

## Stockton Community Group Inc. Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Chair:** Alison Rigby/Melanie Taggart

**Venue:** Stockton Surf Club. Pitt St, Stockton

**Minutes:** Lindy Nisbett

### **1. Meeting Opened: by Alison Rigby at 7.31 pm with Acknowledgement of Country**

**Present:** Scott Brooks, Rod Cheney, Lloyd Davies, Jeanette Dib, Mike Hocking Gill, Norman Latham, Sue Luke, Sheila Moran, Mark Mulholland, Alan Newbery, Lindy Nisbett, Georgina Owen, Alison Rigby, Ian Taggart, Melanie Taggart, Vic Turrin, Sue Watson, John Watson, Barbara Whitcher

**Apologies:** Carolyn Bailey, Keith Craig, Garry Cullinane, Willow Forsyth, Margaret Raphael, Neil Raphael

**2. Declaration of conflict of interest:** nil declared

### **3. Confirmation of previous minutes:**

Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 meeting Accepted: Ian Taggart, Seconded: Lloyd Davies

### **4. Guest Speaker: Port of Newcastle – Clean Energy Precinct Proposal, Wendy West Senior Manager Engineering**

Wendy provided an overview of the PON proposal for the Clean Energy Precinct. A booklet was distributed, with more information available at [www.portofnewcastle.com.au](http://www.portofnewcastle.com.au)

- Location - Old BHP site (now remediated) at western end of Kooragang Island.
- Timing - Construction is unlikely to commence before 2026. In July 2023 a Clean Energy Precinct Concept DA was submitted to the NSW Government. See details on PON website. This would be followed by approval for utilities connection and road works to allow access for construction.
- Construction will include development of production facilities, storage, distribution and export facilities.

Members questions included:

*What will be produced at the site?* - Hydrogen and Ammonia

*What will be the source of energy used for construction and production?* - to be classified as “Green” energy precinct, all energy used must come from solar and wind power.

*Who is funding the project?* - Port of Newcastle with co-investment from the Federal and NSW Governments.

*How will Hydrogen and Ammonia be transported?* - Hydrogen will be used locally, mostly within a 20km radius, it is mainly transported as Ammonia. Ammonia will be transported by truck and exported by ship. It is expected to only be 30 ships per year.

### **5. Outstanding and New Actions**

#### **5.1 Stockton Taskforce Update & Stockton Beach**

Barbara Whitcher provided an update on the September Taskforce meeting. The main concern being when sand replenishment would commence. The announcement last week confirmed that an off-shore dredge is on its way to commence relocation of 100,000cubic metres into shallow water at the southern end of the beach.

Access to north Stockton beach across Hunter Water lands is an ongoing issue, being pursued via NSW Government.

#### **5.2 Mitchell Street Works**

- Project has commenced and now linked to CN Plan for Dalby Oval and the Soldiers memorial

- Work will take approx. 9months

Further information is available at:

<https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/living/environment/our-coastline/coastal-erosion-at-stockton/stockton-works-updates/new-buried-seawall-southern-end-of-mitchell-street>

## **6. Standing items**

### **6.1 Treasurers Report:**

Presented by Lindy Nisbett

Bank balance. \$3,541,

September quarter - Income (membership fees) \$146;

- Expenses \$1,324 (July newsletter and website maintenance)

SCG are currently pursuing a grant to cover production of future newsletters - Approx \$2,400

### **Working party updates**

6.2 Stockton Beach Group: (Alison Rigby and Melanie Taggart)

- See Agenda item 5.

6.3 Air Quality & Environment: (Keith Craig)

Melanie Taggart reported that the NSW EPA confirmed creation of a new Hunter Environment Advisory Group (HEAG). This will replace two former committees, the Newcastle Community Consultative Committee on the Environment (NCCCE) and the Upper Hunter Air Quality Advisory Committee (UHAQAC).

The EPA will call for nominations from Community and Industry groups to form the new HEAG, and SCG Inc. hope to be actively involved.

Thanks go to SCG Inc. Executive member, Keith Craig for his work with the NSW Govt. on creating this new committee.

## **7. General business/Business without notice**

7.1 SCG Inc. AGM & Positions on Executive Committee

AR announced the SCG Inc. AGM will be held Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the Stockton SLSC.

Members are encouraged to consider nominating for executive committee & the positions of secretary and treasurer.

7.2 SCG Inc. Christmas Party /Drinks will be held Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 8pm following the AGM. All welcome.

**8. Meeting closed:** 8:20 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Stockton Surf Club @ 7:30 pm