

## SHOREHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Thirty ninth Committee of Management Meeting

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Old School Hall, Shoreham

#### MINUTES

#### 1. **Chair's introduction** (Peter Renkin):

- Welcome: in particular a warm welcome to new Committee Member Alan Fisher. Sally Prideaux (guest landscape architect) unfortunately could not attend.
- Present: Peter Renkin (President), Rob Patrick (Vice-President), Kathryn Shain (Secretary), Bob Nottle, Barb Kelly (Treasurer), Maddy Machin, Verity Ducos Saunders, Lee Collins, Peter Kelly, Sue Boggan, Alan Fisher
- Apologies: Helen Alcock
- Acknowledgement of the Boonwurrung/Bunnurong First People.
- Recognition of notable community activities since March meeting:
  - **Cuppa & Talk** for 3<sup>rd</sup> April was cancelled - it being Good Friday.
  - **'Red Hill on Wheels'**, Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Peter K reported this as a remarkably good event raising approx. \$4,000 for the Red Hill football and netball clubs. There was a total of 44 cars, the earliest being a 1913 T Model Ford. This will become a yearly event.
  - **Walk**, 30<sup>th</sup> March along the Portsea/Sorrento Artist walk. Barb reported this as one of the best yet; the weather was fantastic.

#### 2. **Confirmation of Minutes of 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

Thirty eighth Committee of Management Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 –

**MOTION:** That the Minutes be adopted with changes to wording of para 4.1, as per Verity's email to the Committee of 17<sup>th</sup> April:

**Moved:** Rob; **Seconded:** Barb; **Carried:** unanimously

#### 3. **Any new and/or Agenda items to prioritise:**

##### **3.1 Guest Speaker: Architects' Panel for next AGM and Proposal for 'Shoreham Architects' Forum – Forum in conjunction with AGM or a separate event (Verity):**

Verity was thanked for the work she has done on this issue.

She reported good feedback on her proposal – a majority of Committee Members wish to keep the events separate. Peter K is not in agreement with the majority.

Verity reported considerable change at MPS under the new CEO (Carl Cowie). MPS staff are uncertain re jobs and also budget items; they are unable at present to find the Shoreham Master Plan included in the next budgetary cycle. Verity understands the feeling in MPS to be that the new CEO prefers communities to lead planning initiatives, rather than the Shire. SCA needs to learn from the Master Plan processes at Flinders and Red Hill. She felt SCA should (1) clarify where MPS

presently stands (2) hear creative ideas from a forum of architects (2) clarify the different levels of expectation and understanding within the committee re the Master Plan process. The priority, however, is to decide how to run the AGM.

Peter R said the key person re the Shoreham Master Plan, Fiona Colquhoun, has left MPS. She previously intimated that a funding allocation of \$40,000 for Tootgarook has been re-allocated to the SCA Master Plan process. The Master Plan has been built in to the literature of the 2015/2016 budget; it was included in SCA's budget submission. Verity suggested following up with Davy Smith (Nicola Belcher's boss). Peter R is to follow up on which MPS officers will now be relating to SCA. It was agreed Peter also contact Councillor Tim Wood and alert him to the position and request him to follow up with CEO Carl Cowie.

After discussion it was agreed the majority position of the Committee be adopted and the AGM be kept separate from any proposed Forum of architects discussing ideas and concepts around 'Village Square – Place Making'. It was felt appropriate to organise such a Forum later in the year when more will be known about development at the Post Office site and the Master Plan for the Common.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether to continue with the original idea of a panel of architects as guest speakers at the AGM. Discussion ensued around the issues on which they would speak and the need for a panel rather than just one or two architects. Confusion arose as to how such discussion would differ from the proposed 'Forum'. It was ultimately decided not to invite a panel of architects but to invite another speaker instead. Councillor Tim Wood was the preferred choice. Peter is to contact him, failing that he will contact Carl Cowie (MPS CEO). Verity is to recontact the architects and inform them of SCA's position.

Peter K believed that there was a lot of frustration in the community and raised the question of who would answer what he felt would be inevitable questions raised re the development of the Post Office site. Peter R felt there would be sufficient knowledge available at the AGM (eg Task Force members/others) to answer questions.

The following resolution was put forward:

That the proceedings of the AGM be kept separate from any future 'Forum' of architects informing/discussing ideas/concepts re the importance of 'Village Square' and 'Place Making'.

**Moved:** Rob; **Seconded:** Lee; **Carried** by majority.

**3.2 Discussion with Sally Prideaux re the development of The Common and a possible role she may play:** Sally had unfortunately been called in to work, so there was no discussion.

