



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting- Sunday 10 am 23 March 2025

MINUTES

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country:

Attendance: Peter Longstaff (Secretary), Tony Sattler (Public Officer), Lynn Cowley (Minutes), Karen Jones, Roger & Karin Lucas, George Lemann, Mayor Patricia White & Garry White, John & Gabe Meyer, Caroline Selleck, Paul & Paula Mullins, Judith Carroll & Neil Brown, Ross Lewis, Chris Ronalds, John & Helen Nelson, Janette Gibbs, Stuart Fraser, Kerry Callaghan

Apologies: Cllr Gillian Boyd, Claire Stephenson, Moira Heath, Ian Morrison, Carrie Smith, Marg Hamon, Jenny Longstaff, Lindsay Cane, Graeme Tooth,

Minutes of the last General Meeting Sunday 9 February 2025

Moved those minutes be accepted: John Meyer / Gabe Meyer. Carried

Business Arising from minutes

Nil.

Correspondence IN:

Email response from SCC re Racecourse Tasman STP

Email response from SCC re Character statement

Correspondence OUT –

Governance, Administration and Management

Treasurer's report – Attached

Bushfire account – funds transferred to Kioloa and BP brigades, now zero

FRRR grant to be concluded by 30 June 2025

Community Connect – money for completion of pathway, still in place.

Membership fee to be increased to \$10. Discussed whether this should be per member or per household. Need to consider voting rights, if membership is per household, to be investigated further. If a CCB matter does not apply (e.g. Strategic Plan).

Moved: Peter Longstaff / Kerry Callaghan that membership fee be increased to \$10 per household. Carried.

Action: check BPKTCA & CCB guidelines / constitution re voting rights.

Subcommittee reports

Community Connect:

Stage 1: Racecourse to Mudholes pretty much complete by Hisway. Handrails still to go up, path finished, water connection for Tasman under the path at south end of entrance. The pathway is already in use.

Stage 2: Surveyors have been to the site, Jirgens Civil from South Nowra. Due to start within the next couple of weeks, and finish by end July 2025.

Final section Scerri Drive to Kioloa Beach:

Hoping to be able to use any funds left over from stages 1 & 2 to make the section of path from Scerri Drive to Kioloa Beach all weather by using FRP grid mesh.

However, this section of path is on crown land and has a land rights claim on it.

Could the upgrade be considered a repair as the path already exists?

Actions:

- **Confirm if there actually is a claim on this land (John Nelson has a form for this)**
- **Consult with Owen Carriage to see if we could work with indigenous owners and make the path all weather**
- **Find out from Liza Butler / Transport NSW if any excess funds from the \$1.5 mil can stay in BP / Kioloa or will they go back into the pool and may be used elsewhere.**
- **Consult with locals before progressing with the upgrade.**

Community Strategic Plan

Thanks to Sport & Rec for sponsoring the Strategic Plan for \$8500.

Data has been collected via 2 x HYSDs and an online survey. Participation was approx. 30.7% of population as per 2021 Census data, which is a really pleasing result.

Collected data was "themed" by AI and then all comments were allocated to appropriate themes.

Responses were then graphed as percents of total responses. Noted that many of the comments covered numerous themes and were allocated accordingly. Collated and finalised responses are available on the web page and have been distributed via mail chimp. They will also be posted on FB. This information will be used to write up the 10-year Strategic Plan.

Next stage will be the facilitated ANU workshop on Sunday 6 April. Participants are encouraged to arrive by 8.30am so they will have time to look at the data boards and be ready for a 9am start. The workshop will be interactive and will finish at 1 pm. Morning tea will be provided. At the end of the workshop, we will have:

- A vision statement
- A character statement
- Some prioritized community-based projects
- Some prioritized projects that will require funding

Note: Sunday 6 April will the end of daylight savings, so remember to change clocks back 1 hour.

Virtual fence – Karen Jones

Karen presented updated figures on the virtual fence (attached).

Observations:

- Statistics show that roadkill **cannot** be attributed to additional tourist traffic during peak times
- Tourists are more likely to call WIRES if they hit wildlife
- Any incidents where there is an injured animal should be reported to WIRES
- Statistics show "The Hill" as a hotspot, at dawn and dusk.

Reports will be sent out via Mail Chimp.

Karen mentioned that the virtual fence installed in October, south of Bawley Vale along the Bawley Point Road, has been badly positioned. As it is, it is of no use. Karen has been unable to get any action from SCC to have it relocated, so right now it is a waste of money. She would like community members to contact SCC requesting relocation of the virtual fence.

Action: Email to SCC about re siting / re positioning of the virtual fence

General Business

Treatment plant Merry Beach –

Email from Merry Beach provided:

- EPA is on-site next week to close out the spill into the creek; the levels have returned to existing conditions, previously taking daily measurements, now back to weekly measurements in agreement with EPA

- Original pipe, repaired, pressure tested, passed for operational use by EPA. Ingenia further invested by contracting to “underbore” a new pipe, pump station into STP under the creek, and discharge into the effluent field, which is now completed. Greatly reduces the likelihood of a repeat.
- The STP is now operating correctly, and they are designing an upgrade to the effluent field and will complete by close of this financial year, June 25.
- Solid waste still has to be trucked from the plant, which is normal. At low flows this time of year, about one truck per fortnight.
- Agreed that the BPKTCA exec would do a site visit to the plant in early May 25.

