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**BAWLEY POINT & KIOLOA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING**

MINUTES

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2018

Meeting of the Committee held at the Community centre at 7.45 pm

There were present: J Stanwix (Chair), T Beckett, L Butler, B Ellis, M Heath, R Lucas, C Jansma Smith and 11 others

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from S Betts, J Langlois, D Nicholls, K Staples

2. Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting meeting held on 20 November 2017 were attached for approval

MOTION That the Minutes be accepted

MOVED M Heath **SECONDED** R Lucas

CARRIED

3. Correspondence (Attached pp 8-9)

Correspondence received since the last General Meeting was noted

4. Treasurer's Report (Attached pp 10)

The Treasure's Report was tabled for approval

MOTION That the Treasurer's Report be accepted

MOVED R Lucas **SECONDED** L Butler

CARRIED

5. General Business

5.1 Community Connect

The following report from Barrie Ellis was noted:

Stage 1: Voyager to Sand Mines.

This section of the path has been totally funded with the assistance of the grant from Veolia. To meet the grant requirements of completion in 12 months, this section has to be finished by end August 2018. However the funding is predicated on the work being done by volunteers.

Cek Sqwarko and Steve Taylor laid about 93 metres of path in December 2016. In November 2017, Willinga park laid another 97 metres. In February 2018, Bawley Point RFS laid approximately 54 metres and plan to do some more pours in the near term weather permitting.

Consequently the CC Committee are hopeful that we will achieve the completion of Stage 1 by end August 2018 with volunteer labour.

Reality Check:

Until Willinga Park and the RFS stepped up to assist, the project looked dire in terms of being completed. There was a realisation that the assumption that the local builders and others would replicate what was achieved at the Bawley Point end some 12 years ago was not going to happen.

The Men's Shed team which completed the majority of the Kioloa footpath have an average age of 76 years and whilst they are not out of it totally, cannot work in the hotter months. Equally the Men's Shed members were spending many hours trying to achieve an Occupancy Certificate for their shed thus limiting their time for other activities.

The weight of evidence suggested that the Committee needed to find a different strategy other than local volunteers if the path between the two settlements was to be completed in a reasonable time frame.

Grants:

It was agreed that the Committee should work with Council to approach both the State and Federal Governments to see what grants would be appropriate to complete the path using commercial contractors.

Council recognising the effort this community had made over the last 14 years has moved the project onto its PAMPS program with the intention of finding a way to fund the project. In the interim, the Council has agreed to survey the route and resolve any land issues that may emerge.

Currently the Committee is evaluating The Federal Government's *Building Better Regions Fund* (BFF) which is a \$481.6 million fund specifically aimed at building stronger regional communities.

5.2 NBN / Mobile Black Spot Update

The following report from Barrie Ellis was noted:

Consultations with TELSTRA and ANU Southern Campus indicate that commercial terms are proceeding for a site adjacent to the existing University network tower.

TELSTRA has proposed a 40 metre mono pole to support its transmission equipment and connection back to the mobile network will be either by fibre or microwave.

The TELSTRA Mobile Blackspot website is suggesting that that design in complete and that the site will be a substation usually meaning back up battery and diesel generation if electrical power is lost. The website also suggests that transmission will commence in the first half of calendar year 2018.

As this program is funded by the Federal Department of Communications and Telstra is simply a subcontractor engaged to build this site, I have asked the Department to clarify if other Mobile operators will be invited to install subsequently.

Coverage:

Any mobile implementation cannot guarantee 100% area coverage as there are geographical obstacles such as hills and vales that will affect reception. Telstra assures me it has done its best to maximise coverage but as you will appreciate sometimes the best sites are not commercially available.

NBN

Bawley Point:

NBN Fibre to the node was implemented around July 2017. Fibre connection from the Thrush Street Exchange to its national network connection at Termeil was complete in December 2017.

Bawley Point residents who have accepted offers from retail Telecommunication companies to connect to the NBN have had varied experience, usually unacceptable delays and very poor service.

NBN speeds have been less than impressive and as expected there has been much finger pointing between NBN and retail telecommunication providers.

Rod Simms, Chairman of ASIC has indicated that the retail Telecommunication companies had purposely sold plans that NBN could not support and ASIC had intervened and the Telcos had refunded money. The upshot is that the BP customer experience has been a mixed bag, usually bad. Consequently it is still recommended that residents do not move to the NBN until it is absolutely necessary.

