

Scotland Island Residents' Association



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Date: 17th November, 2019
Venue: Community Hall
Committee Present: Colin Haskell, Sharon Kinnison, Boyd Attewell, Anne Dennis, Sue Armstrong, Nadja Fisher, Robyn Iredale, Shane O'Neill, Jane Rich
Committee Apologies: Fabienne d'Hautefeuille
In Attendance: Michael Chapman, Graeme Crayford, Bill Gye, Cass Gye, Rosemary Haskell, Gail Mackenzie, Jess McGowan, Leanne McLean, Steve Pollard, Greg Roberts, Bill Stanley, Graham Stenner, Tim Turpin
Other Apologies: Jenny Cullen, Julian Muir, Penny Wise
Opening: Meeting opened at 10:22 am

	Item	Tabled Documents/ Actions
	Chair: Colin Haskell, SIRA President Welcome and acknowledgement of country.	
	<i>ORDINARY BUSINESS</i>	
1.	CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES (21st October, 2018) Motion: That the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.	The meeting accepted the 2018 AGM minutes.
2.	SIRA ANNUAL REPORT, 2019 Motion: That the Annual Report, as circulated to all members via email, be accepted.	Moved by Greg Roberts; seconded by Robyn Iredale. Motion carried.
3.	PRESIDENT'S REPORT – see the 2019 Annual Report in the Document Library on the Scotland Island Community website	
3.1	Thank you to the following people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anne Dennis, outgoing Secretary ○ Boyd Attewell – outgoing Treasurer, for his many hours of work on the Annual Report and as SIRA Treasurer and Accountant, and for his support of SIRA and the community ○ Jane Rich and Lucy Gregg for their work managing and cleaning the Hall ○ Graeme Crayford and the drivers of the Community Vehicle ○ Nikki Gibson, Ian Laughton-Smith, Nadine O'Mara and Jay Savage, the SIRA Water Monitors; and Cass Gye, the SIRA Water Manager ○ Alec Beckett for his work on the Bell and Carols Wharves project ○ Sharon Kinnison and Emmie Collins for their bush care work ○ Peter Lalor and the Rural Fire Service team. 	
3.2	SIRA has liaised with Northern Beaches Council (NBC) throughout the year. Met with Ray Brownlee, CEO, and Trish Chaney, Community Liaison Coordinator, on 19 th May to raise priority island issues.	
3.2.1	Roads and Drainage Management Requested a four year rolling plan for regular, scheduled maintenance; while a plan has not been received yet, we are making headway.	

<p>3.2.2</p> <p>3.2.3</p> <p>3.2.4</p> <p>3.2.5</p>	<p>Water and Wastewater Commercial Feasibility Study NBC and contractors, Pressure System Solutions, have worked with SIRA and the community on this project. A working group of ten community members has met three times.</p> <p>Church Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extension of boardwalk on hold, awaiting land swap between NBC and the Crown; NBC has been requested to continue working with the Church Point Aesthetics Advisory Group. ○ SIRA lobbied for revisions to proposed 2019-20 NBC mooring fees; as a result, half yearly permits were re-instated and no additional fee for mooring at Cargo Wharf on the island will be charged, if the boat owner holds mainland mooring permit, e.g. for Commuter Wharf at Church Pt. ○ Pasadena Liquor Licences application an ongoing issue, about which SIRA has kept the community informed. <p>Catherine Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SIRA has requested that NBC formulate a Management Plan for the park, in consultation with the community. ○ SIRA requested new tables and chairs and that playing field be restored. ○ Also discussed issues of sediment run-off and golf buggy parking. <p>Wharves Building of new wharves is due to commence in March/April.</p>	
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.2.1</p>	<p>SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP UPDATES - see 2019 Annual Report for further information</p> <p>Church Point – Colin Haskell (See President’s Report also)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rubbish facilities needed near new carpark. Has been raised with NBC. ○ The ferry wharf will most likely not change position, as originally planned, due to the difficulty of moving existing moorings. ○ If wharf is not re-located, a member suggests the walkway at present jetty needs to be raised so it is no inundated with water at high tides. ○ A member advised that Pittwater Council resolved to recognise the surveying and planning work of Ian Souter in relation to Church Point. ○ A member advised that the seat with a dedication plaque, which was in Rostrevor Reserve, needs to be put back now works completed. <p>Community Engagement and Communications – Shane O’Neill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scotland Island Community Website has been refreshed this year, the ultimate aim being to direct people through it rather than social media. Thank you to Alec Beckett, IT manager. ○ Feedback from a few members at the AGM suggests that level of information disseminated via Scotland Island Residents’ Facebook page (and on S.I. Sharing page, which is not SIRA’s), SIRA Newsletters and PON is good; they feel well-informed without being overwhelmed. <p>Recreation Club – Robyn Iredale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Was established with a grant of around \$9000 from NBC; aims to give structure to a range of recreational activities which promote social cohesion. SIRA must report on the success of the grant. ○ Robyn Iredale and Sue Armstrong are the co-ordinators of the Recreation Club. ○ <u>Examples of activities held so far:</u> Young Musician’s Concert organised by Robyn Iredale and David Richards; four International Folk Dancing Evenings hosted by Annabelle and Branko Kristevic; table tennis 	<p>SIRA to follow up.</p> <p>SIRA to follow up.</p> <p>SIRA to follow up.</p> <p>SIRA to follow up.</p> <p>Community members encouraged to contact Robyn and Sue about their ideas for activities.</p>