Kioloa resident who lives opposite Ingenia said that, when there is a southerly wind, there is a smell from the effluent fields, and that park guests have actually left due to the smell.

Action: follow up with Ingenia the odor from the effluent field.

Treatment plants/s Racecourse Tasman

Email received from SCC in response to BPKTCA requests:

“Council monitors compliance at Racecourse Beach Caravan Park to ensure the onsite sewage management facility is operating in an environmentally satisfactory manner and is compliant with the performance requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. Inspections are carried out annually or as required to investigate any concerns or complaints. The council’s inspections have found that the system is being operated appropriately and is compliant with the required performance standards.

We are continuing to engage with the operators to improve their information management and reporting, which is one of the conditions of their approval to operate.”

BPKTCA appreciate some help from Mayor White. We have been unable to receive a professional STP report from Tasman for 2023. STP report for 2024 is now due and not received. SCC needs to respond to the community as we are getting nothing from Tasman, or SCC.

Mayor White said that she had contacted both Ingenia and Tasman. She has had a response from Ingenia, but nothing from Tasman.

Can we ask SCC to transfer monitoring of Tasman to EPA. There would be a better outcome from Tasman if they were operating under an EPA license.

Action: Mayor White / Acting CEO to continue trying to get a response from Tasman. AND Mayor White to find out if Tasman monitoring can be transferred to EPA.

Endeavour Energy –

Final commissioning is still planned for May, depending on the outcome of fixing an issue with the inverter, which is scheduled for April. EE still having issues with inverter and warranty claims. The battery is working, and is still moderating voltage, however it is not yet automated.

Community Financial Advisory Committee – Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF) –

An independent waste management specialist has been engaged to look into the MRF to help decide whether or not the Council should proceed to operate the MRF. Mayor White advised that when the MRF was originally costed, the commodity prices were a lot higher. Current prices will be taken into consideration when the decision as to whether Council continues to run the MRF. An alternative could be to lease to Veolia.

Budget

“Mayor White talked about the current budget:

- Will be on display for 28 days until the end of April.
- From 1 January 2026 SCC will no longer run Family Day Care. Currently running at \$90000 loss per year. Used to be 100% subsidized by State Government, but no longer.
- The current debt is \$31 mil.
- SCC fleet management report is now available – questions re FBT and personal use of vehicles
- Restructure of SCC Director

Debts owed to SCC

At the end of 2024 SCC was owed \$35 million, this is now \$31 mil. Debt includes unpaid rates and unpaid invoices. A debt collector has been brought in to help recoup some of this debt. Expect to recover from 75% to 80% within the next 12 months. Some cases will have to go to court."

New LEP / Character statement:

Email received from SCC:

- *"Council has received a 4-month extension from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure for the Gateway determination issued for this Planning Proposal. As a result, Council now has until 18th July 2025 to finalise the matter*
- *The Council are likely to be briefed on this matter in early April 2025 and this will enable the next steps in this Planning Proposal to be discussed.*
- *Following the briefing staff will then report the matter back to Council for formal consideration re next steps. At this point we cannot advise when this matter will be reported back to Council as this will depend on the discussion at the briefing."*

Towns and villages should use the Roberts Day template for their Character Statements to be inserted into the SCC DCP.

Still to be decided if towns and villages will be able to use their own Character Statements instead of SCC Character statements.

Action: Tony will speak with Gordon Clark from SCC re our Character Statement so that when it is completed it will be SCC ready, as much as possible.

Underperforming blocks for potential sale, Brace Close Kioloa.

No further updates on proposed sales of these blocks. It was noted that the reserve in Brace Close is used by the endangered Glossy Black Cockatoos. Status of underperforming blocks report due in April. May need community support to prevent the sale of Brace Close. (refer minutes meeting 28 April 2024 and 23 June 2024 for earlier discussions on this subject)

"Land sales

The council has advised that both properties listed for sale in this area are classified as "community" and the council has confirmed that before they are sold, there will be lots of opportunities for community engagement. The sale of these properties will not be in the short term. Still waiting to see how the council acquired these properties."

New LEP

As SCC is now commenced preparing their new revised LEP (2014), it is a good time for re-zoning requests, e.g. RU5 zones to be changed. If re zoning is initiated by Council as part of their new LEP, council will bear the costs and do the work. New LEP and DCP processes will be run concurrently over the next 2 years.

Action: Mayor White to send relevant links to start the process of changing RU5 zones

Mayor White "advised that NSW Planning have a new State Government process for larger residential developments DAs. DAs over \$25 mil????? and with a housing component will go straight to State level planning, i.e. bypass SCC. "

Note this could include any planned WP or Tasman growth DA's.

Kioloa oval

Maintenance of the oval at Kioloa was discussed.

Roger Lucas to follow up.

Next General Meeting – 25 May 2025 at 10am

Meeting Closed: 11.36