



Sussex Inlet and Districts COMMUNITY FORUM



Incorporating Berrara, Cudmirrah, Sussex Inlet and Swanhaven
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Sussex Inlet and Districts Community Forum Meeting Agenda - Monday 21 December 2020 RSL Sub Branch Hall, Sussex Inlet

Meeting Open 5.49 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet the Yuin people and also pay my respect to elders past, present and emerging.

Attendance: Gwen Downie, Kate Jones, David Jones, Gail Drummond, Patricia White, Leanne Pinder, Carole Hammond, Russell Neeves, Sandra Gray, Hugh Johnstone and Graham Williams

Apologies: Kerry May

Confirmation of Meetings of last Meeting: No minutes taken for August meeting as it was an informal catch up after the Resilience meeting , previous formal meeting was in July 2020 and these minutes were distributed

Moved: Sandra Gray

Seconded: Gail Drummond

Business Arising from Minutes - NA

Finance Report- no Finance report available due to absence of Treasurer, finance report now attached with these minutes for period April 2021 to January 2020

Report and Discussions on Strategic Priorities (See attached report)

The Forum executive gave an update on the activities and projects for each of the strategic directions. A copy of the updated summary strategic priorities was distributed

1. Disaster Management report by Hugh Johnstone and Sandra Gray

- Hugh updated on the approved Resilience Plan that was distributed to all accommodation venues and also to businesses and community locations. An Inletter article will be developed for February to explain the plan and a link has been placed on the Forum website to download
- Sandra will develop the Resilience Resource application for Bushfire funding and lodge in late January under the Chamber of Commerce as 20m insurance coverage is required and the Chamber will then manage the equipment on behalf of its members, RSL, Bowling Club, Spa, Inasmuch etc and will work as part of Community Resilience team
- Gail commenced on the location of the SES POD and raised concerns about the area being susceptible to drainage issues
- Sandra informed meeting that Chiara Spencer has updated about POD and the liaison was completed with Council and Thomson Street committee, they will plan an open day in 2021 and will be looking for a small group of volunteers to work as part of SES Community Action team
- Sandra will email Chiara Spencer to ask about the SES planning to put gravel or concrete pad plus an area nearby for sand to dropped

2. Tourism and Economic Development -report by Sandra Gray

- Sandra updated about current strategies and priorities from the Community consultation
- Sandra updated about current Chamber tourism and economic development strategies for Sussex Inlet and District which includes additional signage projects, training for young people working in cafes, development of a food flyer to make it easier for tourists to find the food outlets and the social media and marketing campaign, supporting food vans at Berrara through the summer.



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- Sandra updated on her role with the Local Jobs Program which can also support employment pathways for Sussex Inlet young people. The Local Jobs program has a focus on employment in community services, construction, hospitality and tourism are the initial focuses for employment

3. Environment Planning and Infrastructure report by Russell Neeves

- Russell gave a short update regarding the current strategies and priorities from the environment and planning community consultation
- Russell also spoke about the current Alamein DA worth 1.5m
- Sandra gave an update on the Campbell ECO Crews projects which could assist with additional land conservation and maintenance team for Sussex Inlet employing up to 10 young people
- there was a question regarding the pathway alongside Inasmuch to the car park near Pelican Shores Russell explained about the earlier consultation with Council regarding pathway priority projects for Sussex Inlet
- there was a meeting held with Sheargold Group regarding the potential for a shared pathway on the sewer easement from the Golf Course to Sussex Inlet and some potential for ECO Crews to support the pathway project

4. Community Services report by Sandra Gray for Kerry May who was absent for this meeting

- Sandra gave an update on the community service consultation workshop and the priorities identified
- David Jones gave a short update on the meeting with Health regarding the future of the Neighbourhood Centre with the long term plan for health to give back the facility to Council and to plan and build a new Library, Tourist Info, CTC and neighbourhood centre and Patricia confirmed that a notice of motion has been lodged with Council to progress this

Correspondence

- Only significant piece of correspondence was the lodgement of the Crown Lands Submission with Shoalhaven Council
- Other correspondence was regular emails and information re DA etc which is forwarded to interested Forum participants

Treasurers Report -There was no treasurers report due to the absence of the Treasurer

Moved : NA

Seconded: NA

Other General Business

Working Group Updates

- Disaster Meeting Review- Hugh and Sandra updated on the meeting of the Resilience Team
- Formation of Working Groups Aligned to Strategic Priorities – Sandra raised this concept and we had some initial volunteers see below
- Community Services- Leanne Pinder, Carole Hammond, Kaye Cunningham, David Jones, Marie from Vincentia High, Sandra Gray, Laura Walker volunteered for this area of interest in the future
- Environment and Planning- Gail Drummond and Russell Neeves volunteered for this area of interest
- Tourism and Economic Development – the Chamber of Commerce will continue to prioritise this area with their members and will continue to consult and engage with council on these areas
- Resilience Team- a local team has been put in place including Marine Rescue, the Forum, NSW Police, RFS, SES, RSL, Bowling Club, Spar, Chamber of Commerce Inasmuch, Red Cross, Anglicare, St Vincent De Paul, Shoalhaven Council Resilience Officer, Kim White Emergency Mgt this group is planned to meet quarterly to progress any Resilience priorities

Other General Business



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Russell proposed a motion regarding forum processes

- All Submissions to Council verbal or written to be ratified at general meeting beforehand
- All submissions to Council to be posted on the website prior to next general meeting
- Minutes of forum meeting to be posted on website no later than one week prior to next meeting
- Monthly report of Treasurer to be included in minutes on web site
- Update the Strategic Action Plan on the website with the 2019 version

Seconded David Jones

Note- the current executive are not supportive of dot point one as this is not always possible to enable a response and timely response to either the community or council and feel that the Forum executive members need the flexibility to discuss urgent responses and respond accordingly

Other Feedback

There was other often negative feedback provided to the Forum executive on processes and actions by members attending the meeting which was rather disappointing as all Forum executive members are volunteers who work hard to complete the role to the best of their ability. The new executive had different strategies they wanted to implement to increase community engagement with the forum and have a less bureaucratic approach but it appears these strategies or different ways of working are not welcomed by older Forum members.. This approach will make it difficult to attract future community members willing to stand for executive roles.

Meeting Closed – 7.55pm pm

Next meeting Monday 15 February at 7pm at the