

## **Meeting Minutes Stockton Community Group Meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Present Members: Chris Baldwin, Carolyn Baldwin, Rainnie Carter, Lloyd Davies, Anna Flamminio, Renato Flamminio, Wendy Hughes, Fred McIntire, Les Moran, Shelia Moran, Amanda Plumstead, Alison Rigby, Mark Rigby, Cathy Shepherd, Ian Taggart, Melanie Taggart, Barbara Whitcher

Apologies: Jenny Allen, Boyd Allen, Sheldon Newey, Debbie Griffiths, Willow Forsyth, Sue McIntire, Karen Tomati-Watts, Vicki McDonald, Alan Newbery, Jeanette Dib, Peter Twining

TIME COMMENCED: 7:15pm TIME COMPLETED: 8:45pm CHAIR: Alison Rigby

CHAIR: AR

MINUTES: Melanie Taggart

**Item 1:** AR Acknowledgement of country and welcome.

**Item 2:** Present and Apologies.

AR COVID RULES as per Stockton Surf Life Saving Club

Thanks to members of Stockton Surf Life Saving Club to allow SCG to meet in their premises and anticipate an ongoing partnership.

**Item 3:** Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Confidential items. Nil

**Item 3.1** Minutes. Accepted by Lloyd Davies, seconded Rainnie Carter

**Item 4:** Forum. Community Feedback on Crown Lands Management Plan: Convenors Rainnie Carter & Melanie Taggart. The meeting broke up into small groups to work on ideas for crown land use. Further opportunities will be available to join the discussion.

### **Item 5: Outstanding Actions**

#### **Outstanding Actions/Items**

1. Communication strategy: Ready to be sent to NCC
2. Letter needs to be sent to Australian Super to encourage them to exert their influence to encourage Orica to be a better community members. In train. IT has emailed the 5 major investors in Orica (including Australian Super). They all proclaim to be socially responsible investors so SCG feel that investing in Orica does not match their philosophies. Now awaiting replies.
3. HW site: possible fencing options discussed. Need to follow up with options for comment from SCG. In train. RB provided feedback on strategy presented at the HW meeting/workshop on coastal management. Proposal received positively by HW and will be taken further.
4. Incorporation of SCG – IT see 8.2
5. Treasure Island proposal:

5.1 Bank account details and how to donate for Treasure Island fund can now be accessed on SCG website [www.stocktoncommunitygroup.com.au](http://www.stocktoncommunitygroup.com.au)

5.2 Description, criterion, and purpose to be written for fund. Action JA in conjunction with SM & LM. Decision making body required suggested -SCG exec & the Morans) In train draft criteria being developed.

6. Sea Dumping Act SCLG RB continues to be proactive behind the scenes drafting letters and receiving replies. As a Community group we are requesting greater representation on any issue for dumping of the river sand.

7. Calendar of Speakers - Community Liaison Police Officer July 13<sup>th</sup>  
Possible speakers include- King Edward Park Community Group and Maritime Rescue

### **Held over until May Meeting**

8. Bike hire proposal - SM /KS are working on a proposal for bike hire and tours of Stockton

9. Mens Shed Update – update held over to May meeting

10. Memorials on rocks

11. Request for fenced in dog area

12. Review Action List

## **6: Standing Agenda Items**

*Standing Agenda Items: Reports tabled and included Appendix 1 for noting.*

### 6.1 Stockton Community Liaison Group meeting

Stockton works update available on SCG website and printed copies at the Library

- Project team available for meetings in the Stockton Public library re: CMP Options 2021 15<sup>th</sup> April & 22<sup>nd</sup> April 9.30-12.30pm. Request to extend times of sessions for working people to be able to attend.

Action BW

Community Survey – CMP 2021 BW updated the group .The survey can be accessed via the below link from the 7 April 2021. All are encouraged to review the website and fill out the survey.

[Newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Stockton](http://Newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Stockton)

Also print copies available at Stockton Public Library

### 6.2 Taskforce Report – (Report in appendix 1)

Taskforce meeting postponed indefinitely. BW has written to the deputy premier to request the funding is expedited. Unsatisfactory response received. Possible announcement 15<sup>th</sup> April re grants via CON- Taskforce

### 6.3 Port Authority meeting -DW Nil

### 6.3.1 Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund DW – NIL

#### **Working Party reports**

Working Party reports; (see reports at end of minutes)

#### **6.5 Stockton Beach inclusive of Newcastle CMP** -IT REPORT submitted

Still concern about no timeline when sand will arrive on beach. The sand could be as long as 2-4 years away. One way to press this point with the NSW government is to have another rally. It's recognised that this is a challenge as the first rally was very successful, so we have to achieve this again.

We need to be prepared to hold another rally but we have to wait and choose the best time .i.e. following east coast low. We need to engage with professionals who know how to put out a good media campaign.

**6.6 Crown Lands group** – group has merged with Community & Environment Report Submitted  
RC acknowledged difficulties with communicating with NCC staff. All enquiries refereed back to customer service.

**6.7 Orica** – Ammonium Nitrate Storage Kooragang Island KC – Nil Reported

**6.8 Stockton Community Environment** (report attached)

7. Correspondence list available

### 8.General Business & Business without notice

1. Treasurers report SCG has 2 accounts, the everyday account and Treasure Island account. They are not linked. The balances of both accounts are now on SCG website Also Lucas has requested that the GOFUNDME money to be taken over by SCG, this is to be investigated further.
2. Update on Incorporation. SCG is now an incorporated body. An example of a successful community group is Friends of King Edward Park, they have successfully challenged the CON over redevelopment of Crown Land and redevelopment of Channel 9 studios by reversing a DA approval. Contact will be made with this group to see if they will come and talk to SCG about how they have organised themselves etc.
3. SCG can now also apply for community grants, it is noted that the community group can often be the project manager of the funds, which is huge task.
4. SCG executive, to comply with incorporation, we need an exec of at least 7 members. Suggestion to have leaders for working parties to be included in exec. To be on agenda net meeting.
5. Update on Protest Planning see Stockton Beach Working Party (6.5)

#### Other Business

Port Waratah: questioned colours used on graph. Advice to be obtained from KC.

Commercial Bike stations to be investigated by LD in conjunction with Bike project group (SM,KS).

Some concern over potential vandalism.

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May Stockton Surf Club 7:15

**Meeting closed 8:45pm**

## **Dates, Time, and Venue of SCG meetings 2021**

**Venue:** Stockton Surf Club

**Time:** 7:15pm - 8.30pm

Date /Month

28<sup>th</sup> January 21

10<sup>th</sup> March

14<sup>th</sup> April 21 ( forum & short meeting tbc)

12<sup>th</sup> May 21

9<sup>th</sup> June 21

14<sup>th</sup> July 21

10<sup>th</sup> August 21

15<sup>th</sup> September 21

13<sup>th</sup> October21

10<sup>th</sup> November 21

8<sup>th</sup> December 21 (3 weeks)

Appendix 1 Reports