

# Scotland Island Residents' Association



## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

**Date:** 20 November 2022  
**Venue:** Scotland Island Community Hall  
**Committee Present:** Colin Haskell, Sharon Kinnison, Boyd Attewell, Tim Turpin, Shane O'Neill, Robyn Iredale, Carol Beth Floyd, Ian White.

**In Attendance:** see attachment (attendance register)  
**Other Apologies:** Fabienne d'Hautefeuille, Sharon Dwyer, Duncan Watts, Sue Armstrong, John Marshall.  
**Opening:** Meeting opened at 10:10am

	Item	Tabled Documents/ Actions
	<p><b>Chair: Colin Haskell, SIRA President</b> Welcome and acknowledgement of country.</p> <p>Standing down Colin Haskell, Juliet Wills, Sharon Dwyer.</p> <p>Colin opened the meeting by commenting that the water, the roads, the park etc. They don't happen as a miracle. Volunteers give their time.</p>	
	<b><i>ORDINARY BUSINESS</i></b>	
1.	<p><b>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES (14 November 2021)</b> <b>Motion:</b> That the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p>Moved by CB Floyd</p> <p>Seconded Sharon Kinnison</p>
2.	<p><b><u>SIRA ANNUAL REPORT, 2022</u></b> <b>Motion:</b> That the Annual Report, as circulated to all members via email, be accepted.</p>	<p>Moved by Robyn Iredale</p> <p>Seconded CB Floyd</p>
3.	<p><b>PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Colin Haskell): see the <u>2022 Annual Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Church Point</b> – (Bill Gye) Coming together in the style of old town hall meeting is important. Power of the crowd.</li><li>- What is happening now is still essentially the implementation of 2009 Church Point Plan of Management. The unanticipated flaw was the redevelopment of the Pasadena legitimated by an approved Building Application from the 1960s which has enabled the current operation which had twice been rejected by the Land and Environment Court.</li><li>- The need for third row in the carpark – to be Church Point parking permit only form 6pm to 6am. As noted this needs compliance</li></ul>	

management to be effective. The need to access your home is an ethical priority over recreation.

- The recent Boardwalk incident means we a safety barrier will now be installed in front of waterfront café.
- Council has resolved to appoint a consultancy with a budget of \$200,000 to review Demand Management Strategies for Church Point. Local community organisations will be asked for input on the terms of reference for this consultation.
- Q Bill – would infilling in front of the current car park to. Relate another row of parking be an option. Bill’s answer: In my view this would be difficult to do as it would attract a great deal of opposition and would be highly unlikely to succeed. The simpler short-term option with almost zero cost is a third row of CP Parking Permit parking only in the evenings.
- Council has recently undertaken a community consultation process about additional boat parking. The likely outcome with probably be the reinstatement of what was temporary pontoon at Rostrevor, though will have to see the final result of the consultation.
- Colin – this review of the demand management of parking seems excessive. This was agreed by many but the corollary is that this will be the pathway to getting some possible positive changes at CP, but we need to be involved. There were examples of previous consultants’ reports (paid for by Pittwater Council) That came up with some unacceptable solutions.
- SK – electronic entrance would solve a lot of the parking issues and would help with policing.
- Loan for parking to be paid off for 3 or 4 years, after that upper level would be returned to general parking.

- **Community engagement and Recreation:** (Robyn Iredale)  
Recreation club – the cafes are continuing – once a month. Volunteer bakers, young baristas. CB took over the running of the café. New awnings. \$48,000 grant. Renovation of the kitchen in the hall. Council have done more than expected on this. Tim Turpin has volunteered to manage the kitchen renovation, with John Travers and Paul Kinnison offering to help with installation of the cupboards, benchtops and splashbacks.
- Q Peta – what’s the intended use – art and craft, workshops, exhibitions. Table Tennis.
- Q Bill – What can be done there that couldn’t be done here. Art activities, kids parties. Floor more suited
- The Play – Two Catherines.  
We need sound equipment.

**Communication:s** (CB Floyd)

Lisa R, Sharon K, Alec & Shane are on the Subcommittee. The goal is to provide timely information to the islanders via SIRA news, website, update directory. Social media: FB pages are managed by moderators with the aim of achieving a respectful and dynamic conversation Also we work with the PON, managed by Roy Baker.