	<p>equipment bought and a club formed, coordinated by Quinton Willman and Matteo DelleMonache; Newcomers' Welcome Brunch hosted by Rosemary Haskell and Gail Mackenzie.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planned: Jazz night on 30/11; Young Musicians' Concert in Nov/Dec. ○ Other ideas for activities: mindfulness sessions, ukulele group, winter beanie festival, boat maintenance for teenagers. <p>4.3 Finance and Insurance – Boyd Attewell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a surplus of \$14,500 on a turnover of \$164,000. ○ Around \$40,000 was received in grants, an unusually large amount mainly due to the Automated Water Booking System grant under the Northern Beaches Stronger Communities Fund (Community Grants). This project is in its final phase with completion expected in December. ○ Income from the sale of 19.3 million litres of water (compared with 22.5 litres sold in the previous financial year) was \$109,000. ○ Cash funds previously held in St George term deposits have been gradually shifted to an Australian Ethical Investments Balanced Fund during 2019, providing much greater returns than the term deposits. ○ Thank you very much to Bill Stanley, who again expertly reviewed SIRA's finances on a voluntary basis. <p>Motion: That the Financial Reports in the 2019 SIRA Annual Report be accepted as an accurate record.</p> <p>4.4 Community Hall – Jane Rich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The hall has been revitalised, with the Stronger Communities grant which funded the murals painted on it and the kindergarten by Nettie Lodge and others; and the Recreation Club formation. ○ The history of the tapestry in the hall was researched and an outline is now displayed next to it; the tapestry has been repaired by Antonia. ○ The Hall does not appear on the NBC's map of community centres. ○ Jane thanked for all her work over the last few years; Nadja Fisher will take on the role of Hall Manager. <p>4.5 Roads, Drainage, Traffic and Environment – Sharon Kinnison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sharon thanked the team – Graeme Crayford, Cass Gye, Colin Haskell, Annette Ritchie and Tim Turpin. <p><u>Roads and Drainage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Biggest win this year has been maintenance, which has seen roads hold up in big rains. ○ Two meetings with NBC about capital works; walked all the island roads with them. Top priorities: Cecil St drainage, ring road and Council depot on Kevin Avenue. Designs needed for each of these. Waiting on NBC. ○ A member stated his view that there are too many speed bumps, and the cambre of roads is not safe for buggies. <p><u>Traffic Management Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stalled due to RMS restructure (merger with Transport NSW). ○ NBC has decided to outsource roadworthiness inspections of buggies. ○ A member pointed out that the access point to Catherine Park for buggies should stay to cater for those with mobility issues. 	<p>Moved by Bill Gye; seconded by Robyn Iredale. Motion carried.</p> <p>SIRA to follow up.</p> <p>The bumps are water bars which are necessary on unsealed roads.</p> <p>Meeting with NBC this coming week. It is proposed that a small number of parking spaces remain for those with mobility issues.</p>
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4.6	<p>Water and Wastewater – Colin Haskell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Commercial Feasibility study shows that the island needs a sewerage system; interim report estimates the cost to be \$71 million; full report, still to come, will outline operational costs as well. ○ A community meeting will then take place, following which the issue will go back to all levels of government. 	
