

# **SIRA Committee Meeting Minutes**

## **Sunday, 21 August 2022 10:00am - 12:00pm**



SIRAC Attendees: TT, RI, SK, CF, CH  
Apologies: SoN, SD, BA, JW, DW, IW, FH, JD, MM, SA  
Guests: Rachel Bower and Bill Gye

Noted: no quorum for decisions so will have to get any decisions approved by email vote.  
Members asked to notify non-attendance by Friday before meeting in future.

**Chair:** Colin Haskell, President  
Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome  
Apologies as above  
Election of Time Keeper - not needed.  
Motion to accept past minutes. RI motioned, CH seconded.

### **SIRAC BUSINESS**

#### **President's Report**

- Colin has been away for 7 weeks. Notified committee that he doesn't want to stay on as President next year. Noted need to combine forces with WPCA more. Put out something early about AGM to encourage more people to come. CF moved a vote of thanks to Colin, all agreed.

Treasurer's Report: reports circulated earlier by email. Tim spoke to results; noted one figure that needed to be corrected and will follow this up. Loss was recorded in June because of the loss in the investment fund.

Secretary's Report – no report (issues dealt with under other areas)

#### **Working Group Reports**

- Roads, Drainage, Traffic and Environment –
  - o Roads update – maintenance work by Pino, work behind Catherine Park up until Robertson Road; sinkholes opening due to septic leakage – NBC following this up. Draining around the park is important to move forward on plan for Catherine – 3 drainage – off Robertson Road, Central swale, and Florence Terrace. Have been in communication with Natalie at Traffic NSW. There are groups targeting road safety. Parking below Fire Brigade. Ausgrid starting again at Carols; Cass has put in complaint.
  - o park funding – grant application; Landscape plan meeting by Zoom; Sharon, Tim, Colin and Robyn. Suggestions were made – 3 basic areas: entrance to park, foreshore, community. SK asked to include park surface. Plan will be put on public display. The whole plan will be put up for funding.
  - o Ben Dray has been tackling madeira vine around the island. Council voted to thank Ben for his work.
  - o August bush care day on a Wednesday – 10 people showed up. Advertised on Facebook – very successful
  - o Garden festival: Juliet received grant for \$500 but not enough to have some of the features that Juliet was hoping for. Festival will have to be modified: still scheduled for 16 October, possibly with a bush tucker guide, open gardens, music, speakers and plants for sale.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Church Pt – board walk being built. Bill Gye attended meeting and reported for Church Point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Waterfront café putting tables on boardwalk.</li> <li>o Council allocating \$200,000 for review of Demand Management Parking Review: 23/24 financial year budget preparation. Technological possibilities, including electronic licence. Agreed that review was useful but the money should go to developing a plan. BG suggested that we try to get an amendment that the plan should involve stakeholders.</li> <li>o Commuter Wharf extension – Preferred options – create a wharf at Rostrevor Reserve – extension of temporary wharf used during construction of new wharf.</li> <li>o WPCA sending 2 speakers to 23 August NBC meeting, agreed Bill and Colin will go and BG will attend and speak.</li> <li>o Pasadena Liquor Licence approved. BG said that POM has not been made available.</li> <li>o Outside boardwalk is floating pontoon where 20/30 boats can be tied. There is a possibility of moving the ferry wharf there so that beach can be freed up. Moorings have been moved from there.</li> <li>o WPCA liaison: attending September 11 Sunday 10 am. BG will attend, possibly CF or JW.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Wharves CF (for Duncan)- Wait lists on Cargo. Not sure if all spots have been advertised and allocated.</li> <li>- Community Engagement and Recreation- Robyn Iredale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Hall celebration: Tim setting up slide show; photographic exhibition, speakers. Café opening.</li> <li>o garden festival – grant application - funding shortfall – reptile/fairy funding Motion</li> <li>o Two Catherine’s Play progressing – call for crew, meeting next week, Kay Rearney director. Need producer.</li> <li>o Café – summer schedule</li> <li>o Music – Markus doing a second concert</li> <li>o Discussion group – going well.</li> <li>o September 4 Novabossa. Trying Eventbrite.</li> <li>o Poetry Slam event: 12 November Saturday night – will be publicised soon.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Communications</li> <li>- Governance – nothing to report</li> <li>- Emergency Water – Tim sent out a report. New pump working well; almost no wait now for water bookings. Water sales down for July but up for the year. Maintenance issue has been raised by Cass Gye; need a back-up. BG suggested Steve who does work through Matt Gardiner. He is doing line maintenance anyway. Meeting voted to thank Brian who has done a lot of work.</li> <li>- Strategy and Vision – no report</li> <li>- Finance &amp; Insurance – no report</li> <li>- Water and Wastewater – CH sent correspondence reporting on June meeting between Sydney Water and NBC.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting of state MP’s – 8 September 2022 – not discussed</li> <li>2. Any other general business: Rachel Bower attended. Suggested a designated Kia ride to go back and forth from Rowland Reserve. Also 51, 53 and 55 Robertson Road have done a deep weed and are paying Brent to take away the weeds. Suggested more green clean ups are needed. Raised the issue of recycling bins – people boating to wharfs and dumping waste. Community composting could also be useful.</li> </ol>	<p>SK to check whether NBC will still provide free compost bins; if so we can prepare an announcement advising residents of this service. Rachel will look into recycling dog poo bins.</p>

3. Rachel also suggested lids for recycling bins so that possums and dogs don't scatter the plastic waste. Could people use green garbage bins with lids?

IW to talk to Matt about use of garbage bins for recycling- can they pick up?