning a 'Community Conversation/Talks Series' for 2015 - including Peter Mulherin on "Climate Change"

3.2.1 Agenda Setting for Meetings/Governance: Lee raised an issue arising from last meeting relating to Peter Mulherin's request for SCA support for a talk on climate change. The issue revolved around how SCA deals with requests at short notice. It was **agreed** a process is needed that ensures any agenda matter to be dealt with by the Committee is set prior to the start of the meeting, unless agreed at the start of the meeting.

3.2.2 Peter Mulherin's proposal: The proposal adopted at the previous meeting was revised and declined as it was decided that SCA had enough on its plate. Peter should be advised that he is welcome to arrange himself but without SCA sponsorship; the event could, however, be promoted on the community website. Peter R to contact Michael Stephens and Peter Mulherin.

3.2.3 Talks Series: Verity was thanked for her comprehensive and excellent power point presentation re 'Community Conversation/ Talks Series: the presentation revolved around 4 main facets -

- identification of need, format, speakers;

- level of SCA involvement;
- defining the process to deliver best results; and
- review of outcome.

Discussion: has SCA the present capacity to facilitate a series given it's current commitments of dinners, AGM and other activities eg Master Plan for the Common? It was **agreed** any talk will need to be successfully organised. Should talks be planned or ad hoc depending on arising of suitable issues? It was agreed SCA keep alert to possible opportunities, but no planned series of talks be undertaken for 2015 at this stage.

3.3 Guest speaker for next AGM

It was agreed to think about this and come back with names at the next meeting. It is desirable to have local speakers - there were a number of competent local people. It was suggested the issues spoken about be local and non-political eg architectural, environmental, landscaping design, character of Shoreham, etc. Malcolm Legge.

3.4 Brian Alcock's proposal to instigate a Shoreham 'community award'.

It was agreed SCA not get involved with this. Peter R to contact Brian.

4. Business arising from previous minutes:

4.1 Assessment of discussion with Margaret Wood

Peter R has sent parts of the relevant Minutes to Cr Tim Wood; it was requested he come to this meeting, but Monday is not a suitable night for him due to Council business.

Re the MPS CEO position, Peter reported there were over 100 candidates, shortlisted to 10, with 3 interviewed. An offer has been made but the outcome is not known.

4.2 Grassing of the Common

Peter R has contacted Nicola Belcher & Elliott Reid with details of last meeting's decisions; Peter R will organise a meeting of SCA reps and Nicola (also Fiona) asap to progress the grassing.

4.3 'Shoreham Common' signage plan

Barb reported on a meeting between Ann Renkin, Ann Lorkin, Verity, herself and Adrian Bonomi (architect). They decided it would best to see what happens with the Master Plan. Adrian is happy to be involved with the planning. MPS do not require the \$5000 be spent immediately.

4.4 Listening to the Youth of Shoreham - film night plan.

Verity reported this is on hold until Linda can organise something next year.

4.5 Devising SCA's 'Media Schedule'

In Robyn's absence, this matter is deferred to the next meeting.

5. Correspondence:

5.1 In: from Nicola Belcher, MPS re seat in Nelson Street for the public and Shoreham House residents following Peter R's letter to her. She has asked Elliott Reid to go ahead.

An objection to the way the matter has been handled was raised by Lee (see para 8.2 below).

5.2 Out:

5.2.1 To Nicola Belcher, Elliott Reid, Fiona Colquhoun and Lisa Marris reporting the Committee's decision re: grassing the Common and request to meet to discuss next moves.

5.2.2 To Cr Tim Wood and Margaret Wood - thanking Margaret for attending and inviting Cr Wood to November or December Committee meetings.

6. Priority Projects updates:

6.1 Shared Paths/Trails: Rob reported a submission to MPS for a grant of approx \$3000 has been made for a feasibility study by a civil engineer re: a trail along the paddock fence line beyond the dunes from the Pt Leo Surf Club to the Shoreham Foreshore Reserve pathway (to the beach) at the end of Seychelles Rd. Rob noted that the Point Leo Parks and Reserve Committee meet in 2 weeks and that further information may be available then.

Peter R reported that Doug Owens, Chair of the Shoreham Foreshore Committee, has liaised with Balnarring Foreshore Committee re pathway/trails with good result. He will send Rob and Lee information about this.

6.2 Drainage: Peter K reported there are still issues, particularly along Sydney Road. MPS is still to address these. A grader was working there yesterday but further ongoing work is required.

6.3 Hall refurbishment/maintenance: Peter R reported the Shire's Reference Group is to meet this Wednesday at 4.00 pm. He has contacted Janet Dewhurst to request SCA pay an annual block sum for use of the hall as an alternative method of fee setting.

- Russell Jacgung (MPS) had not responded re structural works to be undertaken.

- MPS are constructing a pathway to the toilet block.

- The seat at the front of the building has been relocated and concrete poured behind it; there is now a walkway around the side of the building for those with walkers.

- The long awaited ramp for disabled access could not be installed at the front door; however a ramp with handrail has been put at the back door leading into the Historical Society rooms with a handrail. Peter will contact Nicola about a ramp at the front door. A handrail for the front door is still to come.

