

## **Stockton Community Group Meeting Minutes: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

*Meeting followed Covid Rules & guidelines as per NSW Health*

### **1. Present and apologies**

**Present:**

*In attendance:*

Scott Brooks, Rainnie Carter, Ann Clark, Julie Cook, Gary Cullinane, Lloyd Davies, Jeanette Dib, Willow Forsyth, Mike Hocking-Gill, Wendy Hughes, Cherie Loughlin, Sue Luke, Sue McIntire, Shelia Moran, Mark Mulholland, Julie Napier, Alan Newberry, Gina Owens, Carol Percival, Alison Rigby, Mark Rigby, Karen Simpson, Ros Slattery, Ian Taggart, Melanie Taggart, Vic Turrin, Barbara Whitcher, Jeanine Wilson, Darren Flemming.

Apologies: Ron Boyd, Jenny Allen, Boyd Allen, Keith Craig, Ron Holbrow, Georgina Owens, Peter Twining

Acknowledgement of Country

### **2. Declaration of conflicts of interest - Nil**

**3. Confirmation of Previous minutes** - Previous minutes from Feb 2022 Moved by Jeanine Wilson seconded by Julie Cook.

**4. Guest Speaker** - Senior Constable Darren Fleming, Crime Prevention Team, Newcastle City Police District.

Senior Constable Fleming provided statistics on crime in Stockton and an overview of crime prevention in the Newcastle City Police District. He also answered a range of questions from the members. Including:

- Importance of notifying police of all suspicious activity by calling Crime Stoppers
- Hoons on the Ballast
- Home security cameras
- Theft from vehicles & homes
- Social Housing
- Status of Stockton Police station
- Lobby State member to increase police numbers.

### **5. Outstanding Actions**

Updates

**5.1 Communication strategy update** – JA presented the document to the Lord Mayor & Council team on 3/3/22. The Manager of Client Services provided an overview of the CN current processes.

**5.2 Meeting with Lord Mayor & Council Managers** - On 3/3 /22 members of the SCG executive met with the Lord Mayor & Council staff.

See Attachment for detailed summary of CN/SCG meeting as presented by IT in meeting.

Brief summary follows.

5.21 Communications Strategy (as above)

5.22 Crown Land

New crown land management plan not yet drafted by CN  
JA tabled SCG focus group feedback & possible ideas.

5.23 Beach update –

Discussion on the role of NSW government processes and state of play.

5.24 Capital works -

CN will send link to capital works web site which provides updates on works being conducted all over Newcastle. The site is refreshed every 24 hours. Link is on Attachment and will be placed on website,

5.25 Shopping centre – MT

Jeremy Bath (CEO CN) has written two letters to owner but has not had any reply.  
CN unable to provide us with details of owner of shopping centre.  
Advised to search for original DA for those details.  
Looking for a member to pursue this matter.

Accepted by Jeanette Dib, thanks Jeanette!

Following presentation of above, there was discussion on CN meeting by SCG members. In particular the following questions and discussion ensued.

Q1) LD. If council believes that the community has no desire for shore line protection why did the Kyowa bags get placed at Barrie Crescent?

Answer: it was an emergency response triggered by erosion exceeding past 2025 hazard lines as detailed in 2020 CMP

Q2) MM. It was suggested that a do nothing strategy by council may actually facilitate action by State government quicker.

Answer:

This comment generated some spirited discussion. Members were reminded that all viewpoints are welcome. It could be argued that council are already partly following this policy.

3) In response to statement that Council believe that Stockton residents do not want any shoreline protection placed to prevent further shoreline loss, but are happy to wait for mass sand nourishment RC. stated should this could be tested/fact checked

IT. This could be a discussion at another meeting.

4) BW provided a history of Stockton Community Liaison Group (SCLG)

**5.3 Crown Land** – RC updated the group on history of Rawson Reserve Trust and how it has been used in the past. However it is difficult to gather specifics of Rawson Reserve Trust from CN. SCG contacted

CN to see if Showers/taps at Little Beach could be funded from this trust. This led to a meeting with SCG and CN at Little Beach 24/2/22 to discuss the location for tap/Shower & toilets. A very positive meeting was held with CN Staff. The group discussed a range of issues and concepts associated with a project for taps/showers and an agreement was made in principle for a location.

A follow up letter has been written to council to see what next steps will be.

BW mentioned that there could be funding maybe available from PON for these facilities, however it is felt that Rawson Reserve Trust should be used for this facility. We hope the works can be carried out as a collaboration of CN and PON.

IT mentioned that in CN/SCG meeting the Lord Mayor stated that the Rawson Reserve Trust has lost money due to the reduced number cabins being rented out.

## **6. Standing Items**

### Standing Agenda Items:

#### **6.1 Treasurers Report –**

Club Account \$4241.00

Treasure Island \$2555.00

### Working Party Reports. (if meeting held)

#### **6.2 Stockton Beach inclusive of Newcastle CMP**

(Leader of this group is vacant, please contact SCG if interested in this position.)

No meeting held

#### **6.3 Air Quality & Environment – Ammonium Nitrate Storage Kooragang Island/NCCCE**

Keith Craig has been involved in an NCCCE special meeting on the Woolstore fire issue and asbestos concerns for the community. At this stage it looks like Stockton has escaped the pollution event as the winds blew the pollution cloud west.

#### **6.4 Stockton Community Environment**

(Leader of this group is vacant, please contact SCG if interested in this position.)

No meeting held

#### **6.5 Stockton Community Liaison Group**

No meeting held

Sand scraping guidelines available on CN website

**7. Correspondence - list available upon request**

**8. General Business and Business without notice**

Inquiry lodged by SCG with CN as to why toilet blocks are closed so early, as public areas are still in high use by community.

Stockton Historical Society books available, please contact SCG/Stockton Historical Society if interested.

Triathlon is on next weekend in Stockton, SCG provided feedback when preliminary planning was underway.

Meeting closed at 9pm

**Next Meeting 7:00pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Venue: Senior Citizens Centre, 76 Mitchell St Stockton**

Speaker: Hunter Water