

Theo Van Veenendaal asked how the community would be consulted as the HBVA executive did not constitute the whole community.

The president indicated that it was likely to be either by a simple survey or through emails and the web site.

Tom Fawcett indicated how inadequate was the Council-prepared record of this meeting.

Lois Sparkes elaborated on some of the other discussion points.

1. The proposed partial one way system had not been trialled and would create many choke points. A lot of money was being proposed to for design concepts for this and the extra parking proposed on Aster and Cyrus Streets supposedly without any incursion to the reserve.
2. The inappropriateness of just taking numbers from the survey and ignoring the 45 written responses. Ideas were being put forward that were contrary to the communities wishes. As in the case of the \$1.3 million footpath down Booderee, it was not even in the survey.

David Campbell made the point that the problems of congestion could well be solved with paid parking and smart technologies so many of these proposals could be a huge waste of councils limited resources.

Theo and Catherine Van Veenendaal Insisted that we should prioritise our demands for Council actions, and there was embarrassment about our many demands

Morgan Sant responded that the HBVA had always insisted that it was a seasonal problem of congestion that council had to address and not put in place anything that would diminish amenity for residents all year round. The EOI should resolve the seasonal problem. The issue of the community hall was a long term, ongoing demand, but that the proposals in relation to footpaths and extra toilets had come from Council not HBVA.

3. Treasurer's Report Given by Mark Crowther in the absence of the Treasurer

STATEMENT PREPARED FOR HYAMS BEACH VILLAGERS' ASSOCIATION INC CCB			
28th September 2019			
			IMB Term Deposit Reconciliation 28/09/2019
Opening Balance cash at bank from 08/06/2019		\$2,433.81	Opening Balance term deposit from 08/06/2019 \$11,067.34
Plus Receipts			Plus Receipts
			Interest pd 02/09/2019 \$60.04
		\$0.00	New Maturity Date 01/012/2019 @ 2.10%
Less Expenses			Less Outgoings
SCC rent hall 8/6 ch180		\$51.00	nil \$0.00
ual returns ch181		\$164.36	\$0.00
J McKay Bushcare trust ch183		\$200.00	
SCC rent hall 28/9 ch 182		\$42.00	
Closing Balance in Cash Bank		\$1,976.45	Closing Balance in IMB \$11,127.38
			8/08/2019
Represented by			Represented by
Cash @ bank	\$1,976.45		Term Deposit
Cash in hand	\$0.00		\$11,127.38
		\$1,976.45	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS			
Cash in hand		\$0.00	
CBA Cash @ bank		\$1,976.45	
IMB Term Deposit		\$11,127.38	
		\$13,103.83	
STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES			
Prepaid Memberships to March 2020		\$60.00	
Prepaid Memberships beyond March		\$0.00	
		\$60.00	

4. **National Parks** Michele Schlosser

- a. Michael Phelan, the Chief National Park Officer for the Shoalhaven has organised for the police to help deal with the problem of illegal camping
- b. Council Rangers are now accredited with the ability to issue fines for illegal activities in National Park areas.
- c. Michael Phelan will endeavour to speak at our next General meeting.

5. **Environment report** Presented by Lois Sparkes on behalf of Vicki Fortescue; report attached

- a. Action being taken on eradicating Mynah birds in the north of the village.
- b. Please take one of the excellent council recycling brochures
- c. Collect plastic lids for 3D printing of prosthetic limbs.
- d. Environment group will review the environment section of the strategic plan.
- e. 2 letters written to council
 - i. Degradation of dunes at Hyams Beach (ramp beach)
 - ii. request to remove obsolete signs at Hyams B
- f. Pleased to announce that council have repaired pole fences on Cyrus St and Silver Strand. This should make both safer.

6. **SCC report on Traffic arrangements**

In the absence of a council spokesperson, **Mark Crowther** made some comments.

- a. It is understood that arrangements for traffic management this summer would be similar to last summer.
- b. The high cost of these arrangements, \$230 000 last year, was substantially offset by about \$170,000 in gross fines, but the extra costs of garbage and amenity cleaning is not included, nor fines not collected.
- c. Traffic statistics give an indication of how many cars are trying to access the village and its 450 legal parking places. On Christmas day there were 2400 cars entering the village.

David Campbell commented that the number of people prepared to risk a fine is an indication of a willingness to pay a considerable amount for parking, and this could be tapped to further offset the costs currently borne by ratepayers. He argued for visitors who create the costs in the village bearing a higher proportion of these costs.

7. **HBVA Web Site**

Mark Crowther thanked **Adele Carter** who had redesigned the HBVA website. It was now much more attractive and friendly. Adele was one of the very few younger people in the village and was now nominating for the committee.

8. **HBVA Strategic Plan**

The new committee will need to update this document as it is over three years old.

