

SIRA Committee Meeting – Community Hall

Monday July 15 2024 6 pm - 7:30 pm



Minutes

Attending: Colin Haskell, Deb Wood, CB Floyd, Sharon Kinnison, Julie Torney, Simon Tucker, Marie

Minslow: on line; Robyn Iredale, Basil Daher

Apologies: Boyd Attewell

Visitors: Robyn Armsworth Brack, Steve Speter, Rachel Bower, Chris Wade

Agenda Items	Time	Action	Done ?
<p>Chair: Colin Haskell Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome Apologies – Motion to accept past minutes – Moved, CB, seconded Colin</p>	10:00a m		
<p><u>SIRAC Business</u></p> <p><u>Presidents Report</u> Community Shed - progressing, getting info on grants.</p> <p><u>Treasurer's report</u> - Simon Tucker June turn over \$21,000. Loss of \$5,000, forecast loss of \$600. Water not being bought. Ethical fund.???</p> <p><u>Secretary's Report</u> - Deb Wood No report</p> <p><u>Subcommittees and Liaison Officer Report</u></p> <p><u>Finance and Insurance</u> - Simon Tucker On track.</p> <p><u>Emergency Water</u> - Marie Minslow Lots of expenses with the emergency line. Intersections failing and old stand pipes. Will have to spend \$50K over the next 3 years. The line is 20 years old. Can we amend the contract for Water Manager to say up to 15 hours a month instead of 10 hours? Will propose and ask for an email vote. Robyn and Marie had a meeting with John. Every time Glen the plumber is called it's \$100. Regular maintenance would be preferable to emergency callouts.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> - Ian White, Julie Torney <u>Transport</u> Council have advised they are planning to review and update the SI Traffic Management Plan. We now have additional information like the survey results and the Dangar Island approach to buggies – should we approach NBC to feed into this Traffic Plan update? The option of a community forum was discussed to feed into both the Management Plan and the Catherine Park updates. Community Vehicle Guidelines to be updated and distributed. Easylink have advised they have funding for 2025 Community Vehicle Drivers responses to SIRA questions: 1. Is there a possibility of running the service on a Sunday?</p>	10:15a m		

- a. Not at this stage due to driver availability
 - b. We will work with SIRA to create an advertisement for drivers to be regularly run through standard communication channels.
2. Are the drivers prepared to not charge SIRA members for rides when conducting SIRA business?
- a. No. Suggest the SIRA member asks the driver when they book the trip, if they will be charged, the SIRA member then decides whether they use the vehicle or not.
3. SIRA wants to know if the community vehicle drivers would be prepared to run a shuttle service up and down the fire trail into Tennis Park on days and nights where there are events in the Community Centre? please note the payment options with this service have not been discussed by SIRA, but what do the CV driver team think the payment should be??
- a. We would invite SIRA to make requests for the pre-booking of such services. Upon application to the CV co-ordinators, the request will be put to the driver group. If an available driver is found, payment amount will be at the driver's discretion.
 - b. A possible payment option could be: SIRA agrees to pay a set amount for the driver to be available to ferry passengers during specified times
 - c. Note: The service could only be available to the road above the Community Centre, as the CV has been advised that access through the park is for emergencies only.
4. Are drivers happy for John & Sharon to communicate with SIRA on drivers behalf, or would drivers prefer meetings with SIRA Transport Group?
- a. Drivers are happy for Ian to communicate with SIRA on the drivers' behalf, with John Morgan and Sharon cc'd in any communications.

Church Point - Jenny Cullen.

Moving the ferry wharf back to its original position/council says they have no money to do this.

Only can be moved through increasing our rates or other funding.

Roads, Drainage, Traffic and Environment - Sharon Kinnison

Sent out maps of where new roadworks will be.

Weeds and trees are still a problem.

Idea is to educate residents to help improve the weeds and trees situation.

Water and Waste Water - Basil Daher

Marie, Rory Amon and Robyn had a meeting on 10th of April with the Water Minister's Adviser and Sydney Water.

We are not a priority for Sydney Water.

\$80 million for Sydney Water to connect.

200K per household.

Basil proposed a meeting of all involved. Directive would have to come from the water minister.

Water quality readings are not poor so there is no environmental reason to change according to Sydney Water. Rory Amon is on our side.

Agreed to have a community forum to gather ideas and expertise from the community..

Wharves and Watercraft - Colin Haskell

No money in the council and maritime kitty to spend on wharves. It cost 3.2 million for Bells and Carols. No improvements for this year.

Halls, Community Engagement - Robyn Iredale

No Report.

Communications - Carol Beth Floyd

Mid year report coming out this week. Survey results discussed; agreed that all details should be published on SIRA News and that an important outcome would be the forum on water and wastewater.

Governance and Vision Strategy - Marie Minslow

Vision and value statement needs further discussion. Any word changes? Consultation - send it out via comms to everyone on Scotland Island. Marie and CB to coordinate. Need community meeting. Issue of volunteers being liable and uninsured: Simon and Boyd have looked into insurance for volunteers. People who are hired SIRA are covered, but volunteers are not. We need some legal advice. Marie happy to approach public officer re this.

Other Business

