

Stockton Community Group Meeting Minutes: 12th October 2022

Meeting followed COVID Rules & guidelines as per NSW Health

Acknowledgement of Country

1. **Present:** In attendance: Carolyn Bailey, Garry Cullinane, Lloyd Davies, Jeanette Dibs, Mike Hocking Gill, Mark Mulholland, Julie Napier, Alan Newberry, Lindy Nisbett, Margaret Raphael, Alison Rigby, Mark Rigby, Karen Simpson, Ian Taggart, Melanie Taggart, Mayeta Clark, Ann Clark
2. **Apologies:** Keith Craig, Peter Twining, Barbara Whitcher, Renato and Anna Flamminio

2. Declaration of conflicts of interest - Nil

3. Confirmation of Previous minutes - Previous minutes from September meeting accepted by Margaret Raphael seconded by Garry Cullinane

4. Guest Speaker – Mayeta Clark documentary maker & investigative journalist provided an overview of her work covering community issues. Mayeta stepped the group through story selection, research & methodology of creating a story for TV & Radio. She also discussed the highlights and challenges of being a journalist. The members asked a range of questions on what makes a good story.

5. Outstanding Actions

- Follow up on NCIG community Group Meeting, looking for a volunteer (SCG Inc. member) to attend these group meetings.
- Work North of Stockton Beach, to be discussed next meeting
- Environmental Defenders Office: Continuing discussions to finalise engagement.
- Newsletter will be distributed over the next few weeks.

6. Standing Agenda Items

6.1 Treasurers Report:

- Balance \$ 8292.26. Costs this month were graphic design costs for “Fight Goes On” and “I Love Stockton Beach”
- Move motion to remove previous President Jenny Allen from signatory of Newcastle Permanent Building Society Account Number 650000 506154306. Motion accepted by Lloyd Davies, Seconded by Garry Cullinane
- Move motion to add Treasurer Lindy Nisbett as signatory and have full access to Internet Banking for Newcastle Permanent Building Account Number 650000 506154306. Motion accepted by Alan Newberry Seconded by Garry Cullinane
- Move Motion to cancel Treasure Island Newcastle Permanent Building Society Account Number 650000 542430603. Motion accepted by Alan Newberry, Seconded by Lloyd Davies

Working Party Reports. (If meeting held)

6.2 Stockton Beach Group

- A new campaign is about to start encouraging community members to write letters/email to politician at all levels of government. According to Pro Bono advice we received from 2 lobbyists, the best way to attract the attention of Politicians (both present and shadow) is mass letter writing. This

will be communicated by posters/flyers, newsletters linked back to web site for details. So, we encourage everyone to email letters to politicians

- In September members of SCG Inc. executive participated in a meeting with CN staff from the Assets Environment group and Projects teams working on Stockton beach.
- Discussions primarily focused on Works from Hereford to Pembroke St. Members expressed concerns with timeframes of works and lack of action on sand nourishment, especially around The Pines area.

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

SafeWork NSW is proposing new measures to strengthen the safety of ammonium nitrate storage facilities in NSW which involves introducing mandatory separation distances for storing ammonium nitrate. This would mean ammonium nitrate facilities would need to be a certain distance from population centres and other infrastructure, based on the quantity of ammonium nitrate stored.

Feedback to Safework NSW is required, SCG Inc. will write a submission supporting these changes.

We will email information to all members and encourage them to provide feedback

6.4 Stockton Community Environment

CB provided an update

- Letter received from CN re: shopping Centre. CN will send letter to owner requesting pumps be fixed in carpark and general maintenance issues to be addressed. They suggested SCG Inc. go to mediation with Owner re: pigeon problem, which we will do as we know have details of the owners of shopping centre now.
- There is still no time frame for removal of cabins, CN are developing a holiday park masterplan which is contingent on outcomes of CMP and MSN delivery.
- Stockton Art competition update AN provided update on the competition. Flyers & posters distributed. Entries climbing daily

6.5 Stockton Beach Taskforce update/SCLG – NIL

6.6 Hunter Water - Nil

7. Correspondence - list available upon request

8. General Business and Business without notice

- AR & MT attended the launch of the Mitchell St Upgrade. It was a good opportunity to network with other local groups. There was also an opportunity to informally meet the mayor.
- SCG Inc. Web site has been updated thanks to Sharyn from Beaconsfield Design
- SCG Inc. executive discussed & replied to request from RC

- Proposed Increased Ferry stops & possible changes to timetable - LD raised the topic & encouraged member to look at information. Action: Proposal to write to Tim Crackenthorp and relevant authorities as to business plan Action: CB, LD
- GC updated the group on the Hunter Alliance Picnic in Griffith Park Sunday 16th October. The focus is on Environmental & climate issues affecting coastal areas. Action: Members of SCG Inc. will be present with flyers for “The Fight Goes on campaign and “I Love Stockton Art Competition’
- Historical Society is launching vol 4 of Stockton through the years on Sunday 29th November at the Port Hunter Sailing Club. All enquiries to Stockton Historical Society. Also 4 historical signs will be placed along Mitchell St Shopping Centre
- Discussion on raising profile of Stockton for cruise ship visitors. Suggestion to raise with ward 1 councillors & CN CRM
 - breakwater walks
 - guided tours
 - information on Stockton for visitors
 - Action: AR contact Newcastle Tourism
- Questions on:
 - Marine rescue base- no news on the build or timeframes.
 - Possible removal and replacement of toilets adjacent to marine rescue build. Requires more details so follow up can be undertaken with CN

Meeting closed at 8.45pm Next Meeting 7:15pm November 9th, 2022, Venue: Stockton Uniting Church Hall (Cnr. of Mitchell & King St).