6.4 Development of the Common: Awaiting response to letter - see item 5.2.1 above).

- 6.5 **Shoreham Triangle:** Nothing to report.
- 6.6 **Road Verges:** Sue reported improvement is still needed.

7. Standing Committee Reports

7.1 **Taskforce:** It is likely no building will be constructed at the Post Office site until the new year although demolition of the house connected to the Post Office was imminent; there was asbestos and Colin will have to vacate for a short while. He has requested use of the Shoreham Old School Hall. There was a need for a Task Force Meeting to determine what happens now.

7.2 **Membership:** Barb reported membership at 180. She was congratulated. There were two membership payments she was unsure about in terms of who has paid.

7.3 **Finance and Budget:** Barb tabled her financial report (see Appendix A) showing a balance at 17th November of \$5,483.82 in the Statement Account and \$10,000 in the Term Deposit Account.

Motion: that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Barb; Seconded: Sue; Carried unanimously.

Verity requested reimbursement for various items bought for the Friday morning 'cuppa'. This was agreed.

7.4 **Strategic Planning:** There was nothing to report.

7.5 **Building Community:** There was a nothing to report.

7.6 **Media and Communication:** There was nothing to report.

7.7 **Red Hill Ward Consultative Group:** Rob reported on the changed power base in MPS which has altered the plans for the Rosebud Aquatic Centre - it was back to home base. There was talk of amalgamating all Shire buildings in one place. Crs Tim Wood and Hugh Fraser now held significant power in Council. There is to be a new CEO. Bev Collins is the new Mayor. Senior Council staff may retire.

Rob reported that the Gandel family proposal had been thrown out since it was not in accordance with Green Wedge policy.

The Coastal Village Strategic Planning Policy of MPS is of interest to all. Merricks community has now become involved since the Merricks Store has applied for a Planning Application for a function centre.

7.8 **SCA website:** Kathryn reported contact with Linda Patrick - she would like a new photo of the Committee (Note: Committee members to arrive 10 minutes early for the next meeting to have a photo taken); also a blurb relating to the opening of the CFA shed combined with their Xmas BBQ. Linda suggested an e-newsletter be sent out soon with eg CFA information about grass mowing, fire hazards, burning off, fire plans, dogs on beaches and a thank you to members for their support.

Kathryn to contact John Lorkin re CFA information. Peter R to write a short piece about dogs on beaches.

Re dogs on beaches, Rob reported that dogs being un-leashed/attacking other dogs was of concern to the Pt Leo Foreshore Committee. The Shoreham Foreshore Committee has been in contact with Hastings Police who work to priorities and do not always have sufficient manpower to deal with a complaint; they say it is a Council responsibility. The Police suggested ringing 000 if a complaint issue arises. Rob said there needed to be a common policy between Pt Leo and Shoreham beaches. Unfortunately Peter Carroll did not have authority to act. MPS have officers in uniform patrolling beaches during school holidays on the Phillip Bay side of the Peninsula. The Shoreham Committee has requested MPS administer on the Western Port side also. SCA to request Cr Tim Wood to take up this issue.

Motion: that SCA write to Cr Tim Wood regarding the issue of dogs and MPS having officers monitoring the beaches at Shoreham and Pt Leo beaches during December-January.

Moved: Rob; Seconded: Sue; Carried: unanimously.

8. General Business:

8.1 Appying for grants: this was deferred to the next meeting.

8.2 SCA's role in requesting the Nelson Street Seat: Lee raised what she saw as an issue of governance. This arose in relation to SCA's letter to MPS about a public seat for use by residents of Shoreham House in the vicinity of the corner of Nelson St/Myers Drive. At the last meeting it was agreed the letter be written but no motion to that effect was passed. A number of questions arose (1) was this an issue of 'process'? (2) was SCA's action in writing the letter a matter of lobbying MPS on behalf of Shoreham House, a private organisation, or merely assisting with liaison between Shoreham House residents and MPS? It was agreed this is not a straightforward issue; in future more care need be taken by each committee member to ensure that this kind of issue is fully aired and understood before SCA takes action. Peter offered to write to Nicola Belcher the next day to say that those living in the vicinity should be considered and consulted. Peter and Rob would also consider a potential site, in the event of the project proceeding.

9. Coming events/activities:

9.1 Christmas/end of year break up at Renkins. This would be held on Friday 12th December at 5.00 pm.

10. Next Committee Meeting. This will be held on Monday 15th December, 7.30 pm in the Old School Hall.

Appendix A

SHOREHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 17th NOVEMBER 2014

Opening balance (from 18/10/2014)			\$5,045.77
INCOME:	Memberships x 33	660.00	
	Donation	<u>10.00</u>	
		670.00	\$5,715.77
OUTGOING:	MPS – Hall Hire	190.00	
	B Kelly Exps (mail sort,post etc)	<u>41.95</u>	
		231.95	\$5,483.82

Balance as at 17th November, 2014: \$5,483.82 - Statement Account

Balance as at 17th November, 2014: \$10,000 - Term Deposit Account

Memberships total 180 as at 17/11/2014