

PLEASE NOTE: Shoalhaven City Council Recreation and Skatepark Hub Community Consultation

On 31 August, the SCC advised the Recreation and Skatepark Hub subcommittee that their community consultation will begin at the end of September, span for 2-3 weeks, and be completed by the end of October.

The community consultation will take the form of a short, succinct survey, determining village choice only for the Recreation and Skatepark Hub - not specific locations. Finally, the survey will also provide community members with the chance to share their opinions in a feedback section. SCC stressed this section was very important for community members who support the Recreation and Skatepark Hub.

The survey will be promoted via SCC's social media newsfeeds, via email and QR codes linking to the survey. The subcommittee emphasized the importance of paper-based surveys with corresponding reply-paid envelopes to ensure inclusivity and accessibility to all community members – with and without access to internet.

When the survey is due to go out, the Community Association will send an email to members and post on their website and Facebook pages. The Recreation and Skatepark Hub subcommittee will not be meeting until the SCC community consultation is complete and result have been released.

Minutes of Meeting 11 August 2021

Acting Chair, Terry Nicholls opened the meeting at 5.08pm.

Attendance (as per the COVID attendance register): Renee Skwarko, Cec Skwarko, Terry Nicholls, Lucian McDowell, Aryn Forrester, Carly McTavish.

Apologies: Roger Lucas, Shane Leitch, Annie Haughey, Kathleen Forrester, Michael Skwarko, Liza Butler.

COVID: Members complied with COVID restrictions in the hall and during the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of 14 July 2021 were adopted.

Reports on key components of the project:

- **Communications**

- As members of the Community Association, Renee and Jamilla met with Amanda Findley, Patricia White and Troy Punnett from SCC about playgrounds in Kioloa and Bawley Point. Conversation turned to Rec. and Skatepark Hub - all present were encouraging and positive. Reinforced importance of demonstrating community backing to get a project approved. Also mentioned there were no rec projects budgeted for Ward 3 this year so it's a great time to push for something.
- 40 + video clips submitted. Carly to begin work stitching together for social media.
- Cecil called all Councillors and had return calls from Patricia White and Mark Kitchener.

- Carly spoke w council. Coms plan for community consult delayed due to further communication and updates w plans. They are meeting in 1-2 weeks. Mud map layout design of hub we have in mind is integral for project.
- Lucian presented draft mud map of hub located on space at north end of Bawley Reserve on rectangular area of land outside toilets which involves no tree removal. Advice from Council and Cr Patricia White is that mud map should be priority. This is for demonstration purposes only so that the community can get an idea of what a recreation hub may look like. A number of locations will be considered, and SCC will undertake final community consultation.
- Renee to approach Ash Taplin/ Mark Armstrong to turn Lucian's draft into example Rec. and Skatepark Hub mud map. Renee and Carly to create aesthetic vision inc. images of other park designs inside and outside of the Shoalhaven to provide community and Council with vision and aesthetic that compliments natural surrounds of Bawley/ Kioloa.
- Need to begin better community communication about Rec. and Skatepark Hub's work. Updated CA website with name change and images. Approach Community Association and Sport and Rec. for use of their FB page.
- Michael met with Durras skatepark members over phone. Their skatepark has been around for decades but some community members wanted it pulled up because it was 'unused'. Local kids protested with signs and got media involved. Advised kids need to publicly demonstrate they want something, and Councillors are great allies. Keep in regular contact with council.
- Meeting to change days due to committee commitments on Wednesday. New day discussed at next meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS: September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8
MEETING CLOSED 5:57pm