

# Tomerong Community Forum Minutes, meeting March 23.

NEXT MEETING  
WEDNESDAY  
27 APRIL  
7PM – NOT 7.30PM

Attendance 15, apologies 2

Meeting facilitator: Dennis Argall

## WATER BRIEFING:

At the January meeting the forum had agreed to respond to the Mayor's offer of briefings on water issues. John Gould, Group Director, Shoalhaven Water, attended this meeting and other business was for the most part put aside for his briefing and discussion. The Hon John Kerin, member of the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority board also was able to attend. A note on the water briefing will, we hope, be circulated separately.

At the end of the meeting, the community forum resolved to express its appreciation for the excellent briefing and also to express these unanimous views:

- that it is important to pursue sensible and restrained water use in the Shoalhaven EXPLICITLY, not relying simply on good sense
- that such explicit action is especially important in the context of the Shoalhaven needing to demonstrate wise policy and community attitude and performance in the face of poor performance in Sydney on water management
- that the Shoalhaven record on water use reduction over a number of years needs to be assembled and presented in an organised form, as an illustration to Sydney of policies that have been successful;
- that presenting our performance to Sydney in a positive and constructive manner would contribute to a good negotiating position on water matters with the state government and Sydney.

## OTHER BUSINESS

[1] Judy and Robert Edwards of Wandandian brought to the meeting the schedule for the Botany Bay to Port Phillip Bay bus drivers cycle for **Canteen** (helping young people with cancer). On Sunday 1 May, the riders travel from Kiama to have morning tea in Nowra and lunch in Wandandian. Last departure from Nowra 10.15am - *they will divert from the highway to take Hawken Road and travel through Tomerong.* **RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE POST OFFICE, ANY CYCLISTS WANT TO JOIN THIS BIT OF THE RIDE?**

[2] WATT SUBDIVISION: We discussed news from Miltonbrook that council was in discussion with Miltonbrook regarding the path through the forest area between Church St and the proposed subdivision.

The response was unanimous concern from the floor of the meeting that a concrete pathway is under consideration. Discussion led to a unanimous expression of preference, to be conveyed to Council, that the path NOT be concrete, but material more sympathetic to the environment. The Blue Wren Reserve pathway, in St Georges Basin, was recommended as the appropriate standard.

[3] LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME:

This expected to go to Council in April.

[4] ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Community Forum has its AGM in May, nominations for all positions to be encouraged.

[5] INQUIRY INTO INFRASTRUCTURE IN COASTAL GROWTH AREAS. Noted that the NSW Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Public Works has called for submissions into an inquiry on this subject by 6 May - contributions invited!

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