

frustrations with Council: our needs being overlooked, correspondence not answered, and the lack of action on key projects.

As just one example, in last year's Annual Report, retiring President, Stephanie Hunter, said she expected that the Dinghy Ramps project would be completed by the end of 2014. It now looks as if any visible work on that project won't even appear before the end of 2015!

We have also had some vandalism in the Cove which has included flattening the Village Map and damage to some of the non-urban properties. We all need to keep our eyes open and report any suspicious activity to Council or Police.

But there have been many positives as well. The long-awaited sealing of Eastslope Way (south) occurred – although the work was far from perfect. The main road in to the Cove was resealed. Council did respond to our call for assistance after the storm and collected those many piles of branches. The stormwater drainage project is about to get underway.

The appearance of our Village has changed significantly over the past 12 months - thanks largely to a combination of the 10/50 rule, the ferocity of the April storms and the creation of an Asset Protection Zone around the Community Centre. However we still remain a high risk area in the event of fire and with forecasts of a very hot summer we should all now be reviewing our bushfire survival plans. I would like at this point to record appreciation of the very significant efforts of Ian Cook, our RFS Community Protection Planning Officer. He has done a sterling job for our community.

We have had a good roll up of visiting speakers at our General Meetings throughout the year. In October last year we had a NSW Candidates debate, then GLC Deputy Mayor Len Roberts joined us in December. In February our guests from GLC, Ron Hartley and Geoff Love came to a separate early-evening session to discuss the stormwater drainage plans. Then we were joined by our Federal MP Bob Baldwin in April and our new State MP Kate Washington in June. I thank all our guests for their contributions.

Over the past year I have had the support of a team of committed and hard-working Executive Committee members. Each has willingly taken on special responsibilities. Earlier this year, our elected Secretary Annette Searle left the district and that role was taken over by Susan Carter. A big thank you to them both. Susan is also convenor of one of our sub committees. Vice President Len Yearsley has been a great support with his wealth of background knowledge and he also coordinates the Fame Cove sub-committee. Kath has kept a close eye on our finances, membership and me. Tony Hann has been stoic in his valiant efforts over signage and the village map. Gary Sylvaney has taken on the responsibility for the Casuarina Tank project and recently you may have seen him traipsing around the Hall in order to prepare a more accurate plan of the site. The community has been fortunate having each of these people working so hard on their behalf.

There are many others I should thank, but I will mention Janine Reid who has continued her Aquaculture brief, David Read for his many valuable contributions to the Village and finally a big thank you to Maureen, particularly for her Cove News coverage, but also for yet again agreeing to take on the responsibility of Returning Officer.

4. Elections Doug Kohlhoff declared all positions vacant and asked Maureen Kelly to act as Returning Officer. There were six nominations:

President	Doug Kohlhoff	Secretary	Susan Carter
Vice President	Len Yearsley	Committee members	Tony Hann
Treasurer	Kath Kohlhoff		Gary Sylvaney

Maureen Kelly declared these people elected and invited nominations for the remaining committee position.

Maureen Kelly was nominated for and accepted the position of Committee member

Maureen acknowledged the articles written by Susan for the website during Doug's absence; and both Maureen and Stephanie acknowledged the work of the committee.

5. Next General Meeting will be held on 12 December 2015 at 10am

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on 13 August 2016 at 10am

6. Closure The Annual General Meeting closed at 10.30am.

Approved as a true and correct record:

President

Date