**Finance:** (Boyd Attewell)

Boyd encouraged all members to read the annual report which has full information in words and numbers. Some important points in the report are that SIRA made a loss for the year due mainly to the downturn in the value of its investments. Also, the sale of Emergency Water, which has in the past generated profits, has barely broke even for the year.

We have determined that the current price charged for members purchasing emergency water; \$5 per kL is now not covering costs due to CPI increases. The SIRA committee has resolved to increase the price to \$6 per kL from 1 January 2023. The higher charge will cover costs and ensure a small surplus for future repairs and replacements.

Q – Bill Gye commended the accounts and financial report. He suggested that the new committee consider recategorising a proportion of the cash asset in the Balance Sheet as a Water System Reserve Fund, else the danger is that when people leave it will be forgotten that this was its original purpose.

Q – Cass Gye said that the intention was always to hold excess funds from water purchases separately for ongoing maintenance and replacement. It was also a condition of the agreement with Council and Sydney Water that a trust fund be held. Bill Stanley advised that the funds could be set aside as a reserve in the accounts.

Q - Robyn Armstrong-Brack asked whether there were any guidelines for associations in holding or investing reserves. Answer: No.

Boyd gave acknowledgement to the Reviewer of the Financial Statements, Bill Stanley, and to the outgoing Treasurer, Sharon Dwyer, and to a former Treasurer, Tim Turpin, who still contributes greatly to the work of the Finance Team.

**Roads, drainage & environment:** (Sharon Kinnison)

Roads

-Capital road works around the park targeting stormwater management and road surface Note - A plan is followed, priorities are set, but there is limited budget. Continued regular maintenance is needed including documenting potholes, and facilitating registration of unregistered vehicles and traffic management plan.

Environment.

-Completed Small grant from NBC targeting invasive weeds in Catherine Park (vines) and Fitzpatrick Reserve. Andrew Jennings from NBC has obtained extra funding for bushcare and is seeking ongoing additional funding for all island reserves and asset management.

-Park management plans are needed for future improvements. The Catherine Park Landscape Plan is in progress. Two community meetings will take place. Areas of focus – Stormwater management, park surface, entrance to wharf & park, vehicle parking, foreshore/beach, playground, and social amenity at the halls Jenny Cullen is organising local experts to review and provide comment

Bill Stanley, whose house next to Harold Park, explained the creek was built by his wife, Margaret decades ago. Recently a kayak racks were built to deal with a proliferation of kayaks in the reserves. One was in the middle of the creek. Th problem was noted and it will be moved.

This illustrates the importance of plans to prevent ad hoc works. Other issues in Harold Reserve include weeds and dead trees -Other resident comments included regarding corner where Ausgrid is redoing the road, and the need for a plan in Elizabeth Park.

**Water:** (Colin Haskell)

A couple of years ago there was a feasibility study carried out for Water and Wastewater.

Fabienne met with Melinda Pavey, Minister for Water who directed Sydney Water to review the study and they have come up with four options of funding. None have been accepted. Met with Sophie Scamps. Rob Stokes. Report to go to Council Feb next year. That has to proceed before Sydney water will do anything. Push it back to Minister for water. Only person is the Minister themselves. Minister hasn't had any feedback from Sydney Water, waiting for NBC report.

Feasibility costings prepared by consultant engaged by council two years ago. The council is actively following up. Sydney coastal council group had a briefing with Sydney water. Impact of water without wastewater not recommended. Water testing. Ruby Ardren from NBC discussed doing water testing during Feasibility Study. If we want sewerage; take samples and get them tested. Residents need to push for this.

In 1983 everyone in Sydney had to opt into the water upgrade; there was no choice; should be the same here.

Bill Gye.. Earlier independent tests (going back to the 1990s Martin's Report) of water puddles on the Island roads after rain have found that the levels of several pathogen was more than 100 times above world health standards.

To get some real change and action on this matter (given we are in competition with many other expenditure priorities) we will need to use the power of crowd (with careful strategy) to make this happen. A key focus for this strategy should be the NSW Elections in March 2023. Need agreement from independent candidates and Labour Party that they would be committed to this project during the election period and it is important to GET IT IN WRITING.

