

TOMERONG COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes, meeting 24 August 2005

**Next meeting at 7 pm on
Wednesday 28 September.
All welcome.**

Present: Richard Bates, Jill Lord, John Lord, Lindsay Parnell and Michael Davis

Apologies: Dennis Argall, Ev Pettigrew

Facilitator: Richard Bates

Minutes: Jill Lord

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Tomerong Landcare Project

John Lord provided an update on the progress of the Tomerong Landcare project. Prior to the next formal meeting with the Shoalhaven Landcare representative(s), the Tomerong Landcare Group (TLG) are to meet to plan an approach, identify and visit possible sites for initial work and generally become familiar with Landcare activities so as to gain maximum value from the formal meeting. This should speed the acceptance of the project by Landcare as well as the provision of grants and technical/materials assistance.

John offered to prepare a short brochure outlining the project for distribution at the next Tomerong Markets and at the Tomerong Country Fair. The brochures would be placed on a Tomerong Community information table together with a placard or the like to draw the attention of passers-by and so generate interest in the work. He will discuss this with the other members of the TLG and develop a draft of the material for discussion with Michael Davis (Markets) and Todd Gallant (Country Fair).

Toilet block on "Timberhills"

Richard advised that this has been given number one priority on the Council Sports Board 'recommendations for consideration' and so is highly likely to be approved. He will advise the Forum of further developments.

Road Safety

The requested road-works have largely been carried out as requested by the Forum. This has included:

- narrowing of the road between the Hall and the School so as to slow traffic in that area,
- placement of traffic signs (arrows) on the pedestrian 'blister' in front of the Hall, and
- improvement in the placement of Bus signs.

Richard advised that the bus bay grant application has not been successful. However Council is looking at upgrading the footpath in that area, in conjunction with the Dept of Education.

Welcome Brochure

A draft of this brochure has been circulated amongst Forum members but it is not yet finalised. When it has been completed, copies will be made available at the Markets and Country Fair.

School of Arts AGM

Michael reported that this was a successful meeting with a great deal of enthusiasm exhibited. The new Chair is Kelly Upton who was elected unopposed - as were other members of the Committee. Plans are in place for Greencorp to provide assistance on upgrade of grounds (gardens, native shrubs and trees, etc). There has also been an update on the plans for refurbishment and expansion of the Hall itself.

Michael also agreed to pursue the possibility of development of a 'concept diagram' showing the proposed improvements for display at the Country Fair (and on Market Days) on the general 'Tomerong' information booth. This would be designed to illustrate the vision of the School of Arts Committee to new and established members of the community alike and also to encourage participation and general support.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that there is to be a general meeting at Vincentia High School at noon on Saturday 27th August to discuss the proposed Stocklands development and the impact that may have on existing facilities and services.

CORRESPONDENCE

As the Correspondence Secretary was not in attendance, no discussion was undertaken on inwards/outwards correspondence. The correspondence for this month will be included in next month's minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT

As the Treasurer was not in attendance, no information on receipts or payments was available but it was thought that there had been no activity in this regard over the period.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:50 pm.