

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, 19th February 2024
 Location: Community Centre Thomson Street
PRESENT: Jan Lang and John Lang, Sue Heycox, Judy Neeves, Russell Neeves
MEETING OPENED: 7.07pm

Chairman Russell Neeves welcomed all attendees and declared the meeting informal because there was not a quorum.

APOLOGIES: Daniela Tronson

MINUTES: The minutes of the November meeting were made available to all.

Business arising from minutes: Nil

Moved that minutes be accepted: Jan Lang
 Seconded: Judy Neeves

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Income and Expenditure for January 2024

	Opening Balance as at 01 January 2024		\$4182.65
INCOME	January Bank Interest	00.04	

	Sub Total	00.04	4282.69
EXPENDITURE			
	Hall Hire 2024 (10 meetings)	301.50	

	Sub Total	301.50	301.50
	BALANCE as at 1st February 2024	Total	<u>\$3881.19</u>

Presented by- John Lang-Treasurer

Moved by John Lang
 Seconded – Judy Neeves



Sussex Inlet and Districts COMMUNITY FORUM



Incorporating Berrara, Cudmirrah, Sussex Inlet and Swanhaven
The Voice of the Community

Schedule of Annual Running Costs – Forecast 2024

Meeting Room Hire	Thomson St Community Hall X 10	\$360.00
	Extraordinary Community Meetings X 2	\$96.00
Scott Morgan Web Admin	Web Site Hosting	\$99.00
	Web Site Registration	\$32.95
	Web Site Maintenance	\$90.00
Advertising	CTC Partnership	\$50.00
	Lions Bookshop Electricity Subsidy	\$50.00
Administration	Postage, Paper, Ink Toner etc	\$82.00

Total \$859.95

Sussex Inlet CCB is unincorporated and holds Public Liability Insurance but does not incur associated costs.

Sussex Inlet CCB does not do any fund raising and is completely reliant on the annual subsidy donation from council. It also survives on the generosity of volunteers donating stationery and digital online services.

The council subsidy of \$500.00 per annum has not changed for many years and with raising costs and additional resources, ie. web internet, it is only through donations that the Sussex Inlet CCB can function.

Copies of all correspondence can be viewed at the end of the published minutes on the Forum web site or Council web site.

There has been numerous emails from other CCBs asking questions and explanation from Council regarding the proposed rate rise.

- 52/1 Notification from Council of the closing date 2nd February, for public submission on the Coastal management Plan.
- 53/2 Notification from Services NSW seeking public comment on the proposed changes to The Divers and Well-Located Homes Program. This Program is a list of reforms by The Dept. of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure, to expand on the current housing stock by introducing new rules for Low and Mid Rise Housing i.e. infilling around transport hubs.
- 54/2 Notice of **Subdivision Approval** Suncrest Avenue Lot 192 DP 24578. Part of Golf Course Estate.
- 55/2 Council announcing start of Floor Level Surveys for Flood Planning.
- 56/2 An invitation from John Levett-a member of the Bay & Basin CCB, inviting all CCB executive to a meeting in March to discuss a number of things regarding the financial position and among them is the potential of calling a public enquiry into the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

Correspondence Accepted Moved – John Lang seconded – Judy Neeves

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Rate rise outcome.

The recommendation from staff was 44% over three years

Cr. Patricia White recommended 26% over four years

The outcome as you will be aware is to not submit an application to IPART for a special rate variation at this time.

The staff advised that this decision will see Council's financial reserves unsustainably drained, risks would escalate, and services would need to be cut. Assets and service levels will deteriorate, and the current infrastructure backlog will continue to grow as additional assets deteriorate below satisfactory condition. Council will be required to reduce services and close unsafe facilities.

Also on the matter of finance, the Mayor moved that Council write to the Government complaining of the relentless cost shifting by Government onto local government.

2. Post Exhibition and Finalisation-Medium Density Amendment (No 51) – Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014.