**Wharves:**(written report from Sue Armstrong – read by JW)

Goal of the Subcommittee is to ensure all households have the ability to commute to the island and moor a boat on the island. In progress is a review of current wharf capacity and required capacity for all the island with a particular focus on Cargo and Tennis (TUG). Subcommittee held meetings to gather details regarding process for existing wharf management and allocation of permits by council and privately managed wharves with the intention of working with council to explore options to ensure all households have the ability to moor a boat at the island. Wharves SC were unable to complete the audit of boat requirements and waiting lists as not all necessary information was provided.

Lisa Atkins from West Pittwater raised an issue regarding Cargo Wharf at Church Point in which the bollards wouldn't come down and delivery people got fined and now won't come. West Pittwater is considering lobbying NBC to change the signage. Deliveries can't be left if the barge isn't there and this causes problems. Residents will be impacted because deliveries can't be made. The meeting with NBC hasn't occurred and SIRA should be involved in it. John Marshall might attend. 7-5pm are the hour for deliveries – this isn't enough.

**Strategy & Vision:** (report from Sue Armstrong, read by JW) The goal was to communicate a holistic overall island vision with subcommittees having a clear goal to work towards. Consider combining Strategy & Vision under Communications.

**Governance:** Decision making process is important. Clarification of duties could also be undertaken so new committee members know what is expected.

**Colin suggested:**

- Regular reporting
- Reference to historical data
- Website links
- Residents meeting
- Community survey.

Decision making – decisions that affect all members all the community should involve community, as per a decision made in SIRA a number of years ago. These decisions might include those that:

1. Have financial impact
2. Involve a change to physical structure
3. Are a highly emotive local community issue -wide consultation.

Survey monkey can be used for community surveys.

	<p><b>Waste:</b> Waste manager is Tony Walmsley – Fine fuel collection – not going ahead this year due to fire season not predicted to be serious. Request has been made to continue this service.</p> <p>Working to a long-term option. Better design for waste &amp; litter. Illegal and unauthorised use of skips at wharves. Green waste – needs to be at least quarterly.</p> <p><b>Other business</b> Councillor Miranda Korzy , Northern Beaches Councillor addressed the meeting to speak about the Conservation Zone Review. C3 – proposal is to move a large number of properties from C3 to R2. In Pittwater Online News, residents can read more about the proposal and there is a petition available to sign objecting to the Review. It will have a major impact on the environment and wildlife corridors.</p> <p>A presentation was made by SK and RI to thank Colin for his exceptional service.</p>	
4.		
	<p><b>ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Chaired by</b></p> <p>All positions declared vacant. The following nominations were received prior to the AGM:</p> <p><b>Office Bearers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>President</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Robyn Iredale (nominated by Tim Turpin)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <u>Vice President</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sharon Kinnison (nominated by Carol Beth Floyd)</li> <li>○ Carol Beth Floyd (nominated by Shane May)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <u>Treasurer</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Julie Velina Cooper (nominated by Juliet Wills)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <u>Secretary</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deb Wood (nominated by Juliet Wills)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Ordinary Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boyd Attewell (nominator Colin Haskell)</li> <li>○ Fabienne d’Hautefeuille (nominator Carol Beth Floyd)</li> <li>○ Mark Martin (nominator Sharon Kinnison)</li> <li>○ Robert Fox (nominated by Bryn Burnell)</li> <li>○ Colin Haskell (nominated by Robyn Iredale)</li> <li>○ Georgina Orr (nominated by Peter Lalor)</li> <li>○ Steve Seidman (nominated by Juliet Wills)</li> <li>○ Julie Velina Cooper (nominated by Juliet Wills)</li> <li>○ Ian White (nominated by Robyn Iredale)</li> </ul>	<p>Each nominee accepts nomination and have been passed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ John Marshall (nominated by Robyn Iredale)</li><li>○ Peta Jacobson. – (nominated by Julie Velina Cooper)</li><li>○ Jessica Robinson – (nominated by CB Floyd)</li></ul>	
	New committee will be notified of first meeting date in coming days.	

**Meeting finished at 12:25**

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