

Patonga Beach Progress Association
Meeting: Saturday 6 April 2024 10:00am
Agenda

Open

Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies

New members/extension members

The following have applied for and been granted membership of the Association: Nil

Notice of items to be discussed in general business

Errors and Omissions Nil

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Adoption of minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2021.

Tabling and confirmation of correspondence

See attached

Presentation and confirmation of the Financial Statement

Business arising from the Minutes

1. War Memorial light
2. Abandoned watercraft on creek foreshore
3. Unlawful parking and camping
4. Meeting with Pearl Beach Progress Association executive committee
5. Telstra exchange building
6. Easter fete

General business

7. Woy Woy Tip extension
8. Representative from the hotel
9. River cruise

Motions in respect of which due notice has been given

Reports – Sub Committees – Delegates – Special

10. Plan of Management/camping ground
11. Electricity
12. Koalas
13. Social
14. Character Statement
15. Creek siltation remediation
16. Aboriginal recognition and flag
17. Progress Association website

Items being monitored

Close

Business arising from the Minutes

Item 1 - War Memorial light: Joanne Quirk to provide an update about the grant application to repair the light at the meeting.

Item 2 – Abandoned watercraft on creek foreshore: An email attaching a letter dated 22 February 2024 was sent to Matthew Corradin Unit Manager, Environment Compliance Services at the Council about the abandoned watercraft on Patonga Creek. The letter requested further information and a meeting with a Council officer. Andrew Littlefield Council’s Section Manager, Rangers Services and Development Control attended Patonga on 14 March 2024 and walked along the creek foreshore with John Quigg who pointed out the abandoned watercraft. He advised that two additional compliance officers had been recently employed. He also advised that he would formulate a plan about how to deal with the abandoned watercraft in the near future.

In an email dated 28 March 2024 attaching a letter of the same date Matthew Corradin advised that the two additional compliance officers will commence work in April 2024 “and the issue surrounding abandoned boats in Patonga is scheduled as part of their program of works.

The letter did not address all the points in the Association’s letter of 22 February 2024 which were:

- What limitations are placed on the Council by the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 in determining whether an item is unattended; and
- Whether the Council can provide examples of issues involving the encroachment on public land which have a higher priority than the matter of abandoned watercraft on the foreshore of Patonga Creek.

Item 3 – Unlawful parking and camping: An email attaching a letter dated 27 February 2024 was sent to Matthew Corradin Unit Manager, Environment Compliance Services at the Council about unlawful parking and camping at Patonga. The letter requested further information. Andrew Littlefield Council’s Section Manager, Rangers Services and Development Control attended Patonga on 14 March 2024 and inspected the areas of concern with John Quigg. He advised that he would formulate a plan about how to deal with the unlawful parking and camping in the near future.

In an email dated 28 March 2024 attaching a letter of the same date Matthew Corradin advised Council’s parking officers will undertake additional parking patrols over the Easter and school holiday periods, Council rangers will continue to inspect the area whenever possible to address any alleged unlawful camping and additional signage will be requested to be installed at Dark Corner.

The letter did not address the points in the Association’s letter of 27 February 2024 which were:

- That Council provide the Association with a list of dates and times that the Council Rangers visited Patonga between 21 December 2023 and 23 February 2024 together with details of these visits;
- Advise the number of infringement notices issued during the period 21 December 2023 and 23 February 2024; and
- Council provides a schedule of proposed visits to Patonga after 23 February 2024 to the Association.

Item 4 - Meeting with Pearl Beach executive committee: No date has yet been set for this meeting.

Item 5 – Telstra exchange building: A further email was sent to the Telstra CEO on 26 February 2024 advising that the broken guttering appeared to have been removed and that the exterior of the building is in a bad state of repair. A request was made to paint the building. A response was received on 29 February 2024 stating that the InfraCo team advised that the external metal skin of the building did not require painting. The email also advised that “There are no plans to replace the guttering, as it does not discharge into a stormwater system. The team have confirmed that the current set up, with downpipe, is adequate.”

Item 6 – Easter fete: Helena Boden to provide an update at the meeting.

General Business

Item 7 – Woy Woy tip extension: Central Coast Council has lodged a multimillion dollar plans to extend the life of Woy Woy tip. Council notified the Association on 19 October 2023 that it requires development consent from the Hunter Central Coast Planning Panel prior to construction of the proposed landfill cell. Council requested feedback from stakeholders on questions and considerations they may have for the Environmental Impact Statement which it was developing. The Council's website states the project is now in the Development Application phase and was open for comment until 26 March 2024. In a telephone call on 26 March 2024 Andrew Pearce, Council's Unit Manager, Waste and Resource Recovery agreed to attend the Association meeting to provide information about the extension of the tip.

Item 8 - Representative from the hotel: Chris Beath, the new manager of the Boathouse will attend the meeting to introduce himself.

Item 9 – River cruise: Peter Crook wrote to the Boathouse on 2 February 2024 requesting that it consider reinstating at least one river cruise per week to Bobbin Head via Cottage Point. Peter to provide an update at the meeting.

Reports – Sub Committees – Delegates – Special

Item 10 – Plan of Management/camping ground: An update will be provided at the meeting.

Item 11 – Electricity: An update will be provided at the meeting.

Item 12 – Koalas: An update will be provided at the meeting.

Item 13 – Social: Helena Boden provided the following:

Upcoming, (apart from the fete, which is a little preoccupying at the moment) we have one more morning tea for this term, on the 5th April (before the meeting!) then the Star Wars Karaoke on 4th May. (Star Wars Day)

Drinks on the beach was popular, so that might happen again soon.

More morning teas next term, aligned with the library bus, and possibly a winter ball charity fundraiser in August.

Item 14 – Character Statement: Mark Austin advised that there was nothing to report.

Item 15 – Creek siltation remediation: Linley Hindmarsh provided the following:

No further action after the MPs asked Council for a timeframe for progress, and were told two years.

Item 16 – Aboriginal recognition and flag: An update will be provided at the meeting including ongoing actions.

Item 17 – Progress Association website: An update will be provided at the meeting.

Items being monitored

Speeding on M1

Opal card for Ettalong ferry

Lighting in Jacaranda Avenue

Correspondence

The following correspondence will be tabled at the meeting and is available to be read by Association Members at the meeting, or prior, by arrangement with the Secretary.

Sent:

22/02/24 Central Coast Council re abandoned watercraft
26/02/24 CEO Telstra re the poor condition of the exchange building
27/02/24 Central Coast Council re unlawful parking and camping
23/03/24 Dept of Communities and Justice re survey on CBP grant

Received:

22/02/24 Central Coast Council acknowledgement of email re abandoned watercraft
29/02/24 Central Coast Council acknowledgement of email re unlawful parking and camping
29/02/24 CEO Telstra re the poor condition of the exchange building
05/03/24 Peter Crook re ferry to Bobbin Head
28/03/24 Central Coast Council re abandoned watercraft and unlawful parking and camping