5.1	<p>OTHER REPORTS</p> <p>5.1 Ausgrid – Colin Haskell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work on second undersea cable to start in 3-4 months. ○ A member reported that a powerline which came down 2 years ago at the Tennis Wharf end of Florence Terrace, is still lying on the ground. <p>5.2 Island Daze Festival – Bill Gye</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Congratulations to the team involved – Emmie Collins, Sue Armstrong, Nikki Gibson, Cass Gye, Jenny Winterton and all other volunteers; the success of the festival surpassed expectations. ○ Thank you to SIRA for its support; the festival was consistent with the Objects of the SIRA Constitution. ○ Thank you also to the other major sponsors – PMC Hill, Ryan Stidwill; and to those community members who contributed to crowdfunding. 	SIRA to follow up.
6.	<p>MOTIONS – Chaired by Bill Gye</p> <p>From the Executive with Notice:</p> <p>1. That the “SIRA Climate Statement” be adopted by the association.</p> <p>2. That the Membership Qualifications in the constitution of SIRA be; “Membership of the association shall be open to any natural person aged 18 years or more who is either or both of the following: (a) A full or part time resident of Scotland Island; (b) An owner of land on Scotland Island, either solely or jointly with any other person or persons. If the owner is a corporation, then only one nominated person for that property may be admitted as a member. If a member becomes ineligible to be a member by reason of their ceasing to be a resident of Scotland Island, then the committee by ordinary resolution may grant that person full member status for the period through to and until the next annual general meeting.”</p> <p>3. That the new constitution entitled “Constitution of the Scotland Island Residents’ Association Incorporated” be adopted by the association and that the former constitution dated 2011 no longer apply. (Please read here for an explanation of the changes described in this new constitution.)</p>	<p>Motions 1–3 moved by Boyd Attewell; seconded by Colin Haskell.</p> <p>Motions 1-3 carried, unopposed, by the meeting.</p>
7.	<p>ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Chaired by Bill Gye</p> <p>All positions declared vacant.</p> <p>Office Bearers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>President</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colin Haskell (seconded by Sharon Kinnison) ○ <u>Vice President</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robyn Iredale (seconded by Colin Haskell) ○ Sharon Kinnison (seconded by Bill Gye) ○ Shane O’Neill (seconded by Anne Dennis) ○ <u>Treasurer</u> 	<p>Appointed unopposed.</p> <p>Vote conducted. Robyn Iredale and Shane O’Neill appointed.</p> <p>Vacant.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No nominations ○ <u>Secretary</u> ○ Leanne McLean will consider nominating for the position. To discuss role with Anne Dennis, outgoing Secretary. <p>Ordinary Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sue Armstrong (seconded by Jane Rich) ○ Boyd Attewell (seconded by Colin Haskell) ○ Fabienne d’Hautefeuille (seconded by Anne Dennis) ○ Nadja Fisher (seconded by Sharon Kinnison) ○ Sharon Kinnison (seconded by Bill Gye) ○ Gail Mackenzie (seconded by Cass Gye) ○ Jess McGowan (seconded by Robin Iredale) ○ Leanne McLean (seconded by Anne Dennis) ○ Brian Rodgers (seconded by Colin Haskell) 	<p>The meeting agreed in principle to Leanne’s appointment as Secretary, should she decide to take on the role.</p> <p>All appointed unopposed.</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS		
<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>Lucky Door Prize \$200 voucher from Waterfront Store and Café – Ian Laughton-Smith</p> <p>Notices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offshore Climate Action Group meeting in Hall on Thursday, 21st November at 7:00pm. ○ Jazz and Dance Evening in the Hall on Saturday, 30th November; \$15; reserve a ticket. 	<p>Thank you to the Waterfront Store and Café for donating the prize.</p>

Meeting finished at 12:15pm

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