

## SHOREHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Forty-third Committee of Management Meeting

Monday 17th August 2015 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall, Shoreham

#### MINUTES

#### 1. Chair's introduction (Rob Patrick):

- Present: Rob Patrick (Vic-President, acting Chair), Peter Kelly, Barb Kelly (Treasurer), Kathryn Shain (Secretary), Ian Joy, Alan Fisher, Lee Collins, Verity Saunders Ducos, Sue Boggan
- Apologies: Peter Renkin, Kerrie Hopkins
- Acknowledgement of the Boonwurrung/Bunnurong First People
- Recognition of notable community activities since July meeting
  - 'Cuppa & Talk", Friday 7th August. This was well attended and an enjoyable event. Use of the Shoreham Rural Fire Brigade Station at the last moment made access much easier; ongoing use of the Station for this event is to be requested.
  - Foreshore Working Bee 26th July. This focussed on weeding along the cliff path; only a few attended. The next event is Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting:

The Minutes of the forty-second Committee of Management Meeting on 20th July 2015 were approved:

**MOTION: Moved: Barb Kelly; Seconded: Ian Joy; carried: unanimously**

#### 3. New and/or Agenda items to prioritise?

3.1 Petition to open Buxton Lane through to Blake Street - update on action since the last meeting.

Rob brought the Committee up to date with what has happened since the last Meeting. SCA had placed a Notice on the web and sent out emails to approx 500 people, with considerable response; most opposing the proposal. A Buxton Lane property owner, Damon Scoffern, has prepared and circulated a petition opposing the proposal. To date he has 25-30 signatures. SCA has no knowledge of how many signatures the proponent has collected. SCA has done its best to inform people; this is a good opportunity to increase membership; SCA now has a few new members. Rob has spoken to all who have contacted SCA and has spoken on a number of occasions to Damon Scoffern. Cr Tim Wood was updated at the recent RAM meeting. Elliott Reid, MPS, is doing a good job of informing Cr Wood also. Road safety issues have become the central issue in this matter, along with the character of Shoreham. These central issues are clearly within the ambit of SCA's objectives. The Executive agreed that both petitions could be placed on the Community website with a covering explanation by SCA and both petitioners invited to do so. The proponent has agreed to this, but has still not put his name to his petition; Damon's petition includes a sentence which Elliott Reid is apparently uncomfortable with. Rob has spoken to Damon about this matter and will speak further with Elliott before uploading the petitions to the web.

It was clear some people still knew nothing about the proposal even following SCA's email. The Committee feels insufficient information, as at present, is likely to cause confusion/ lack of clarity/assumptions: particularly re who would bear the financial burden if the proposal went ahead.

It was also clear that MPS were the body responsible, as owner of the road, with SCA an interested party. MPS would need to go through all the correct procedures, including consultation and costings.

Rob reported Cr Tim Wood's opening remarks at the last RAM meeting were in relation to his focus on Peninsula roads and road safety. He gave interesting statistics including the fact the highest death rate for Victorian roads occurred within the Mornington Peninsula Shire. There were many factors that would bolster a focus by SCA on road safety.

It was felt an effort should now be made to get the two petitioners together with road safety being a uniting focus. It was agreed that if the petitions were put on the website, SCA may bear more responsibility re this issue and SCA communication needed to be very clear to avoid confusion in the community.

**MOTION:** That the SCA seek to meet with both petitioners with a view to reaching mutual agreement that road safety is at the heart of the matter. That the SCA has a duty under its Objectives to investigate the best way forward for Shoreham, inclusive of issues of road safety and the character of Shoreham. The SCA is to inform Cr Tim Wood, Greg Hunt MP and relevant MPS staff of all relevant actions in this regard.

**MOVED: Rob Patrick; SECONDED: Sue Boggan; CARRIED: unanimously.**

**Action: Rob to contact both petitioners with a view to a meeting.**

**3.2** Invitation to Greg Hunt MP to attend the Committee meeting on 21st September: Greg Hunt was unable to attend on that date. **Action: Rob to contact Greg Hunt and suggest attending a Committee Meeting on either 19<sup>th</sup> October or 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

**3.3** Update on Arthurs Seat: Sue. The development would be huge with 13 pylons 21 meters tall. The project entailed the removal of 92 trees, leaving a big scar on the landscape and at least 3 large carparks. The chairs are basically gondolas of a bright blue colour that is considered inappropriate. Evacuation in the event of wildfire is considered to be a major issue. The project has been approved by VCAT. REob noted that in his experience in ski resort development, the use of helicopters to install ski lift tower pylons causes minimal environmental damage.