**3.3 Coastal Strategy Reports – Victoria and Central Region (Rob/Verity/Sue):** The Reports covered the whole of Victoria but large parts of coastline fell within the Mornington Peninsula including parts of Western Port. Verity reported attending a Coastal Strategy Plan Public Meeting (she was the only person from the Western Port side), following which Rob wrote a submission for SCA on the Draft Central Regional Coastal Plan 2015-2020 - already circulated by email of 31st March. Rob reported the following 3 items (plans/conferences/strategies) appeared not to be in accord with each other

- Central Regional Coastal Plan 2015/2020
- Australian Coastal Council's Conference, and

- Local Coastal Strategy that SCA/Foreshore Committee is part of.

Rob reported from notes made by David Gill (Balnarring Beach Community Association) who attended a National Coastal Strategy meeting at Cape Schank recently:

The main underlying themes were –

- Climate change (increase in sea levels) and drastic increase in fire risk in populated areas;
- Population increase in coastal areas;
- Need for a ‘future fund’ to help with storm events, erosion, beach renourishment, habitat maintenance and scientific data collection.

There is a problem with coastal management – the MPS has 64 km of coast under its control with 10 coastal reserves and 9 Committees of Management. It ‘pulls way above its weight in protecting the coastline.’

The Victorian Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Lisa Neville, (Conference keynote speaker) wants better funding and co-ordination through a new Marine Coastal Act.

Recent surveys have defined what Victorians want from beach areas:

- Passive, relaxed activities with family;
- No big developments;
- Retention of coastal vegetation and coastal village character.

Rob questioned if there was anything SCA should be running with. Maddy suggested we note the last 3 points for any SCA strategy. Sue mentioned the Foreshore Committee were looking at ways of defining pathways for boating.

It was agreed funding is fundamental but is at present a real issue; Verity reported that residents suggested raising a beach levy (similar to the fire levy). Rob said inequities existed in funding arrangements with differences between eg Pt Leo, Shoreham, Balnarring and Somers; although they need not be the same, the inequities should not be overlooked.

Peter R reported the Shoreham Foreshore Committee was keen for input into its draft Management Plan 2015/16 – 2019/2020. The Plan can be found on the Shoreham Community website. The SCA Committee and members and the Shoreham community are invited to make comments re the Foreshore Draft Management Report within the next 3 weeks.

#### **4. Business Arising from previous Minutes:**

##### **4.1 Participation in ANZAC Day Celebration at Flinders, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April:**

Peter R has been in contact with Flinders RSL. He and Barb (as SCA officers) are participating in the Flinders ANZAC Day ceremonies. Barb has organised a wreath.

**4.2 Listening to youth of Shoreham:** (i) Film Night Plan - there was nothing to report. (2) CFA – Peter K reported 3 young recruits to the CFA.

**4.3 Devising SCA’s Media Schedule for 2015 (Bob/Kathryn/Verity/Rob):** Bob reported a meeting scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> April to look in particular at the website as the main means of communication for events etc. He said the next e-news was scheduled for the beginning of June – it would feature the community dinner (19<sup>th</sup> June) and the AGM (19<sup>th</sup> July).

**4.4 ANZAC Day special celebration of Gallipoli landing at Shoreham Beach:** this is scheduled for sunrise (approx. 5.30 – 6.00 am); the event is on the website and has

been organised by Ann Lorkin. A similar event is happening at Balnarring Beach organised by the Church.

**4.5 Guidelines to assist organisers/sponsors of events:** Peter R's notes as outlined at the last Committee Meeting were felt to be adequate. Rob reported he has prepared guidelines for the Shoreham Rural Fire Brigade re public use of the Brigade Station, but they have not yet been signed off by the Brigade. Peter R suggested they could dovetail in with the SCA guidelines.

## **5. Correspondence:**

**5.1 In: Cr Tim Wood** – Notice of next RAM meeting on Thursday 9th April with invitation to submit agenda items.

### **5.2 Out:**

**5.2.1** 10th April 2015 – thanking Robyn Oswald-Jacobs for her membership of the SCA Committee.

**5.2.2** 8<sup>th</sup> April – to Allan Cowley MPS Manager Strategic Planning asking about heritage action by Shire following Planning Panels Victoria recommendations & Minister's approval in December 2013 re. 14, 16 & 18 Beach Road with 14 & 16 now up for auction.

