



**Scotland Island Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Community Hall, Catherine Park
Sunday, February 27, 2011, 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting opened at 10:10 am

1. President's Report: Bill Gye

- Opening Welcome and Acknowledgement:
 - Recognition of traditional owners of the land
 - Condolences for anyone who has relatives in the Queensland and Christchurch disasters
 - Welcome to Mark Eriksson and Philip Gray, Pittwater Council; Councillor Ian White
- **Apologies:** Betsi Beem, Sharon Kinnison, Kerry Borthwick, Greg Roberts.

2. Previous Minutes: AGM 2010 Minutes accepted by meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Profit and Loss shows a deficit. This due to reallocation of \$60K from "current assets" to a provisional liability for future emergency water upgrade in the Balance Sheet. These funds are in a Term Deposit earning interest. Average Sydney Water quarterly accounts between \$4,500 and \$8,500 depending on rain patterns. Treasurer's report tabled.
- Agreement sought to accept Auditor's Statement and Report to be lodged with the Annual Return at the Department of Fair Trading. Moved by Cass Gye; Seconded Alan Gaines. Meeting accepted.

4. Church Point Plan of Management

- **Mark Eriksson; Philip Gray:** Reviewed Church Point Plan of Management (CPPOM); Presently attending to housekeeping issues in car park –making surfaces level and safe, lighting, signage.
- Mark Eriksson: to date 500 Church Point parking permits had been sold with only 4 of those not Offshore residents. He confirmed that all funds raised from the permits, along with money from pay and display metres, less approx. \$6K per annum maintenance fee per machine, plus revenue from parking fines are allocated to a separate account. This money will fund a loan taken out by Pittwater Council for CPPOM works.
- Issue: pushbike parking: Discussion: are bicycles primarily recreational or do they replace cars? Lockers privately owned on public land – several people spoke against this. Others spoke for secured spaces as we are paying for the car park – does not have to be exclusive use but need to be secure. Mark Eriksson summarised by saying options are still on the table and SIRA to examine further.
- Issue: dinghy storage – Preliminary proposals for dinghy racks. Plan shown. Jeremy Stacey suggested that proposed dinghy/kayak storage areas be swapped.
- Issue – disabled parking. Question: need some dots to delineate spaces as some large cars park over the line taking up two spaces including disabled spots.

- Issue – CCTV – no plan for this; Mark Eriksson said that an exercise had shown that improved lighting and Neighbourhood Watch are more effective.
- Decked Car Park – showed plan shown for decked car park opposite Commuter Wharf and realignment of road. Mark Eriksson explained that the leased car parking spaces will service loan for car park construction. This car park would subsidise the cost of car parking, which could go up to \$600 per annum without the decked car park. Could also accommodate private bike lockers – no space to be wasted. SIRA to continue examining the proposal.
- Issue: Public survey re: decked car park. Two speakers – wording important for result.
- Commuter Wharf – Stage 1 to be built this year. \$200,000 grant money achieved; need \$300,000 more. Will not charge fees now; will fix up Wharf and then introduce user pays. Exclusively for Offshore residents.
- Q: Contractor's permits? Mark Eriksson said quarterly permits were available.
- Q: can we divide up car spaces by marking? Bill Gye explained that previous analysis had shown that no spaces are gained when formalised in this way.
- Q: re Bennett's boat shed at end of the car park. Mark Eriksson: shed to be retained. Important heritage element. Some community groups interested – two options to be decided.
- Motorcycle parking – full; proposed new sites shown.

5. Logo competition winner: Carol Floyd

- 175 votes; open from mid-Jan to late Feb
- Winner: **Amber Ellis**
- Runner-up: **Paolo Meucci**
- Other entrants Nettie Lodge and Miranda Summers: thanks to all for submitting

6. Launch of New Website: Carol Floyd

- Thanks to Project Team members Julian Muir, June Lahm, Cass and Bill Gye, and especially Dan Humphrey who put so much work into producing such a beautiful website.
- New website demonstrated
- Some pages still to come
- Aim: make it functional and useful. Feedback welcome.

7. Roads and Drainage: Cass Gye

- Public Meeting April 3rd in Community Hall with presentation from Council Staff and Consultant. Plans are on Pittwater Council website: submissions need to be in by April 30th.
- Ian White spoke about the proposed Pittwater Council rate variation. If approved, rates each year will rise (3 years). Total of \$1.14 million over 8 years for Scotland Island roads and drainage. Wharf improvements also needed – approximately \$600,000 allocated.

8. Fitzpatrick Avenue Walking Track: Jaya Param

- Pictures shown of new steps; Bill sought grant funds and Jaya ran project with help from Karen Nippard of Pittwater Council. Pre-weeding for several weeks, then box step construction. Still a few days work on track and extra steps – needs to be completed by March 31st.

