

TOMERONG COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes, meeting 22 June 2005

Next meeting 7 pm
Wednesday 20 July.
All welcome

Present: Gerard Proust [facilitator], Todd Gallant, Richard Bates, Tom Donohue, Ruth McKinnon, Dennis Argall, Ev Pettigrew, Jill Lord [minutes], Meryl McGinn, Roland Manners

Apologies: Michael Davis

Matters arising from previous minutes

[A] The *Welcome to Tomerong* brochure is close to completion. Ev will continue to work on it this month.

[B] Dennis and Lindsay attended a PCBs meeting with Council on 6 June. They had 3 agenda items:

1. *environment issues arising from new developments.*

It appears that this issue may be overtaken by a coming initiative from DIPNR, who are expected to be seeking community consultation on local developments. Gerard and Dennis will follow up.

2. *need for further community consultation when development applications are substantially altered or reviewed*

Council responded that they will not seek further consultation if changes are minor or are in response to community feedback. However they will do so in the case of substantial changes.

3. *concerns about equity issues in regard to sewerage component of S64 contributions*

Council provided a good briefing. They made clear that there will be increases in the S64 contribution, however water and sewerage components are separate and payment is only required for those parts which are applicable.

Council also reported that there will be a change in the whole scheme of Development Control Plans (DCPs), Council not yet on top of consequences, but there will be one consistent 'template' for all of NSW, one [only] DCP for all Shoalhaven, but a major new system by mid-2006 to specify all things that apply, for every single parcel of land.

[C] Ev will follow up with Pauline Olive and confirm the attendance of Louise Conybeare (SACC) at the July Forum meeting to discuss SACC support for FOTUC and SofA access to grants.

[D] Contrary to our expectations, Council has not scrubbed the Local Area Traffic Management Scheme for Tomerong out, but put it low in list of priorities. We still have to pursue Council on particulars needing attention.

[E] A letter was sent to council from Dennis and Lindsay (Joint Council Liaison Officers) outlining the forum's priorities for the coming months and enclosing the Annual Report of the forum. The letter also thanked council for the quality of communication with maintenance staff and their work.

[F] see [B] 1 above.

Correspondence

See attached list.

Treasurer's Report.

Gerard reported that the finances are healthy. Current balance is \$313.07, with a council contribution of \$400 expected shortly.

Other Matters

School Council

Meryl reported that the P&C has declined to appoint new representatives to the school council; the school council is thus not operating; the P&C apparently will revisit the issue in six months. Ev will draft a letter seeking further information, and inviting the P&C to have a representative come to the next forum meeting.

Toilet block on "Timberhills"

Ruth McKinnon spoke in regard to a letter she had written to TCF, seeking support for a grant currently being made to the NSW Dept of Tourism, Sport and Recreation, to enable the building of a toilet block for use during cross country carnivals and other community events which are held at the property. She showed the plans, which allow for combined toilet and changing facilities, including access for disabled persons. The forum unanimously supports this application.

Dennis and Lindsay will send a letter of support, noting the enduring contribution provided by the McKinnons for community ventures over many years.

Road Safety

Tom brought up a number of issues regarding road safety around Tomerong. These included:

- The unsafe turnoff from the highway
- The lack of a school pedestrian crossing
- The dust caused by the increased traffic on Church Rd which is unsealed.

There was general agreement that these were issues which have caused concern over a long period. Dennis asked for assistance in again bringing these matters to council.

SofA Regional Assistance Scheme grant

Gerard reported that the application for a grant to upgrade the kitchen and make some improvements in the ground was successful. The actual amount of the grant is to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm. Next meeting 7pm, Wednesday 20 July, Tomerong School of Arts Hall.

Correspondence List

In

31/5/05	SCC	Meeting-ward 2 Principal consultative bodies and other community groups.
1/6/05	SCC	DA applications 387 Turpentine rd-Pergola
7/6/05	SCC	Note to forum from Greg Watson-commending the forum on its achievements.
8/6/05	SCC	DA applications nil for Tomerong
14/6/05	SCC	Re Veterinary Clinic DA comments from forum.
15/6/05	SCC-DA	applications 268 Turpentine Rd - Use of structure as non habitable studio. Kells Rd - Construction of access road.
22/6/05		Ron and Ruth McKinnon - Asking for Forum support for grant application for Athletics Club.

Out

29/5/05	SCC	letter to all councillors and senior council staff, forwarding Annual Report and priorities for next few months adopted by the AGM.
17/6/05	SCC	email supporting DA 05-1795; copied to Rob Sutherland regarding Tomerong traffic
1/6/05	SCC	email re PCB ward 2 meeting 6 June: agenda item
26/5/05	SCC	email re Tomerong Community Forum - office bearers
26/5/05	SCC	email re Meeting with PCBs, Ward 2, 6 June