



## Scotland Island Residents' Association

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting

**Date:** December 6, 2016

**Venue:** Scotland Island Community Hall

**Apologies:** Heather Greenaway.

**Meeting opened at 11:10 am**

### INTRODUCTION

The President, Bill Gye (BG) thanked everyone for attending.

**Previous minutes:** The AGM Minutes of 8 February 2015 were tabled. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting by those present. Moved David Hegarty, seconded Carol Floyd.

The minutes of the General Community Meeting of 28 June 2015 were tabled. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting by those present. Moved Judy Readman, seconded David Hegarty.

### SIRA COMMITTEE REPORT

**Church Point:** Bill Gye reported that no significant decisions would be made without an attempt to consult members. The parking rules and regulations for street parking and Church Point is the major issue the committee is dealing with. Council is meeting on 7 December to discuss a proposal put forward. A detailed (joint letter with WPCA) was sent to Council on 3 December) Letter was distributed online along with the agenda). All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting on 7 December.

**Roads and Drainage:** Cass Gye reported that the Roads and Drainage Subcommittee has continued to be active through the year, liaising with Pittwater Council regarding the Capital Improvements Programme (CIP) and roads and drainage maintenance, particularly in relation to the storm damage the Island.

**Waste and Wastewater:** Marie Minslow reported that the Water and Wastewater Working Group has been very active this year and can report the following achievements:

- SIRA made written representation to IPART in August 2014
- SIRA provided a Q&A sheet to residents in January 2015 about possible sewerage connection for Scotland Island
  - SIRA called on residents to write to State Members of Parliament and Local Government Councillors to influence IPART to direct Sydney Water to meet its Priority Sewerage Program (PSP) commitments as previously outlined in their Operating Licence
  - SIRA attended a public forum hosted by IPART on 30 March 2015

- SIRA wrote to IPART in April 2015 reiterating the health and environmental risks of Sydney Water not connecting the sewerage to Scotland Island.
- SIRA surveyed residents to gauge the level of commitment to connection to the main sewer. The survey of residents indicated that 96% want the sewerage connected at a cost similar to that incurred by Dangar Island residents.
- Members of SIRA have met with Rob Stokes the local State Government member and Pittwater Council to progress the connection of sewerage to Scotland Island.
- Members of SIRA met with Niall Blair, Minister for Lands-Water on 26 November to progress the connection of sewerage to Scotland Island.
- All documents are available here: <http://www.scotlandisland.org.au/sira/documents-resources>.

**Waste Management:** David Hegarty reported that the following issues raised from the community with the sub-committee and discussed with PWC were:

- *That the skips at Bell & other wharves are overflowing regularly - SIRA raised this with PWC. Response-* PWC has installed organized for the contractor URM to install additional skips. Will be monitored.
- *The lids on the skips were to be locked with 400l bin size smaller lids- however they are not locked and the holes are too small. Response-* PWC will discuss with URM Chipper and/or extra green waste to deal with all the post-storm additional vegetation. **Response-** Additional cleanup was organized (Note- insufficient notice was provided for residents- PWC said would consider additional cleanup.
- *Cleanup on the top of the island and green pickup both missed due to the road closure. Response-* Cleanup was delayed until the road repaired and additional green waste pickup.
- *Skips are continually filled with inappropriate materials. Response-* PWC committed to additional signage and monitoring by wharf ranger

**Community Vehicle:** David Hegarty reported that 2015 was a huge year in the history of the Community Vehicle with the completion of the transition of the administration of the service to Easy Transport Manly Warringah Pittwater.

From July 1, Easy Transport Manly Warringah Pittwater commenced operating the Scotland Island Community Vehicle- SIRA continues to co-ordinate the drivers and Pittwater Council is sourcing and maintaining the vehicle.

**Parks and Reserves:** Emmie Collins reported that the group had been working with the Roads and Drainage working group to achieve a cohesive approach. The land care volunteers continue to come to the Island to help. Scotland Island is considered a significant catchment Area.

**Community Hall:** Cass Gye reported that The Community Hall has had a huge facelift this year. In 2011, SIRA met with Council to review maintenance and development of the building and our “wish list” has been realised this year.

Community Engagement and Communications: Hubert van Mierlo reported the following:

- There was increased engagement with the community, face to face during SIRA Committee Meetings, Community General Meeting, Meetings on several other topics (e.g. Elsie Steps).
- The group worked on and sent several communiques and campaigns for Church Point, Waste Water, using multiple channels.
- The embedding of the new membership system with in-built communications functionality went well. On average 64% of recipients open the emails.
- SIRAC is now increasingly using website, Facebook, Email to communicate.
- Kerry Borthwick will be retiring as Hall Booking Manager. Thanks for the years of service!

**Membership:** Hubert van Mierlo mentioned that the transition of the membership structure from fees by household to fees by individual member had made an impact on the income of the membership income.

	2014	2015 (Current)
<b>Households</b>	313	
<b>Persons</b>	(594)	
<b>Members</b>		390
<b>Fees</b>	\$6,000	\$3,870

**Emergency Water:** Bill Gye thanked Nathalie Muir and Cass Gye for their work as Water Monitors.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cass Gye reported of which the following were the main points:

- Net surplus @ 30.06.15 \$26,842.
- Total equity \$155,290 which includes Emergency Water Term Deposit \$85,000
- Community Vehicle Provision \$20,000
- CBP Grant Funds \$20,000.
- Bank balances @ 30.06.15: \$10,647.30 Cheque; \$52,544.02 Savings; \$14,242.64 Emergency Water Savings Account
- Interest 2014-2015 \$1,371.46
- Emergency Water Term \Deposit \$85,000;
- Interest 2014-2015 \$3,439.14;

Memberships net income 2014-2015 \$5,999.40 with 2015-2016 income slightly down due to per person annual fee of \$10.00 instead of the per household fee of \$20.00 (refer Membership Report).

The Treasurer's report was accepted, proposed by Hubert van Mierlo, Seconded, Judy Readman.

### **SIRA COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The following nominations for the Committee were received 7 days prior to the meeting: Boyd Attewell, Sharon Kinnison, Hubert van Mierlo, Marie Minslow, Phil Pryor, Iza Foster, Roy Baker, Cas Gye, Bill Gye and Tim Jacobs. All nominees automatically become committee members as there are less nominations than positions available.

Additional nominations were sought. Nominated was Ray de Smeth (Proposed by Hubert van Mierlo, seconded by Jenny Cullen) for Committee member. No ballot for general committee positions were needed.

The following nominations for office had been received: President: Hubert van Mierlo and Bill Gye. Vice President: Marie Minslow, Phil Pryor, Hubert van Mierlo and Iza Foster. Treasurer: Boyd Attewell, Secretary: Hubert van Mierlo.

Hubert van Mierlo withdrew his nomination for Vice President. If not elected President, he would automatically be appointed Secretary since only one nomination was received. If elected President, nominations for Secretary would be sought.

A ballot using the Simply Voting system was held for the positions of President and Vice President. Elected were: President, Bill Gye and Vice President, Marie Minslow and Iza Foster.

### **CELEBRATION OF 60 YEAR SIRA ANNIVERSARY**

Bill Gye invited everyone to join the festivities in Catherine Park. The main organiser of the day, Emmie Collins and the other contributors where thanked for the enormous effort to get everything in place.



*'Turning on the Electricity'*