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

**4.1** Guidelines for users of Shoreham Rural Fire Station Building/insurance: Rob. The guidelines (already circulated) incorporated all the CFA needs. The hall was open for community, not private use. The main issue was for users to have their own insurance which SCA has. Intended users are to contact Shoreham RFB Secretary, John Lorkin for approval at a subsequent Brigade meeting.

It was agreed SCA should request use of the hall for future 'Cuppa and Talk' events. **Action: Lee to draft a resolution for Shoreham RFB to pass at their next meeting. Rob to contact John Lorkin.**

**4.2** Approach to Bendigo Bank re defibrillator: Barb. The application has been made. Sue had heard that the application has been approved and the defibrillator is to be installed at the CFA building.

**Action: Peter K to arrange for training in its use once it has been installed and information to be placed on the web.**

**4.3** Holding a 'thank you' dinner for departing Committee members: it was agreed that this be combined with the SCA end of year party.

**Action: Kathryn to confirm with Peter and Ann Renkin if they are willing to hold this event at their home, as in previous years; retiring members to be thanked and notified.**

**4.4** Proposal for “Shoreham Architects’ Forum”: Verity. Most of those people Verity thought appropriate to interview re: ‘Flinders experience’ had been away. She is to catch up with Peter Monie, President of the Flinders Community Association, at the end of the week. The Flinders Master Plan had been drawn up for the Park and not the centre of Flinders; there were different issues and lessons to be learned from each. It was agreed issues relating to the Park would be a good place to start; SCA’s issues are in relation to the Common. Verity reported the main sentiments so far re the Park were close engagement with the community and MPS, perseverance, patience, a non-belligerent approach, and an understanding that apathy doesn’t mean acceptance. The FCA initiated community information meetings and did the groundswell of work. Alan Cowley appeared to be the person to speak to at MPS. Verity reported a feeling of acrimony still at Red Hill regarding a recent tree clearing and landscaping project.

It was agreed there are a considerable number of Shoreham people disengaged from SCA and its activities and ways are needed to be found to make meaningful contact.

After discussion it was agreed SCA needs to develop a serious strategy of engagement and consultation with the community. Holding community meetings at weekends was one idea embraced. Vigorous engagement with new staff at MPS was required. Rob suggested it may be time for another community survey.

**Action: Verity volunteered to draft up a communications strategy.**

## **5. Correspondence:**

**5.1 In: 5.1.1** 29/07, Damon Scoffern, copy letter to Shoreham Postmaster re: opposing petition to open Blake St via Buxton Lane;

**5.1.2** 31/07, Greg Hunt MP, response to SCA letter re: funding for local roads;

**5.1.3** 3/08, Damon Scoffern, further copy letter to Shoreham Postmaster re: opposing petition to open Blake St via Buxton Lane

**5.1.4** 3/08, Maryanne Quealy & David McCallum - opposing Petition

**5.2 Out: 5.2.1** 29/07, SCA to Greg Hunt re road safety issues and inviting him to Committee Meeting on 21st September.

## **6.0 Standing Committees/Priority Projects updates (convenors in bold):**

**6.1** Financial Matters – **Barb** – tabling of Monthly Financial Statement (see Appendix A). The statement was agreed. There are two received grants in the account. - \$3,025 is for the Trails Project re engagement of an engineer; this was awaiting the return of Tony Walkington, Point Leo Ranger, from extended leave. The other grant of \$3,000 is for tables/benches at the Shoreham RFB. It was agreed SCA supports the purchase of 3 outdoor tables similar to the one Rod McKillop owns, and the fixing of these to concrete slabs. The location of tables is the decision of Shoreham Brigade members.

Barb pointed out the AGM BBQ had cost twice as much as last year. It was agreed this was worth the expenditure, but SCA needed to be very aware of increasing outgoings throughout the year.

