



## Scotland Island Residents' Association

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting

**Date:** November 13, 2016

**Venue:** Scotland Island Community Hall

**Meeting opened at 10:45 am**

## INTRODUCTION

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

Previous minutes: The AGM Minutes of 6 December 2015 were tabled. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting by those present.

## SIRA ANNUAL REPORT

Treasurer Boyd Attewell presented the 2015-2016 audited accounts for the association. SIRA has recorded a total income of \$112,247 and expenditure of \$117,235 resulting in a net loss of \$4,988.

The total assets of the association on 30 June 2016 were \$141,387 and liabilities \$13,200, with the loss of \$4,888 resulting in a total equity of \$128,187.

The following motion was tabled: That the 2016 Annual Report as tabled be accepted. Proposer: Boyd Attewell, Seconded: Hubert van Mierlo.

The treasurer explained that under the Associations Incorporations Act 2009 SIRA is classified as a Tier 2 association and is not required to conduct a full audit of accounts, but instead a 'review' by a qualified accountant. The following motion was tabled"

That it is agreed that the Association's accounts be the subject of a Review by a qualified accountant rather than an Audit by an Auditor. Proposer: Boyd Attewell, Seconded: Hubert van Mierlo.

**The motion was carried.**

## SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

The following reports (as per annual report) were delivered:

- Emergency Water Supply – Cass Gye
- Water and Wastewater – Marie Minslow
- Community Hall – Cass Gye

- Community Vehicle – Cass Gye
- Roads and Drainage – Sharon Kinnison
- Sustainability, Conservation and Land Management – Sharon Kinnison

## **SIRA MEMBER SURVEY**

Hubert van Mierlo presented the results of the SIRA member survey to which the following conclusions were presented:

- SIRA Services are highly regarded by the community
- SIRA's performance representing the community is rated satisfactory by a majority of the community
- However, a portion of the community does not regard SIRA's performance satisfactory.
- This opinion is held by 20 to 30% of the community (of those who are aware of the performance).
- The community indicates it is not adequately informed on a number of topics
- The SIRA Committee should review its priorities and review how much time and resources should be spent on the various topics
- In terms of the relationship with Northern Beaches Council, the community wants SIRA to concentrate on holding Council to account and negotiate on behalf of the community
- Over 33 people indicated they were not actively involved in SIRA due to a culture of politics, factionalism and other issues within the current group
- The community most preferred methods of consultation are surveys, online voting and community forums/meetings

The following recommendation was presented:

The SIRA committee to investigate a deeper level of decision making via community consultation:

1. Committee discussions to discover the various points of view and test these against existing or planned strategies
2. Information provision to the community
3. A community (forum) meeting
4. Email to the community with explanation of the issue, arguments from several sources and invitation to vote on the subject

## **MOTIONS**

### **Motion by Marie Minslow, Seconded by Judy Readman**

That Bill and Cas Gye be given life membership of Scotland Island Residents Association in recognition of their services to the Scotland Island community. – The motion was carried.

### **Motion by Iza Foster, Seconded by Cass Gye**

That SIRA, instead of proposing 4P 6am to 6pm (M-F), lobby Council to alter the Demand Management Plan proposed 4P 6am to 6pm in the upper Church Point streets to be 4P 6am to 6pm (Wed only).

#### Rationale

Council advised that it introduced this measure to address the concerns of the residents of those streets with respect to the long term garaging of offshore vehicles. The 'Wed only' proposal will address the long term garaging of vehicles, with minimal impact to the offshore community. The current SIRA represented position (4P 6am-6pm Mon-Fri):

Adds no additional value to the onshore community with respect to the specified issue the 4P was meant to address (ie long term garaging of vehicles). Adds an unnecessary burden to the offshore community, particularly to shift workers finishing in the middle of the night who would normally be asleep at the time their car would need to be moved.

**The motion was defeated.**

### **Amendment, proposed by Bill Gye**

That SIRA, lobby Council to alter the Demand Management Plan, so that the currently proposed 17 unrestricted spaces become 4P 6am to 6pm (Thursday only) and that the remainder become 4P 6am to 6pm (M-F).

**The amended motion was carried**

### **Motion by Sabrina Antoniou, seconded by Ian Laughton-Smith**

That SIRA gets some initial legal advice about the Church Point car parking situation. Specifically, we need to understand:

- a. whether the council could be considered in breach of a contract (we are not receiving the full and expected benefit of what we have been and will continue to pay for).
- b. Since we are living in an area zoned as residential, whether the council has a legal obligation to facilitate access to our homes (or to remove impediments to accessing our homes).

**The motion was defeated**

### **Motion by Sharon Kinnison, Seconded Colin Haskell (Amended)**

1. That SIRA put to the Northern Beaches Council that there is an offshore community concern that any increase in fees is not justified. While we acknowledge that there is to be a commitment to resident priority in the evening for about 200 spots, this number does not provide any relief during busy periods ie. weekends & holidays when the community will be competing with growing business and visitor pressures. In addition there appears to be little or no net gain of parking despite a community investment of over 7 million dollars.

We would also request a meeting with the Administrator, General Manager and the newly elected SIRA executive to discuss these issues and how SIRA believe they can be resolved.

2. SIRA schedule a community meeting open to all offshore residents before the end of February "to review and discuss Councils response to our letter putting re our concerns" and agree upon any further action to be taken by SIRA and others if necessary.

**The motion was defeated**

### **Motion by Emmie Collins, seconded by Sharon Kinnison.**

Scotland Island Residents Association (SIRA) request that Northern Beaches Council adopt the current Warringah LEP immediately to address the rise in large scale party houses offshore and Pittwater generally. This is not intended to disallow short- term lettings but pertains to the size and scale of the numbers of people letting a property.

Local impacts are twofold:

- Community wellbeing due to all night noise of sometimes 50 guests.
- Parking pressure at Church Point accommodating influx.

**The motion was carried**

## **SIRA COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The following nominations for the Committee were received 7 days prior to the meeting: Boyd Attewell (Nominated by Sabrina Antoniou, seconded Sharon Kinnison), Sharon Kinnison (nominated by Jane Rich and seconded by Paul Kinnison), Hubert van Mierlo (nominated by Sharon Kinnison and Seconded by Paul Kinnison), Jane Rich (nominated by Sharon Kinnison and Seconded by Paul Kinnison) and Emmie Collins (nominated by Sharon Kinnison and Seconded by Jane Rich). All nominees automatically become committee members as there are less nominations than positions available.

The following nominations for office had been received: President: Hubert van Mierlo. Vice President: Hubert van Mierlo and Sharon Kinnison. Secretary: Hubert van Mierlo. Treasurer: Boyd Attewell.

Hubert van Mierlo withdrew his nomination for Vice President and Secretary. He was automatically appointed President since only one nomination was received.

Additional nominations were sought. Nominated was Emmie Collins for Vice president. As only one nomination was received she was appointed Vice President. Nominated for Secretary was Alec Beckett (nominated by Cameron Foye and seconded by Hubert van Mierlo). As only one nomination was received he was appointed Secretary.

Ray de Smeth (nominated by Hubert van Mierlo and seconded by Eileen O'Neill), Eileen O'Neill (nominated by Sharon Kinnison and seconded by Hubert van Mierlo) and Sam Collins (nominated by Jane Wood and seconded by Robyn Iredale) were nominated for Committee Member and were all three appointed committee members as the number of nominations was less than the positions available.