

OL86/138 off Eastslopes Way who removed unused posts 10 years ago. We have received a reply that Fisheries are in negotiations with the lease holder.

4.3 Fame Cove

The Land and Environment Court Orders of 25 September 2017 stopped any new work unless Council agreement and authority (per DA) is first obtained. By 31 December 2020 the land must be reinstated and re-vegetated to condition at 9 August 2014. The Quarry DA has been withdrawn. The location of the jetty is questionable.

4.4 Boat ramp and water access

Gary reported that any achievements in this area are a long way off, following the failure to find a suitable site within the village area. When Council again looks at this long awaited objective it will likely be north of the village. This and many other areas of improvement for our community are also affected by staff shortages resulting from the Council merger. Your committee will continue to press strongly for both a trailerable Boat Ramp and very importantly, a Community Jetty.

Discussions with Council will also be progressed during 2018 regarding identification of locations for pedestrian access to the water front.

4.5 Casuarina Park

Doug reported a Grant Application seeking around \$14,000.00 for a gas BBQ and shelter is awaiting a response. Gary reported the issue of Parking and No Parking signs for Casuarina and Water Street is held over to February 2018 for a special meeting with Council Management.

Rotted and damaged pine railing for vehicle restriction to be replaced here and in Heros Reserve when materials become available.

The first delivery of new plants have been delivered by Council and are being cared for by Gary until rain breaks our current drought and allows their transfer to the park.

After the results of the BBQ funding request are known, attention will be directed to play facilities here and in Heros.

Doug has had discussions with David Reed in relation to the clearing of a walking path through the vegetated area between the Community Precinct and Casuarina Reserve. This would also enable movement of the Mower without towing requirements.

4.6 Volunteer Workers.

It is becoming clear the groups of volunteers who give so generously to assist in the maintenance of our community facilities (Community Precinct, Heros, Water St. and Casuarina) is too short in numbers for the amount of maintenance required and to enable rostering. If you can assist with some of your time it will greatly reduce the current load on existing volunteers. Please contact Gary Sylvaney on 49973070 or 0418727347. To assist, Maureen will place an ad in February Cove News seeking volunteers.

With the year end fast approaching, the contributions of the following are noted with deep appreciation:

Heros – Jan and Alan Walker

Casuarina – Pat Brennan and Tony Hann, Patty and Bill Moller and some help from Gary.

Yallarwah – Doug Kohlhoff, Len Yearsley and Peter Chappelow.

General areas – David Read and his Team.

4.7 Hall Committee.

Maureen Kelly advised the year had been successful with plenty of new fundraising ideas in the pipeline for 2018. The Committee had requested covers for fire hoses in situ around the Community Centre. Ian Cook of the RFS was seeking permanent metal covers following this request.

Make sure you check December Cove News front page for an invitation and details to an Australia Day Community gathering at Heros Beach. Bring the family for a day of fun and games for young and old and a free sausage sizzle generously provided by the YESS Committee.

The last Hall Committee Meeting for 2017 would be held on 13th. Dec. followed by a Christmas BBQ. Maureen closed her report advising the meeting that February 2018 will mark her 24th. year editing and publishing Cove News. This amazing Lady received a rousing acclamation and words of thanks for her dedication and commitment to our Community over so many years.

Thank you for all you do Maureen.

4.8 Community Precinct

Most of the funded work has been completed. Doug referred to the federal grant sought for lighting for which an outcome was expected shortly. It would involve contributions from the Association, (\$2000), the Hall Committee (\$2000) and the Tennis Club (\$1000). Doug advised that MP David Gillespie would be in the Cove on Wednesday 13 at 3pm to make an announcement.

4.9 Council: Southern Area Reference Group.

Gary reported the Southern Area Reference Group meets once a month with Council Managers, Paul De Szell and Daniel Aldridge and representatives of the following community groups in this southern area of Mid Coast Council.

Tea Gardens/Hawkes Nest Progress Association.

Winda Woppa Association.

Pindimar/Bundabah Community Association

Myall River Action Group.

North Arm Cove Residents Association.

It is clear from attendance at these meetings, that we have much in common with our sister associations and far more can be achieved through collective action than ourselves on our own.

For a long time your association has found it difficult to obtain action in relation to road signage. eg. more 50 kph signs for certain Cove roads currently being treated by some visitors and locals as freeways. This despite the lack of footpaths and increasing numbers of children and aged members of our community walking along and crossing them. Three in particular see such irresponsible and dangerous behaviour on a daily basis, Cove Blvd., Eastslope Way and The Ridgeway. Each association has similar issues. eg. Tea Gardens for example, are seeking to reduce the speed limit on Marine Drive to 40kph.

To seek resolution of all signage issues, Council is setting up a meeting in February between the associations and the senior council management responsible for signage across Mid Coast Council.

Council has made clear to the associations, their concern at the list of projects uncompleted and will not take on new projects until the existing list is cleared. A very positive sign for future Community/Council relations.

Moved : Tony Hann

Seconded : Maureen Kelly

Carried

That the reports be accepted.

5 General Business

5.1 Ambulance Service to the Cove.

Recent incidents in the Cove have created concerns regarding the times it can take to obtain urgent medical assistance for residents (25 mts. in one response). This critical issue is being looked into by your association and will be reported on commencing in the new year.

5.2 Association Letterboxes.

Council have given approval for the erection of a letter box at the Hall for each Cove Association should they wish to take advantage of a more streamlined mail delivery facility.

5.3. Child Security.

Gary reported on an Incident involving unsupervised children at the Community Centre Play Equipment and an unknown male driving a silver/grey 4x4 ute. two weeks previously . No physical harm occurred, but the 11 year old girls became frightened enough to hide behind the water tank and phone home for assistance. Incident is being reported to police.

5.4. Land Valuations.

John Honnery addressed the meeting about his success in obtaining reductions in valuations for his non urban land from Property NSW, resulting in significant savings of many thousands of dollars. A good news item.

5.5 Non-urban Land-owners concerns

Trevor Vandenberg raised concerns that the non-urban land-owners have paying rates for no benefit. Trevor has established a special facebook page which has rapidly gained a great deal of interest. A group of non-urban land owners hope to be contribution to the cleanup.

Next General Meeting 10 February 2018

Closure at 11:55 am.