**6.2** Membership – **Barb**. There were currently 52 paid up members, down from 198 at the beginning of last financial year. It was agreed SCA needed to conduct a membership drive at all community events. The next e-news is to go out at the beginning of September and this is to include a message/reminder re membership(see also para 6.3).

**6.3** SCA website: **Kathryn**. A report was previously circulated containing interesting analysis, provided by Linda P, re use of the website following the uploading of SCA’s Notice re Buxton Lane. An email was sent to the SCA complete data base alerting them to

the Notice. Hits on the web substantially increased from normal and continued on a relatively high level for period of time. The email content would have been a factor, but there were undoubtedly those not previously aware of the website/SCA activity. It was agreed in future the e-news, together with all important information, be sent to the complete data base – for greater information sharing and to encourage membership.

**6.4** Road Verges – **Sue/Peter K** + MPS Tree Renewal Program. Reports had previously been circulated. Peter reported MPS is to target 10 roads in the Shire, including Byrnes and Shoreham Roads; they would also clean up the corners where they intersected with Flinders/Frankston Road. Work is to start soon.

**6.5** Drainage – **Peter K**. Peter reported a win for Jean Downing at the bottom of Prout Webb Road. After Peter contacted MPS, MPS assessed the situation and are working on the issues; it was a complex situation. He reported MPS support for the situation at Sydney Road and May Street.

**6.6** Hall Reference Group: **Kathryn** (on behalf of Peter R). A report had been circulated. This made reference, amongst other matters, to Janet Dewhurst's position at MPS being made redundant. The Flinders District Historical Society had contacted MPS re lack of progress on hall structural issues; he was disappointed that FDHS had not approached SCA about their concerns prior to contacting MPS, since this was a matter SCA had been campaigning on for a number of years. He suggested SCA contact MPS supporting the position of FDHS. This was agreed. The matter is to be left for action by Peter on his returned to Shoreham in one week.

**Action: Peter R to contact MPS' Geoff Carson.**

#### **7.0 General Business - Coming Events/Activities:**

**7.1** Triangle: Lee raised concerns re the aesthetics of planting along the bank at Byrnes Road and also the obligation of SE Water to screen off their sewerage unit which had not been met. Peter K said that at the 30<sup>th</sup> August planting they could fill up the spots impacting on the aesthetics, also plant to screen off the SE Water unit. Lee also raised the issue of the original planting plan for the Triangle. It now seemed that MPS were handing out plants to be planted without regard to the original plan; it was appropriate perhaps to ask MPS what plan they were working to. Rob suggested that on the next planting day, 30<sup>th</sup> August, Matt Stahmer be asked to outline the original plan and whether this has been varied; it was an opportunity to ask questions and engage. Rob felt a review stage was needed at some time so that some of the issues could be resolved and everyone could move on.

**7.1** Next "Cuppa & Talk" - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**7.2** Next 'Barb's Monday Walk' – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**7.3** Next Community Dinner – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

**7.4** Next E-news – beginning of September

**7.5** Rob raised the issue of a wallaby having been found dead at the high tide mark on Pt Leo beach. It had been seen active and well in the dunes a few days prior to its death. There were some injuries, suggesting a possible dog attack.

**8.0** **Next Committee meeting:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> september **7.00pm**, Old School Hall.

**9.** **Close 9.15 pm**

### **Appendix A**

## **SHOREHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015

STATEMENT ACCOUNT

Opening balance (from 20/7/15) \$  
5,306.57

INCOME	Donations	60.00
	M/ships	480.00
	MPS Grant (Trails)	3,025.00
	MPS Grant (Gathering Place CFA/Triangle)	<u>3,000.00</u>
		6,565.00
		\$11,871.57

less EXPENSES	Gift for AGM speaker	69.84
	AGM BBQ	324.14
	Postage	<u>35.00</u>
		428.98
		<u>\$11,442.59</u>

TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Opening balance (from 10/3/15)  
\$10,153.08  
Plus interest to 10 June 2015  
\$10,222.18

69.10

**Balance as at 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2015: \$11,442.59 - Statement Account**  
**Balance as at 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2015: \$10,222.18 - Term Deposit Account**

Membership as at 17/8/2015: 52 - includes 3 new memberships (D & F Scoffen, 1-7 Buxton Lane, and A. Siggins, 6 Lyric Crt.