

**Minutes of HBVA General Meeting
July 30 2016
Erowal Bay Public Hall**

President Morgan Sant opened the meeting at 3.0pm

The meeting was attended by 30 villagers and 6 visitors: Mayor Jo Gash and Cllrs Jemma Tribe and Patricia White and ward 2 candidates, Barry Mack, Dennis Williams and Tom Marshall.

36 villagers sent their apologies.

1. **The minutes** of the General Meeting on 20th February 2016 were approved (moved Di Moller; seconded Vicki Fortescue).
2. **Matters Arising** Morgan said he thought most would be dealt with in later reports
3. **Correspondence**
Various letters from council
 - 3.1 Annual payment for the CCB, now invoiced so should be through shortly (\$500)
 - 3.3 Proposal for permanent NO STOPPING signs on Booderie from Illowra Lane down. It was noted that last year's solution during peak periods had worked well and that the proposed permanent signs would interfere with normal activities (eg deliveries and trades). HBVA will provide a general response to Council in addition to individual responses from residents.
 - 3.4 Council run pedestrian safety campaign offering of safety signs. HBVA will request a set of signs.
 - 3.5 Speed monitoring proposal. HBVA does not see a strong need for monitoring.
 - 3.5 NSW Government review of Crown Lands use. It was noted that Hyams Beach has several pockets of Crown Lands, some of which are the subject of Aboriginal claims.
 - 3.6 Hyams Beach Public Amenities Strategy. In addition to some minor works, Council has notified that the Boat Ramp beach toilets are due for renewal in the next five years. Council proposed to relocate these to the reserve adjacent to Cyrus Street where they would be more accessible to a larger population and where wheel chair access would be enabled. The president indicated that full consultation with the affected residents would ensue.
4. **Treasurers Report** given by treasurer Vicki Fortescue. The current report covers the period from April until July in future it would be aligned to the new financial year (July 1st to June 30th) as changed in the constitution.
Cash in CBA \$1540.40 plus interest of 3c and CCB payment of \$125. Interest on term deposit of \$60.89
Expenses \$241
Closing balance \$1424.43
IMB account to be rolled over in August \$10 350.59
Total Assets \$11 775.02
Moved Vicki Fortescue, seconded Bridget Sant
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5. **Reports**
 - 5.1 Summer traffic Arrangements.
Noted that the following had been discussed with Council
 - Additional rangers for peak periods.
 - Parking on two sides of narrow streets to be restricted.
 - Long term strategic plan for out-of-town parking will have serious consideration.
 - Discussion as to whether parking on nature strips is legal and how parking over fire hydrants can be restricted

5.2 Footpath Between the shop and car park

- Vicki Fortescue and Morgan Sant met with Michael Strachan from Council who is seeking emergency funding
- Council will do the survey work and preliminary work
- We provide a coordinator and some volunteer labour to smooth concrete (Ken Corbett has volunteered to coordinate project)
- Marie Ellis volunteered to help protect eucalypt roots during foundation digging.

5.3 Bush Fire planning Julianne McKay

- Bushfire Brigade
 - David Campbell and Julianne certified bushfire fighters
 - 3 more have joined from Hyams Beach
 - 2 more plan to join
 - Need to encourage more to join brigade
- Community Fire Plan
 - Meeting held on 28.7.16 with representatives of RFS from Nowra, NSW National Parks and ACT national Parks. All encouraging and supportive
 - RFS have put Hyams Beach at top of list for developing a community protection plan over next 12 months. Needs input from residents.
 - Illowra Lane residents already working on fire plan
 - Next meeting will be at Crossroads Fire Brigade to show their facilities and capabilities
 - **[NOTE: meeting arranged for 10 September, 10.30am] at Crossroads Fire Station. For more details, see accompanying covering letter]**
 - This will be followed up by street meetings with individual streets and householders given advice on preparing their area and properties
 - NSW NP happy to work with residents in improving asset protection zones:
 - Along the back of Tulip Street and alongside the southern side of Silverstrand Circuit
 - NP have limited ability to deal with campers and camp fires

5.4 Future of Fire Shed

- Public meeting outside the fire shed was well attended by villagers, council staff and councillors. 2 issues were considered
 - Legal issues, getting a change of land use from Crown lands and expediting the aboriginal land claim
 - Economic issues. Notably the cost of asbestos removal. How much the community can put in in both cash and kind.
- Clive Robertson subsequently put a motion to the Strategy and Assets Committee (July 19 2016)to help move the legal obstacles forward (See attached Council papers –Strategy and Assets Committee 19.7.16)
- The general manager added that he had been in touch re aboriginal land claims and this could be prioritised but would not be resolved until next year. (See attached)

5.5 NBN

Nothing further to report since last meeting.

6. “What can we do for ourselves?”

The President raised an issue of broad concern, arising from situations where actions by Council and other instrumentalities were either very slow or not forthcoming. He proposed that there were times that the village should look to do things for itself. For example, our own signs appear to have been effective.

HBVA can identify a range of possible actions, subject to key questions of cost and legality.

- The mayor, Jo Gash welcomed such initiatives and commented that there are opportunities to prepare community plans covering a wide range of items and recommended that HBVA get advice from the council coordinator Kate Ryan.
- Mark Crowther suggested small things like locking the toilets at night. However it was pointed out for public health reasons that it would be advisable to restrict camping before locking the toilets each night.

7 General Business

- Bubi Gerber reported on sawn off posts being trip hazards at end of southern entrance to beach and the steep step from carpark entrance.
- He also queried what was happening to the unbelievably poor condition of the new road. The mayor responded that "Roadworx" had not been paid and were having to resurface it starting on August 8th.
- It was reported that a tree had broken the hand rail down to Chinamans Beach
- Theo van Veenandaal asked whether the CCB was making a submission to the Coastal management Plan now that there was an extension on submissions. He thought storm water discharge was an issue.
 - Cllr Patricia White explained that the draft plan which had been prepared 4 years ago had to be quickly signed off if Shoalhaven is to have access to the pool of \$87million from state government. The last storms have left a bill of \$5million in the Shoalhaven

8 Meet the candidates.

- Each of the five candidates for ward 2 present at the meeting introduced themselves briefly. They were invited to have a cup of tea with residents after the meeting

The meeting closed at 4.30pm

Signed

**Morgan Sant
President**