9 **Other Business**

- a. **Cr Patricia White** sympathises with residents and acknowledged how hard Mark and Lois have worked , with lots of meetings with Council. Council has worked hard and there are now state grants to help fix the problem. More parking will not solve the problem and could exacerbate it. Similarly more toilets encourage more people. They have to be stopped at the top and encouraged to go to other beaches. It is legal to do this at otherwise congested times as it is a safety issue.

A roundabout is needed to turn people around and help relieve the growing pressure on access to Creswell and the National Park.

- b. **Marina Matic** stressed the need for a more professional approach to tourism management, with a formal booth. Residents and employees and other legitimate vehicles need windscreen stickers to enter the village when it is closed to tourists.
- c. **Cr White** whilst not privy to the EOI details stated that Shoalhaven water were employing some very clever IT people who have come to Hyams to look at ways to solve our problem.
- d. **Cr Jo Gash** also stressed the importance of stopping traffic when the village is full and the building of a roundabout, and also stressed the importance of cleaning the amenities and of garbage collection.
- e. **Bridget Sant** asked why the roundabout option had not been included in the reports that went to Strategy and Assets. Patricia White assured her that Paul Keech was now in favour of this.
- f. **Theo Van Veenendaal. Asked** about getting the information as to what was happening and what the alternative options, that were mentioned at the onsite meeting, were. Lois Sparkes assured him that Council staff were discussing this and would come back with more ideas this week.
He requested that we prioritise what it is that we want Council to do. He finally put up a **motion:**

The secretary write to Council with the following items as a result of the General Meeting held on 28th September, 2019

- a. **The HBVA requests that Council progress the design and implementation of a roundabout at the intersection of Naval College Road and Booderee Avenue and**
- b. **The results on the nature of ideas and responses from the EOI for smart technology be provided to the HBVA for consultation prior to the report being finalised and presented to Council.**

Motion Moved Theo, seconded Lois Sparkes

Passed unanimously

Tom Fawcett queried why a gate was needed at Seamans beach carpark if there were to be signs prohibiting overnight parking. The secretary commented that he had asked the same question at the meeting. There was a view that the trial should be undertaken, especially as the gates to be reallocated elsewhere in the Council area. He indicated that he thought there would probably not be a case for indefinite use of the gates.

Meeting closed and the AGM ensued.

ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT FOR HBVA MEETING 28TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The environment group met on 3rd September with the following issues discussed and actions determined:

- Mynah birds – no sightings from those present although since this meeting there have been sightings at the northern end of tulip Street. Traps are currently located at 45 Tulip and Langridge residence on corner of Cyrus and Booderee.
- Recycling – SCC has produced an excellent new recycling brochure. This brochure outlines all methods of recycling including how to recycle soft plastics. These have been distributed to The Holidays Collection for inclusion in holiday home information packs. Copies are available today. A link to the brochure has been put onto the HBVA website thank you Julienne.
- Lids 4 Kids – this initiative asks people to collect plastic lids from milk and juice bottles so they can be made into prosthetic hands for kids. A copy of the brochure is on the website. There are many drop off points in the Shoalhaven – see the website on the brochure for details.
- Draft letter forwarded to HBVA secretary for review and endorsement. Suggestion that the Rocks which were delivered (quite some time ago) by SCC to secure the sewer line of the creek at Little Hyams Beach (boat ramp) were never used. Suggestion that they be moved to secure the dunes at the southern end of the beach (between the creek and the steps). Erosion from visitors sitting on banks and the last east coast low causing potential tree and vegetation loss which may also impact on infrastructure if not remediated. Letter also suggests a temporary dog proof wire fence using star pickets be erected at the top of the dune beside the closed road between the steps and boat ramp. This area has tracks from visitors accessing the beach through the lomandra. The environment group has used brush and replanted a number of times but the tracks kept being made. A temporary fence only to the height of the existing lomandra would be visually inoffensive.
- Update of Strategic Plan 2017. The environment group has been working on the actions from the plan and are happy to continue to review and update as concerns arise.
- Vicki has been co-ordinating this group but is happy to hand over if anyone else would like to take over this informal role.
- All plant guards at the northern end of Cyrus Street have now been removed and plants are doing well.
- A letter is going to SCC to ask for the obsolete signs on the road to the boat ramp to be removed.
- Issues sent to SCC –
 - Erosion at the bottom of the steps to Little Hyams (boat ramp). An additional platform (step) has now been added
 - Broken fence above the creek on Cyrus Street between the car park south to the bush track. Fence has been repaired but it is still a serious safety issue (low height and dangerous drop)
 - Request for a fibreglass walkway to be erected on Cyrus Street between the car park south to the bush track. This area poses a serious risk of injury with an uneven surface and tree roots. Most people walk on the road through this area. Tree routes need protecting.
- Use of Snap Send Solve App for sending issues (with photos and notes) is an excellent way of informing SCC of issues in and around the village. Google or discuss with Vicki for more information

Vicki Fortescue