At the general Council meeting last Monday, Council resolved to adopt the Medium Density Amendment (DCP2014.51) to Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014 as exhibited, with the inclusion of the changes to Draft Chapter G1: Site Analysis, Site Design and Building Materials and paying particular attention to the recognition/maintenance of individual village character and desired future village character.

Coinciding with this resolution, the NSW Diverse and well-located homes Policy was posted on the Planning portal for public comment.

The detail of the Policy and an explanatory video can be found on the NSW Government Website- Diverse and well located homes policy.

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/diverse-and-well-located-homes>

The policy relates to changes to building codes in R2 & R3 zones for low and mid rise housing.

Council endorsed the Amendment on the proviso that it ensures that greater consideration is given to the contemporary needs of the Shoalhaven Community in areas such as urban design, amenity, accessibility, and balanced/sustainable development.

3. During the same Council meeting last Monday, one of the Technical staff was asked to report on the progress of Councils quest to meet energy saving targets.
 - a. One major success is that the changeover of all street lights across the Shoalhaven is almost complete. They are the lowest wattage street lighting available.
 - b. To the question of turning the street lights off at night i.e. 1.30 – 2.00am the short answer was yes they can be turned off but there is no savings to Council if the lights were turned off. The street lights are not metered for one, there is also a state wide contract with the Government and the energy supplier that Council have no say in and therefore no savings to Council by turning lights off.
The new LED lights however are dimmable so while it might not be a saving to Council, an energy saving/offset credit to Council may be possible in future.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- There was general discussion on all the topics in correspondence
- Judy moved and it was agreed to send a card to David Jones, recognising him for his many years of service to the Sussex Inlet community

Meeting Closed: 9.35pm

Next Meeting: 18th March 2024

Location: Thomson Street

Time 7.00pm

This will be the AGM and everybody is reminded that nominations for a position on the committee, must be to the Secretary by 4th March 2024



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

To be held on **Monday 18th March** 2024 after the General Meeting Commencing at 7.00pm
SUSSEX INLET COMMUNITY CENTRE-THOMSON STREET Sussex Inlet.

Attached is a nomination form for the **COMMITTEE** of the SUSSEX INLET AND DISTRICTS COMMUNITY FORUM-
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE BODY (CCB) to the SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL.

All community members are encouraged to participate in the Forum, as it is The Voice of the Community.

At the AGM the Committee steps down and all positions are vacant.

You are encouraged to attend the March meeting and Annual General Meeting, to determine who will be the committee members of the Forum for the next year.

Please consider nominating for a position. If you choose to nominate someone else, you must seek his or her approval to do so before lodging the nomination.

Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM.ie by **Monday 4th March, 2024.**

Committee positions are: **Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary Treasurer Publicity Officer**

**SUSSEX INLET AND DISTRICTS COMMUNITY FORUM (CCB)
NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE**

Option 1. I,.....(print name) wish to nominate

myself for the position of

Option 2. I wish to nominate (print name)

for the position of.....

A person nominating others must have contacted them seeking their willingness to stand prior to submitting this form.

Signed.....Date _____ / _____ /2024

Seconded by: (please print).....

Signed: (can be signed on the night by the seconder)

.....Date _____ / _____ /2024

***Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM**

Mail to: Forum Secretary
Email: secretary@sussexdistrictsforum.com.au



Address all correspondence to: The Chief Executive Officer,
PO Box 42, Nowra NSW 2541 Australia

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Application number	SF10916
Applicant	Allen Price & Scarratts Pty Ltd
Description of development	Torrens Title Subdivision (45 Lots), Construction of Roads, Civil Works, Vegetation Clearing, and Associated Site Works
Property	Suncrest Ave, SUSSEX INLET – Lot 22 DP 1270620 21 Lakeshore Pde, SUSSEX INLET – Lot 230 DP 253235 Suncrest Ave, SUSSEX INLET – Lot 192 DP 24578
Determination	Deferred Commencement Consent
Date of determination	20 December 2024
Date from which the consent operates	Date of Satisfaction of the Deferred Commencement Condition
Date on which the consent lapses	Five (5) Years from the Date of Satisfaction of the deferred Commencement Condition

Under section 4.18(1) of the EP&A Act, notice is given that the above development application has been determined by the granting of consent using the power in section 4.16(1)(a) of the EP&A Act, subject to the conditions specified in this notice.

