

**Minutes of HBVA General Meeting
June 8th 2019
Erowal Bay Public Hall**

Vice President Morgan Sant opened the meeting at 3.00pm

The meeting was attended by 28 villagers with apologies from 19 . There were 4 visitors including Councillor Patricia White

1. **The minutes** of the General Meeting on 2nd March 2019 were accepted, with no dissent

2. **Morgan Sant** then proposed that in the President's absence and in view of his hearing loss that Tim Barrett be invited to chair the meeting. Seconded by Lois Sparkes. There was only one objection to this.

3. **Treasurers Report** given by Treasurer Vicki Fortescue

STATEMENT PREPARED FOR HYAMS BEACH VILLAGERS' ASSOCIATION INC CCB			
GENERAL MEETING 08 June 2019			
			IMB Term Deposit Reconciliation 21 July 2018
Opening Balance cash at bank from 03/02/2019		\$2,433.81	Opening Balance term deposit from 03 MAR 2019 \$10,918.53
<u>Plus Receipts</u>			<u>Plus Receipts</u>
			Interest pd 06/03/2019 \$89.31
		\$0.00	Interest pd 04/06/2019 \$59.50
			New Maturity Date 02/09/2019 @ 2.20%
<u>Less Expenses</u>			<u>Less Outgoings</u>
SCC Erowal Bay Hall rental for 8/6/19 yet to be paid			nil \$0.00
			<u>\$0.00</u>
Closing Balance in Cash Bank		\$2,433.81	Closing Balance in IMB \$11,067.34
			8/08/2019
<u>Represented by</u>			<u>Represented by</u>
Cash @ bank	\$2,433.81		Term Deposit
Cash in hand	\$0.00		\$11,067.34
			Next maturity date 4/6/19 2.20%
		\$2,433.81	
<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS</u>			
Cash in hand		\$0.00	
CBA Cash @ bank		\$2,433.81	
IMB Term Deposit		<u>\$11,067.34</u>	
		\$13,501.15	
<u>STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES</u>			
Prepaid Memberships to March 2020		\$60.00	
Prepaid Memberships beyond March		<u>\$0.00</u>	
		\$60.00	

Report Moved Bridget Sant
Seconded Jude Walker, passed unanimously

Theo van Veenendaal raised the question as to whether the annual financial reports were being sent to Department of Fair Trading, and was informed this was the responsibility of

the public officer Rob McKinnon, who was not present at the meeting. [The Secretary has contacted the Public Officer, who is checking with Fair Trading as to whether there are any issues outstanding.]

4. **Following the Council resolution on March 26th 2019**, the HBVA executive had prepared a number of circulated motions:

EOI for Smart Solutions to Traffic Management

Motion 1: Given that Council agreed to a call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) in Smart Solutions (at its meeting of 26 March 2019) the HBVA would support commitment now to a timeline for progressing this and proposes, as two elements in the timeline, that

- **The EOI (following consultation with HBVA) be advertised and/or sent out to potential; respondents by end June 2019, and Council report back to HBVA on the nature of ideas and responses by the end of August 2019**

Moved Lois Sparkes

Theo van Veenendaal had spoken to Lorraine Hayward at Council and had learnt that the EOI had not been prepared in time to go to Strategy Assets June meeting.

Patricia White suggested we write to the General manager who receives all papers two weeks before the meeting if we wished to see it before the Council meeting.

Lesley Hoskins proposed the motion be amended:

- **The EOI be advertised and/or sent out to potential respondents by end June 2019, and Council report back to HBVA on the nature of ideas and responses by the end of August 2019 for consultation.**

The motion was carried with one vote against

Water quality monitoring in lagoon below Seamans Beach Carpark

Motion 2: HBVA request that the creek/lagoon below the Seamans Beach Carpark be tested for faecal coliform and enterococci bacteria on a regular basis to support potential notifications of any public health risks to visitors, and that the design of the new toilet block incorporate provision for the toilet facilities, the showers, taps and wastewater from cleaning the facilities to be managed to prevent further erosion and contamination of the creek/lagoon.

Moved Vicki Fortescue who reported that pollutants from cleaning the toilet floors as well as detergents used under the tap and the shower were all entering the creek in which children played and frequently had to be walked through to access the beach.

An amended version of the motion was proposed by Lesley Hoskins:

2a HBVA request that the creek/lagoon below the Seamans Beach Carpark become a subject for Shoalhaven's Beach Watch program and that the water in it be tested for faecal coliform and enterococci bacteria on a regular basis to support potential notifications of any public health risks to visitors.,

2b The design of the new and existing toilet block incorporate provision for the toilet facilities, the showers, taps and wastewater from cleaning the facilities to be connected to the sewer to prevent further erosion and contamination of the creek/lagoon, according to Council's Foreshore Policy and the Policy for Parks and Reserves.

Both motions, 2a and 2b, were carried unanimously

In the course of the discussion of these issues, it was noted that there are ongoing problems with used toilet paper being dropped on the floor of the toilets – and then adding to the pollution being hosed into the creek. This was considered likely to reflect a cultural issue, with some visitors not clear about how to dispose of the paper, and some used to using a bin next to the toilet. The possibility of (culturally and language) sensitive signage being placed inside the cubicles was raised as a way of addressing the issue. The Secretary undertook to communicate these ideas to Council when forwarding the motions had been passed.

Out of Village carparks.

Chris Grounds was invited to speak on environmental issues in relation to this topic. He is a spokesperson for the community network for the Heritage Estates and neighbouring National Parks as well as a conservation officer for Bird Life Australia, and has done many studies on the bird population in the wildlife corridor.

He requested the removal of one clause 3.i from the Council resolution SA19.24 of March 12, 2019, regarding preference for pursuing options for parking on land owned by the Jerrinja and NPWS.

