

Scotland Island Residents' Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: February 26th, 2016
Venue: Community Hall
Present: Phil Pryor, Hubert van Mierlo, Boyd Attewell, Ray de Smeth, Sharon Kinnison
Apologies: Bill Gye, Cass Gye, Marie Minslow, Tim Jacobs, Iza Foster
Observers: None
Opening: Meeting opened at 19:22

Item	Title
	QUORUM AND MEETING CHAIR
	<p>In accordance with rule 19 of the SIRA Constitution, it was determined that a quorum was reached at 19:22 with 5 Committee Members present.</p> <p>In the absence of SIRA President and Vice President the members present were required to choose who would preside the meeting and decided that the Secretary (Hubert van Mierlo) would preside.</p>
1.	Will SIRA make a submission to the delegate for the NSW Boundary Review or not
	<p>The meeting discussed this question. Although initially not all members present felt that it was in the best interest of SIRA to make a submission, it was recognised that that a Survey was issued asking SIRA members whether they should make a submission. The interim result of 80% in favour of making a submission, meant that it would not be easy to justify a decision contrary to the survey outcome.</p> <p>The meeting decided as follows: In favour of making a submission, unless the final result of the Survey shows a majority of members <u>against</u> making a submission.</p>
2.	In case a decision in the affirmative at point 1 above, decide the actual text of the submission.
	<p>A lengthy discussion followed weighing up the pros and cons of including certain text and survey result. The meeting came to a conclusion and decided upon the following:</p> <p>A. Text of the submission as follows. Survey results to be inserted at where ...% shown:</p> <p>We are the Residents' Association of Scotland Island (SIRA) and are making this submission on behalf of the Scotland Island Community (www.scotlandisland.org.au)</p> <p>Scotland Island is a part offshore community of Pittwater. We are a unique water-access-only community with specific needs concerning our environment and the practicalities of living offshore.</p> <p>It is of critical importance to our community that any future council will recognise the needs and circumstances of our community.</p>

We look forward to working in partnership with a new council so that the core needs of community are met, e.g. having dependable and affordable onshore parking for the offshore community.

Based on a recent survey we have been asked by our community to make a submission.

The questions and results of the survey were as follows:

1. Which of the following is your preference:
 - a. Retain Pittwater Council as is (Status Quo) ...%
 - b. Some change to the current arrangement for Councils on the Northern Beaches: ...%

2. If it is the case that a change has to occur, which of the following is your preference:
 - a. One single council for the whole Northern Beaches (including Mosman): ...%
 - b. The two Council Model as proposed:%
 - c. Other: ...%

We would be happy to forward you the details of the survey, if you are interested please contact us.

- B. The meeting agreed that the above text would be circulated to all committee members for comment.**
- C. The committee agreed that comments would need to be received by 10 AM on Sunday morning 28 February so that a final submission can be made by the deadline.**

Meeting closed 20:11. Next meeting March 20, 2016