9. Constitution: Proposed changes: Gordon Floyd

- Minor changes to conform to the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009.
- **MOTION** *"That the current SIRA Constitution be amended to comply with the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009"*
Moved by: Gordon Floyd Seconded by: Bill Gye Meeting voted to accept.

10. Other Reports:

- **Water & Wastewater; Jaya Param.** SI no longer on Sydney Water's Priority Upgrade list as in 2009. Looking at 3-5 years to get on this Upgrade list. On Priority Stage 1 list for 2011 planning which involves testing and validation. Sydney Water indicated that

earliest testing 2012. SIRA Project Team has commissioned testing independently. Sydney Water said sewerage cannot be connected without mains water. Ian White: Liberal Party has committed to sewerage in unsewered areas.

- **Scotland Island Festival Report; Emmie Collins:** 2010 Scotland Island Festival was joint recipient of the Community Event of the Year Award. Presented with framed photograph with acknowledgement. Emmie would like it to hang in the hall. Gordon Floyd moved a vote of thanks to Emmie. Meeting agreed.
- **Emergency Water; no report.**
- **Island Vision; Maria Mackiewicz-Turner:** Island Vision document will be produced. There will be a community workshop as well as informal talks at the Café. There is a discussion site on Google – sheets to sign up available at meeting.
- **Community Hall; Bill Gye:** thanks to Kerry Borthwick for booking management during the year and Janelle Barnett for cleaning.
- **Wharves, Boats & Marine Issues; Bill Gye:** Work to begin on Tennis Commuter Pontoon. Cass Gye advised that John Berry, Pittwater Council Building Services Supervisor asked for any feedback on the functionality of the new ferry pontoon. email sirapittwater@gmail.com
- **Community Vehicle; Cass Gye:** New community vehicle on the Island – Pittwater Council purchased vehicle with 4 year lease to SIRA.
- **Bush Regeneration; Emmie Collins:** there are 6 active Bushcare groups. Waratah Eco-works has completed work with the \$5000 committed by SIRA, but ongoing work.
- **Parks & Reserves; no report.**
- **Recycling & Waste; no report: Clean Up Australia Day March 6.** Toby reminded everyone that he will visit the Wharves, starting from Bell, to collect.
- **Fire Prevention; Bill Gye:** Ian White – Sunday March 3: AGM SIRFB – everyone welcome; they would love more people to get involved. Fireshed dinners will go ahead again this year. Fire training for Precinct Co-ordinators and residents took place and was moderately successful. Number in POD for Fire Station incorrect - corrected on new website. Erratum to go out again in PON.
- **SIOCS; Maria Mackiewicz-Turner:** Numbers down this year; Director left; new Director hired but could not find accommodation on northern beaches, so still hiring. Last year – revamped policies: service, OHS; working bee (today) clearing and cleaning to prepare for accreditation process. Aim: SIOCS should support the community rather than vice versa. Looking for financial support for staff training and quality assurance program. Email list left for sign up for those interested.
- **Island Café: no report tabled.**
- **Jealousy and Lust on the Island** – upcoming play by Island Players.

11. Election of Committee**Gordon Floyd acted as returning officer

President: Bill Gye: nominated Shar Jones; seconded Alan Gaines. No other nominations. Accepted.

Vice- President: Jaya Param and Sue Dickson: both nominated Cass Gye; seconded Jenny Cullen and Ian Souter. Accepted.

Secretary: Carol Floyd: nominated Cass Gye; seconded Tim Turpin. Accepted.

Treasurer: Cass Gye: nominated Carol Floyd; seconded Shar Jones. Accepted.

Committee: Victoria Jay: nominated Cass Gye; seconded Toby Jay; Sharon Kinnison: nominated Bill Gye; seconded Shar Jones; Alan Gaines: nominated Bill Gye; seconded Cass Gye; Maria Mackiewicz-Turner: nominated Cass Gye; seconded Jaya Param; Betsi Beem: nominated Carol Floyd; seconded Robyn Iredale; Ian Souter: nominated Cass Gye;

seconded Shar Jones; Graeme Crayford: nominated Cass Gye; seconded Karmel Patterson;
Judy Readman: nominated Carol Floyd; seconded Bill Gye.

12. Other Business:

- Karmel Patterson: difficulty turning at Cargo for Community Vehicle when there are parked vehicles, building and other materials.
- Auditor: Bill Gye nominated George Gaal: Meeting accepted.
- Public Officer: Paul Burchall approached by Cass Gye and has accepted this role. Kevin Stapley, one of the original Office Bearers of SIRA and designer of the Constitution has stepped down after approx 25 or more years.