**5.2.3** 8<sup>th</sup> April – to Kevin Davies, Secretary Flinders RSL Sub Branch re SCA's participation in ANZAC Day.

**5.2.4** 30<sup>th</sup> March to Cr Tim Wood – nominating agenda item for RAM meeting.

**5.2.5** Rob's email response (on behalf of the SCA) to the Central Coastal Plan 2015 – 2020 Draft

### **5.3 Other correspondence:**

**5.3.1** Notice from MP Shire Council of their next meeting, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Main Ridge Community Hall. Various briefings scheduled for 5.00 pm, followed by dinner at 6.00 pm and the Council Meeting at 7.00 pm.

**5.3.2** Email notification re: entries open for the Leonie Dunbar Memorial Award for community websites – worth \$2,000. Rob will discuss this with Linda and at the communications meeting scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**5.3.3.** Letter from Pt Leo Foreshore Committee re sewerage works at Pt Leo.

## **6. Priority Projects updates (project convenors in bold):**

**6.1 Shared Paths/Trails (Lee/Rob):** the outcome of their funding application is still awaited.

**6.2 Drainage (Peter K):** Peter is frustrated with lack of progress. With changes at MPS he wondered who is now responsible for drainage.

**6.3 Hall/Toilets refurbishment/maintenance and the Hall Reference Group (Peter R):** Russell Jacgung (MPS) is no longer involved with this project.

**6.4 Development of the Common (Verity/Peter R):** nothing further to report (see para 3.1 above).

**6.5 Shoreham Triangle (Peter K):** Peter reported there are differences of opinion between MPS and CFA.

**6.6 Road Verges (Sue/Peter K):** Peter reported MPS has cleaned up the road verges around the Post Office site, but nothing has been done along the rest of Byrnes Road.

## **7. Standing Committee Reports:**

- 7.1 Taskforce (Peter R):** Peter said there is nothing further to report. His attempts to contact Gordon Hamilton were not successful.
- 7.2 Membership (Barb):** there are two membership renewals. Renewals are due very soon for 2015/2016; it was agreed to send renewal notices to everyone, including those who have renewed in the past couple of months (those renewals being for 2014/2015). Total membership now stands at 197. Publicity is to go out in the next e-news about membership and renewal.

Barb reported Colin (Post Office) has paid SCA's Post Box fee from his own pocket (\$27). It was agreed this can be regarded as his membership fee plus a \$7 donation.

- 7.3 Finance & Budget (Barb):** the monthly Financial Report was tabled and accepted (see Appendix A).
- 7.4 Strategic Planning (Rob):** there is nothing further to report.
- 7.5 Building Community (Lee):** the next Cuppa and Talk is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- 7.6 Media & Communication (Bob):** see para 4.3 above.
- 7.7 Red Hill Ward Consultative Group (Peter R/Rob):** nothing to report.
- 7.8 SCA website (Kathryn/Bob):** Bob said Linda will provide quarterly reports.
- 7.9 President's Report (Peter R):**

**7.9.1 SCA mandate:** Peter queried what SCA should do to renew its mandate with the community (as raised at the last Committee Meeting). How is SCA to get feedback from its constituents?

Peter K and Rob both suggested the AGM could be the forum for community feedback. Issues raised are likely to trigger discussion with the potential for the formulation of another community questionnaire (as per The Triangle). Sue suggested having a suggestions box at the AGM. Bob said the next e-news can mention SCA would welcome suggestions/ideas being put forward at the AGM.

**7.9.2 Bendigo Bank meeting with community groups at Balnarring – a source of resource for the SCA (Barb/Peter R):** Barb to follow up re a defibrillator. It was agreed this should be put at the CFA hall. The defibrillator came with Instructions on how to use it, but demonstrations on its use are available free of charge.

**7.9.3 Co-option of new Committee members:** Peter reported there were still vacancies on the Committee – members need to think of other people who can serve on the Committee.

**7.9.4 President:** Peter R reported he intended to stand down as President at the upcoming AGM but will stay on the Committee. He said Committee Members need to get clear about their positions on the Committee and Executive. Rob (Vice President) stated he did not intend to step up to be President – he had other pressing priorities at this point in time. Peter R requested the committee think of people who could fill the position of President and bring names back to the next meeting. Peter K thanked Peter for all the work he had done as President.

**8. General Business:** Nothing to report.

**9. Coming Events/Activities:**

Anzac Vigil, Shoreham Beach, 25<sup>th</sup> April; Foreshore Committee working bee, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April; Cuppa and Talk, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.