Kioloa:

NBN has advised that it intends to dig in fibre to Kioloa to connect it to the Thrush street exchange and provide fibre to the node services similar to those provided to Bawley

Point. There has been some delay due to access to an agreed route and it is hoped to start work in July 2018.

Residents should be mindful that with the advent of a mobile tower in the Kioloa area in the near term(see note above) 5G mobile broadband will be offered as a competitor to NBN sometime in 2019. Even NBN has admitted that it may lose upwards of 15-20% market share to mobile broadband.

5.3. Junction of Bawley Point Road and Princes Highway

The following report from Barrie Ellis was noted:

Trucks parking on the Prince's Highway at the corner close to Bawley Point Road on the northern side obstruct seeing cars driving south.

RMS agreed to evaluate the corner prior to Christmas 2017. Its preliminary view was that installing "no stopping signs" from the corner going north about 30 metres might be the solution.

In response we have suggested that the area is useful as a lay away for traffic including buses plying the South Coast route. Consequently we have encouraged the RMS to consider meeting both design goals of safety and continued use with perhaps bollards in a triangular shape together with no parking signs on the Princess Highway thus forcing vehicles to park at least 30 metres from the junction of the two roads.

We are awaiting RMS response and scheduling of the work.

5.4 Councillors Visit

It was noted that Council had advised that the annual Councillors Visit which was scheduled for 26 November was now postponed to a date to be set in February 2018. As in the past the Committee will prepare a list of talking points to be sent to Councillors in advance with the state of the Community's roads being a major issue identified. No other specific items were raised

5.5 Provision of exercise equipment and fitness posts across the area

It was noted that action was continuing

5.6 Gantry

It was noted that Considerable action has been taken by Council to delineate car parking areas and the Committee is monitoring activity on the Bawley Point Headland

5.7 Retirement of Local Doctor

It was noted that at its meeting on 5 February 2017, the Executive Committee of the Association agreed that the replacement of the local doctor was outside its capacity. It was agreed that Council would still be asked if there were any sites where zoning would allow the establishment of a practice and Tim would talk to Darryl Leslight about the conditions required for a practice to be established at the shops.

The meeting was concerned to ensure that the local pharmacy would remain in business and agreed that it was unlikely that the doctor's departure would have a major impact on business.

6. Reports

6.1 Shorebirds and Graffiti

The following Reports from Marg Hamon were noted

Shorebird Report - Bawley Point/Kioloa Area

This season has not been a very successful one for the Hooded Plovers. We started monitoring the pair J7 and B0 in August, but it wasn't until 11/10 that they laid their first eggs on Murramarang Beach. This nest was taken by a fox on 25/10. The pair then moved to Avenue Beach at Kioloa and nested again on 13/11. This nest, in spite of being caged, was taken by an unknown predator, probably a bush rat, on 25/11. They then moved to Racecourse Beach and made another nest on 14/12. This was also taken by a fox. It has been a bad year for fox predation right up and down the coast. At the time of writing this pair doesn't seem to have another nest, but will be monitored as it is still possible they could try again.

Meanwhile, at Dawson's Beach (four beaches south of Pretty) the pair H7 and M4 nested on 12/10/17 and hatched 2 chicks from 3 eggs on 3/12/17. One chick disappeared on 17/12 but the other survived to fledge, we hope. At the time it was expected to fledge the coast was hit by a big swell and king tides, making the area too difficult to access. The sea also wiped out a Red-capped Plover nest on Island Beach. Island Beach was also the site for a Pied Oystercatcher nest in August 2017. This nest was lost just before hatching, possibly to a fox.

There are some more fledglings in the South Coast area, but both eggs and chicks elsewhere were impacted by the cold weather and enormous swells.

Graffiti Report

The good news is that there has been relatively little graffiti over the holiday season, just some minor scrawls on signs, mainly at Mudholes and Sandmines car parks. There is also some on a rock at Mudholes which we haven't been able to remove. The main incident came after the holidays, with the WIRES sign on Bawley Point Rd being defaced. Luckily it was easily cleaned off. Don't forget we have a Parkcare/Graffiti team in our area so please report any graffiti so it can be dealt with swiftly.

6.2 Bawley Pt and Kioloa Bushcare Groups - Update

The following Report from Sybille Davidson was noted

During 2016 – 17 our small bands of bushcarers have continued to make inroads into the invasive species that turn up in our remnant patches of Council-managed bushland reserves. We combat exotic weeds invading these patches, often as a result of garden waste dumpings; seed is also spread by birds and wind.