He stated that National Parks were never created for them to be taken back. The old tip site on the Jerrinja land was opened in 1952 and closed in 1986 because of contamination and uncontrolled dumping on a site that had never had approval.

Both sites were home 139 bird species, 8 of which are threatened, most seriously the Eastern Bristle Bird and the Eastern Ground Parrot.

Lois Sparkes then moved the following motion:

Motion 3: The HBVA is aware of recent correspondence to Council opposing out of village carparks on the old tip site and in the Jervis Bay National Park. The HBVA expresses its own serious reservations about the environmental threats posed by any such development of carparks along this strip. It requests that Council look to using other existing carparks, shuttle bus services and various 'smart solutions' as

alternatives ways to resolving the parking limitations of Hyams Beach Village while providing access to the beach.

Chris Allison spoke strongly against it suggesting we were trying to lock people out of the village. Some rejected this view, arguing that they were only reflecting what they saw as the reality of the capacity of the village. Several people expressed the view that the wording was not sufficiently strong.

Martin Fortescue highlighted the \$20 million spent by the Commonwealth to secure land (from the Heritage Estates) for the habitat corridor that extensive studies in Booderee National Park deemed essential for maintaining the biodiversity. Any development in this zone would jeopardise this.

David Campbell acknowledged that there were serious environmental issues that would make it very difficult to develop a proposal he would find acceptable, but that he was reluctant to rule out discussion of any future proposal. He argued that the motion as worded was not incompatible with the later motion, 3a, and that it would be open to members to vote for both.

The motion was put to the floor and 12 voted for it, 7 against (9 abstentions)

Motion carried

Motion 3a: That the HBVA objects to any form of out-of-village car parking within the Jervis Bay National Park and the land granted to the Jerrinja ALC, such as the old tip site.

Moved Lesley Hoskins (having been tabled in advance of the meeting)

Lesley stressed how hard the HBVA had always battled to save the surrounding environment and wanted much stronger objections.

The motion was put to the floor

18 voted in favour, 6 against, with 4 abstentions

Motion carried

Strategic Plan: Morgan Sant had heard informally that Council had accepted our strategic plan but that we had not been notified officially. It was noted by Morgan that, with recent developments, some revision of the plan could soon be called for.

Motion 4: That Council provide us with official notification of the status of the Strategic Plan and if it has been accepted, inform us as to when this occurred.

Moved Morgan Sant, Carried with no dissent

Fireshed

Morgan Sant Following the determination of the JALC over part of the land on which the village Hall was built he recontacted Council about getting an easement over this portion of the land. However in view of another overarching land claim by the South Coast ALC they cannot now act on an easement. Therefore Council had suggested that they can negotiate a license agreement.

Patricia White indicated that the rent for this is capped at no more than \$454 annually, but could be varied by Council to as little as \$1 per annum and that Community Hall charges would not apply under such an arrangement.

Motion 5: The HBVA requests that Council use best endeavours to enter into a license agreement with the Jerringa Land Council concerning use/upgrade of the Fire Shed by end of July 2019.

Moved Morgan Sant

Carried unanimously

Seamans Beach Carpark gates.

Lois Sparkes indicated how serious the noise from late night rowdy behaviour, particularly by the illegal campers, had become for neighbouring houses.

Motion 6: The HBVA requests that, if an alternative approach cannot be implemented quickly, Council move to implement the trial of a gate at the Seaman's Beach Carpark to prevent unauthorised stays and unruly behaviour at night. The design and build of the gate should be appropriate to the spirit of a trial. The HBVA supports that the gate be in place by the October long weekend 2019.

Moved Lois Sparkes

Jenny Barrett asked if this included locking the toilets, which she opposed.

Lesley Hoskins asked by whom and when the gates would be closed.

There was discussion of implications for management of buses coming into Hyams Beach for sunrise.

Lois Sparkes responded that the trial was that the gate should be open during daylight hours and that Mark Crowther had offered to take responsibility for their opening and closing during the trial.

Motion was put

16 voted for the motion, 6 against (6 abstentions)

Motion carried

Delegation of some powers between Council and National Parks Rangers

Motion 7: The HBVA requests that Council progress the necessary processes to enable Council rangers to have the authority to enforce the camping, fires and dog regulations in the adjacent NSW National Park. HBVA further requests from Council advice on the current status and likely timeline for this to happen.

Moved Michele Schlosser In her absence this motion was carried over

David Campbell indicated that he would write to Council for clarification as to whether they had progressed plans to more efficiently share responsibility for policing illegal activity in the National Park portion of the Beaches. Some concerns were expressed about the possible need for legislative change. Lois Sparkes indicated that discussions had been underway for some time about the use of existing delegation powers, with no legislative change, to deal better with the jurisdictional problems in enforcing camping and fire restrictions on the beach.

Location of Google Pin

David Campbell indicated that the position of the Google Pin for Hyams Beach had a big impact on traffic flows and encouraged dangerous U turns in the village. It has had two locations, previously one at Hyams Beach and currently at Seamans Beach carpark. Council traffic officers had indicated concerns regarding moving the pin along Cyrus Street, because of the encouragement of U-turns. Council have sought community attitudes to a more neutral position near the bottom of Booderee Avenue, where Council signage (that could change seasonally) can suggest which way to turn.

There was unanimous approval for this suggestion.

5 Other Business

Lesley Hoskins asked that if there may be plans to increase parking within the village with incursions into our much valued reserve it is vital that we have a plan of management for this very valuable piece of recreational open space. She noted that there are formal requirements for such plans of management.

She requested that the Executive write to Council to investigate implementing a Plan of Management for our Reserve.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 5.00pm