Reasons for approval

The application has been designed to adequately respond to the site attributes, in particular biodiversity and bushfire site constraints of the site while delivering suitable public infrastructure and residential amenity.

Statutory requirements

The development proposal, subject to the recommended conditions, is consistent with:

- the objects of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.
- the aims, objectives and provisions of the applicable environmental planning instruments,
- the aims, objectives and provisions of Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014 (SDCP 2014).
- the aims, objectives and provisions of relevant Council policies.

Public notification

The application was publicly notified in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 and Council's Community Consultation Policy for Development Applications (Including Subdivision) and the Formulation of Development Guidelines and Policies (POL 16/230).

Shoalhaven LGA Floor Level Survey for Flood Planning - Sussex Inlet



Floodplain Management <Floodplain.Management@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>
To secretary@sussexdistrictsforum.com.au

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Wed 14/02/2024 3:19 PM

Dear Sussex Inlet & Districts Community Forum,

Council has engaged an expert engineering and survey consultant, Stantec, to assist with the delivery of the Shoalhaven local government area (LGA) Floor Level Survey for Flood Planning project.

By way of background – Council has received funding from the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (DRRF) which is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and New South Wales governments. The purpose of the Shoalhaven LGA Floor Level Survey for Flood Planning project is to undertake a risk-based floor level survey of properties located on flood prone land within the Shoalhaven LGA to assist Council and the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) to identify, plan and prepare suitable actions and measures to reduce existing and future flood risk to the community.

The outputs of the study, the surveyed floor levels, will be shared with the NSW SES so they can incorporate this information into their flood event emergency response procedures. Council will utilise the floor level data to assess the suitability of potential flood mitigation measures as part of the St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

The collection of floor level survey information will be staged throughout the Shoalhaven LGA over the next 6 months. Currently floor levels have been surveyed in the Tomerong, Wandandian, Sanctuary Point, Basin View, Bewong, Bream Beach, Erowal Bay, Hyams Beach, Old Erowal Bay, St Georges Basin and Wrights Beach communities within the St Georges Basin catchment. The next stages of this project will include properties in Sussex Inlet.

This will be staged as follows:

- Sussex Inlet (Part 1) over three (3) weeks between **Monday 26 February 2024 and Friday 15 March 2024**. There are approximately 400 properties that will be surveyed in this stage.
- Sussex Inlet (Part 2) over three (3) weeks between **Monday 18 March 2024 and Friday 5 April 2024**. There are approximately 400 properties that will be surveyed in this stage.

This floor level survey will be undertaken between the hours of 7.30am and 5pm. A letter will be sent to each property owner for which their dwelling floor level is intended to be surveyed as part of this project.

These floor levels will be surveyed either from within the property or from the street depending on the level of accuracy required for each individual property. The survey will be undertaken from outside the existing dwellings within the property, and will take around five (5) minutes to complete per property.

Floor levels have already been surveyed for the entire Lower Shoalhaven River, Moona Moona Creek, Currumbene Creek, Currarong Creek, Kangaroo River, Lake Conjola, Millards Creek, Tabourie Lake catchments for this project, in addition to the locations in the St Georges Basin catchment noted above.

Further information is available via Council's [Shoalhaven LGA Floor Level Survey for Flood Planning | Shoalhaven City Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Projects-Engagement/Major-Projects-Works/Shoalhaven-LGA-Floor-Level-Survey-for-Flood-Planning) webpage.
<https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Projects-Engagement/Major-Projects-Works/Shoalhaven-LGA-Floor-Level-Survey-for-Flood-Planning>

Council would appreciate it if you could please inform the community about this project to increase the dissemination of this information.

Please contact me if you have any questions or queries on this matter.

Regards



Floodplain Management

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