**MINUTES OF MEETING MANNERING PARK COMMUNITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

On October 21, 2013 At Mannering Park Community Hall

Meeting opened 7.05pm. **Attendance:** IanCarr, Arthur Armstrong, Trevor Masters, Sue Murray, Bruce Edgell, Judy Whitbourne, Andrew Whitbourne, Swansea MP Garry Edwards, Nick Jones (for Swansea MP), Gerald Cowan (for Swansea MP), Federal Member for Shortland Jill Hall, WSC Councillor Doug Vincent (arrived 8.20pm), Mannering Park School Principal Annette Parrey - (13) **Apologies:** Jan Regnis, Rob Regnis, John Sauerbier, Robyn Sauerbier, Trevor Wrightston, Bart Vanderzee, Neil Wynn, Jan Stone, John Stone.

Welcome by Chairman Andrew Whitbourne and introduction of guest speaker Annette Parrey who is Principal of Mannering Park Primary School. Annette spoke about what the Gonski Review means for our students, present activities at the school and plans for the future. (Annette’s summary of her address to our meeting is attached.)

Federal Member for Shortland Jill Hall congratulated Annette on her creative and innovative work at the school and noticed a real positive change since she had been principal. Also, that her contribution would be recognised when Annette is transferred at the end of this year after five years at Mannering Park.

State Member for Swansea Garry Edwards made a brief address including:

1. Recognition of a “brilliant job” done by the Emergency Services and Rural Fire Services during the recent bushfires. Also, gratitude to Swansea RSL and Doyalson RSL clubs who opened their premises for shelter to those affected by the bushfires;
2. Community Building Partnership grants announced including $15,000 for Mannering Park Tennis Courts, $50,000 for Mannering Park Men’s Shed, $10,000 for Mannering Park Country Women’s Association. Other grants went to Budgewoi, Tunkawalin Oval and Lake Munmorah Netball Courts;
3. Letter of support issued to Chairman in relation to WSC’s Precinct restructure proposal to be considered at the October 23 meeting. Letter raises concerns about limiting community input and consultation and Mr Edwards said he opposed WSC proposals to reduce number of Precincts from 11 to 2 and wanted the status quo retained.

Federal Member for Shortland Jill Hall:

a) endorsed action taken by Swansea MP in relation to Precinct structure saying “cannot possibly have one Precinct for the whole of the northern area…doesn’t really reflect what Precincts are about which is locals having a voice and saying what their specific needs are”;

b) is representing and putting on the pressure to make sure people affected by the bushfires are getting they help needed;

c) will help our Precinct with the establishment of a shared pathway.

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MOVED for acceptance (Sue Murray) SECONDED (Judy Whitbourne) CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING/PROGRESS REPORTS

**Item 3:** **Vales Point Reserve (ongoing) –**

1. Stone migration – workers have been at pool raking and removing stones. WSC is still awaiting modelling plan re solution to stone migration from LMCC. When modelling document received WSC can proceed with funding source.
2. No response yet to letter sent to WSC requesting the swimming pool net be cleaned before summer.

**Item 4: Shared pathway (ongoing) –** Executivemembers met at Mannering Park with Swansea MP to discuss the sale of Vales Point Power Station and associated lands and to identify the significant areas to retain in public hands. These are: Griffith St to Dorothy St; sports ovals and amenities block and surrounding lands power station entrance.

The inlet canal crossing for a bridge to accommodate a shared pathway from Mannering Park and Chain Valley Bay will definitely not go ahead nor will the foreshore route because of the rezoning of Crown land around the foreshore for Delta Electricity’s use.

**Item 5: Rubbish clean-up at Ruttleys Rd/Pacific Hwy intersection (ongoing) –** Correspondence from WSC Roads and Drainage Manager suggests that machinery/equipment could be deployed for the clean-up while upgrade work being done on Ruttleys Rd

*MOTION:* (Andrew Whitbourne) *The Precinct write to WSC Roads and Drainage Manager noting the rationale of utilising machinery/equipment already on site for the roadworks but expressing concern that WSC should not use any of the $2.2 million the State Government allocated solely for road safety upgrade along Ruttleys Rd.*

SECONDED (Ian Carr) CARRIED

**Item 7: Eaton’s Hardware entry/exit on Ruttleys Rd (ongoing) –** The latest information from WSC is that the conditions *in place for Development Consent were difficult to enforce. Federal Member for Shortland Jill Hall asked the Precinct for* a report so she could follow-up on the situation.

**Item 15: Ruttleys Rd/Wyee Rd intersection (ongoing) –** LMCCplans to start construction work in January – delayed because Ausgrid needed to carry out some work there.

**Item 16: Foreshore erosion (ongoing) –** Letterre**-**senttoWSCMartin Johnston asking for response to our original letter of April 2012 *–* still no response

**Item 17: Concept plan for central MP recreational zone (ongoing) -** Chairman made inquiries about how to access funding from the Trust Fund that was set-up as part of Chain Valley Colliery’s mine extension approval (3.5cents per tonne of coal be deposited to the Trust Fund for community use). The application would include play equipment and safety fencing at the hall for the use of the Playgroup and preschool-age children.

Information to hand is that operation of the Trust Fund is still being decided by WSC.

**Item 19: Security on Vales Rd and at Hall (ongoing)** – It was discussed at the Executive Meeting that the Community Hall be included in any funding application to install security CCTV cameras. Information session will be held at February meeting.

**Item 23: Roadworks on Ruttleys Rd (ongoing) –**

Letter sent to WSC asking that in planning roadworks along Ruttleys Rd - particularly on the causeway - that allowance to be made for installation of a future shared pathway across the causeway to the MP turn-off. No response as yet.

***CORRESPONDENCE***

MOVED for acceptance (Sue Murray) SECONDED (Andrew Whitbourne) CARRIED

***TREASURERS’S REPORT***

***Credit balance brought forward from 19/8/2013 $169.15***

***Incomings***

Nil

***Outgoings***

Supplementary payment for Precinct website 99.00

***Credit balance 16 September 2013 $70.15***

MOVED for acceptance (Bruce Edgell) SECONDED (Bart Vanderzee) CARRIED

MOTION: (Andrew Whitbourne) *That the Mannering Park Precinct Committee treasurer apply to Wyong Shire Council for additional funding.*  SECONDED (Judy Whitbourne) CARRIED

***NEW BUSINESS***

1. Drainage on Dunvegan St – WSC Cllr Doug Vincent asked to represent us to have this work included in the next round of funding.

ACTION: *List of our priorities be forward to Cllr Vincent*

Councillor Vincent presented a report (attached) which included his non-support for proposed Precinct restructure.

**Meeting closed 9.07 pm *NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 18, 2013***