The B Pt group usually meets once a month, teaming up with Cate Brooks, our Council support staffer who brings with her appropriate environmental credentials. When carrying out bushcare weeding it is important to correctly identify the target weeds and become familiar with the most effective tactics for each species.

Our main focus areas are remnant patches of native bushland that are basically in good nick and just needing an occasional re-visit. We prioritise bushland designated as EEC (Endangered Environmental Community) and nearby areas.

Our usual sites are: Bangalay Sand Forest at Gannet and Cormorant Beaches; the wetland periphery close to Cormorant Beach, and the Willinga Lake catchment at the edge of Shearwater Crescent. These are sites that suffer from inappropriate garden waste dumping – or have in the past.

Over some years we are pleased to note at these sites that we have had some good successes; we have substantially reduced the occurrence of many invading exotic garden escapees such as Asparagus fern, Bridal Creeper, Cassia, Creeping Charlie, English Ivy, German Ivy, Dolichos Pea, Formosa Lily, Sailor Boy Daisies, Spider Plant, Agapanthus and Fishbone Fern. One species that is frustratingly persistent is Mother-of-Millions, a succulent from Madagascar that can poison horses and cattle. It turns up not only in sand vegetation near beaches, but also on all of our rocky headlands. We have reduced its density in many sites, but there are still a lot of pockets of this menace that bounce back when you are “not looking”.

Council gives us backing in the form of a regular paid support officer, equipment, occasional extra contracted workers for designated broad scale weed treatments, and support in seeking funding for bigger projects (we sought and were successful in 2008-9).

The Kioloa group meets at various times, as notified by Barbara White. Barbara and her troops have been waging an unrelenting war on *Aristea ecklonii* (the blue flowering lily from Sth Africa), Formosa Lilies, Asparagus fern and Cassia, where they have invaded in hind dune reserves and O'Hara Headland, but also along village surrounds.

If you are interested in helping to retain the integrity of our native bushland patches near our beach reserves, please join us for a couple of hours about once a month. The B Pt group usually convenes on a Monday afternoon.

For enquiries about either group please call Sybille Davidson 0488 274527. We can arrange for you to register as a bushcare volunteer, for either Bawley Pt or Kioloa (Registration as a bushcarer is essential for clearing any vegetation in our reserves).

May we also suggest – Please don't plant invasive exotic species in your garden; they can and do escape into the bush. Grow Natives instead! Check out the Milton-U'dulla Landcare Nursery in Deering St.

Most especially we remind owners and residents (and their garden maintenance contractors) that the dumping of ANY garden waste, including lawn clippings, is not only totally illegal, it is a disaster for our lovely bushland.

Absentee property owners!!! Do you know where YOUR mowing/gardening contractor disposes of YOUR lawn clippings?

It was suggested that Council be approached to conduct another composting workshop if there were sufficient people interested

7. Other Business

7.1 Watson Family Seat

It was agreed that this was a good idea and the seat should be placed along the middle of Skerri Drive. It was noted that there was a need to comply with Council requirements and any variation would have to be sent to Council for approval.

7.2 Rubbish on Beaches

Liza suggested that Maggie Mudge be invited to a future meeting to present on the collection of rubbish off beaches.

7.3 Old Gantry Remnants

Barrie asked if the Gantry Committee could reconvene to decide what to do with the remnants of the old Gantry currently being stored in the Men's Shed

8. Next Meetings

Committee: Monday 9 April 2018

General Meeting: Monday 16 April 2018

CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER 20 NOVEMBER 2017 - 14 FEBRUARY 2018

2 reports for February 2018 meeting - Margaret Hamon <marghamon2@bigpond.com> - 2018-02-08 2220.eml
Agenda - "Bob" <robjansma@bigpond.com> - 2018-02-05 0913.eml
Councillors Visit - Secretary <secretary@bawleykioloa.org.au> - 2017-11-21 1022.eml
DA's - Claire Andriske <Claire.Andriske@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au> - 2017-11-29 1059.eml
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DA's - Claire Andriske <Claire.Andriske@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au> - 2018-02-07 1146.eml
Development Committee - Agenda - Monday 22 January 2018 - Brooke Aldous <Brooke.Aldous@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au> - 2018-01-17 1331.eml
Fwd_ Release of calicivirus - Sybille & Don Davidson <11168nina@iinet.net.au> - 2018-02-13 1848.eml
Fwd_ Reminder_ BPN Affiliation Renewal 17-18 - Secretary <secretary@bawleykioloa.org.au> - 2017-11-21 1016.eml
Kate Wardner Brown - Julie Langlois <julie.langlois@oneagency.com.au> - 2017-12-06 0708.eml
Media Advisory - Jamberoo Public Pool Refurbishment - Ann Sudmalis MP <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2018-01-29 0659.eml
Media Release - Ask any woman about Pap smears and she'd cringe; the government...cancer - Ann Sudmalis MP <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-12-07 1513.eml
Media Release - Australian Defence steel deal - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2018-02-14 1116.eml
Media Release - Cyber Safety – let's protect our children - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2018-02-07 1502.eml
Media Release - Gilmore encouraged to celebrate International Day of People with Disabilities - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-11-29 1806.eml
Media Release - Gilmore lifesavers receive funding boost - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2018-01-11 0946.eml
Media Release - Grants and workshops to develop Women Leaders in Sport - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2018-01-24 1556.eml
Media Release - Huskisson gets up in Heywire - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-12-15 1636.eml
Media Release - Jamberoo locals make a splash in refurbished public pool - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2018-01-29 1059.eml
Media Release - New funding available to create safer local roads - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-12-19 1147.eml
Media Release - New Shoalhaven River Crossing for inclusion in the Princes Highway - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-12-15 1610.eml
Media Release - Road safety message - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-12-29 1404.eml

Media Release - Scholarships open to Gilmore volunteers - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2018-02-14 0816.eml

Media Release - Sudmalis welcomes Meningococcal vaccination - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2018-02-06 1619.eml

Media Release - University of Wollongong, a winner again! - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-11-24 1616.eml

Media Release - Well done Tyler Wright - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-12-04 1421.eml

Media Release - Year 12 HSC results are in - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-12-14 1341.eml

Media Release -DELIVERING FASTER PAYMENTS FOR GILMORE SMALL BUSINESSES - Ann S...deral Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2018-01-03 0600.eml

MEDIA STATEMENT - ROYAL COMMISSION, BANKS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES - Ann Sudmalis...deral Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-11-30 1241.eml

Notification of Council Meeting - Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Strategy _ Exh...ion - Jenna Tague <Jenna.Tague@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au> - 2017-12-08 0704.eml

Notification of Outcome of Council Meeting - Exhibition Outcomes and Adoption ...egy - Jenna Tague <Jenna.Tague@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au> - 2017-12-15 0814.eml

Open letter to the Editor - Citizenship - Ann Sudmalis MP, Federal Member for Gilmore <ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au> - 2017-11-27 1538.eml

Ordinary Meeting - Tuesday 19 December 2017 - Brooke Aldous <Brooke.Aldous@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au> - 2017-12-19 1118.eml

Ordinary meeting, Tuesday 19 October 2017 - agenda - Brooke Aldous <Brooke.Aldous@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au> - 2017-12-14 1409.eml

Re_ Community Engagement Update - Secretary <secretary@bawleykioloa.org.au> - 2017-11-21 1024.eml

Re_ Reminder_ BPN Affiliation Renewal 17-18 - Desmond Nicholls <Des.Nicholls@anu.edu.au> - 2017-11-21 1026-2.eml

Report from Bawly Pt Kioloa Bushcare - Don & Sybille Davidson <11168nina@iinet.net.au> - 2018-02-09 2234.eml

Subdivision notification - 14 Weemala Cr Bawley Point - SF10621 - Roslyn Poulton <Roslyn.Poulton@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au> - 2018-01-03 1445.eml

TREASURER'S REPORT

BAWLEY POINT & KIOLOA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Financial Report – 28 February 2017 to 19 February 2018

GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$	\$
Balance as at 28.2.17		2,437.29
INCOME		
Memberships	170.00	
Interest	.21	
Council annual subsidy	500.00	
Total Income		670.12
EXPENDITURE		
GIO Insurance	831.46	
Hall rent	57.50	
Total expenditure		888.96
Balance as at 19 February 2018		\$2,218.54

PETTY CASH

Opening Balance 28 February 2017		95.25
Remembrance Day wreath		25.00
Balance as at 19 February 2018		70.25

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Roger Lucas, Treasurer

19 February 2018