



**Koolewong and Point Clare - Tascott Progress Association Inc.
including West Gosford south of the Central Coast Highway**

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General Meeting 7.30 PM Thursday 8th September 2016

Point Clare Community Centre

49 Brisbane Water Drive Point Clare. NSW 2250

Minutes

WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS and VISITORS.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. David Harris MP for Wyong and

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast

Meeting Started: 7.35pm

The Vice- President Ken Janson chaired the meeting and introduced Mr. David Harris MP.

David Harris addressed the meeting and spoke on a range of topics of interest to the group. He firstly expressed his concern for the health and his affection for our local state member of parliament, Kathy Smith, and stated that she was undertaking her office duties and representation whilst undergoing chemo and then radiation therapy treatment for throat cancer. He stated that he was pleased to come along to our meeting in her place and mentioned that he grew up in Woy Woy and had strong connections to the community, as he had been the immediate past Principal of Point Clare Public School.

David spoke on the issues surrounding Brisbane Water Drive and how they had related to the Point Clare Public School and the district. He pointed out the President of the Parents & Citizens Assoc. of the school was in attendance and that he shared his view of his concern with the traffic situation around the school at morning dropoff & afternoon pickup. He supported the suggestion that the traffic lights and signage at the 'T' intersection at BWD & Talinga Ave be altered so that the left hand lane should be left turn only to reduce accidents.

The recent council amalgamations were discussed. He referred to the disproportionate area and size of the population in the Central Coast Council compared to other councils. He had some concern about the five wards based on the state electorates designated for election of three councillors each at the next local government elections in Sept. 2017. He felt that the three coastal wards councillors will have greater influence in the administration of funding for infrastructure. While the West Gosford ward may miss out as it would have a greater area and more roads, etc requiring maintenance than the more densely populated and established coastal wards. He was also concerned that the three councillors elected in each ward would lack the greater diversity if five were elected from three or more wards. Any changes in the structure could only occur after the new council is elected. He was concerned about political groups successfully gaming the system and referred to the contrived 'Save Tuggerah Lakes' pseudo independents whose councillors formed part of the ruling team of the former mayor of Wyong.

The issue of the forthcoming greyhounds racing ban was raised. Irrespective of the cruelty

aspects, he was concerned about the industry's forthcoming abrupt closure and that adequate transitional arrangements should be put in place to ensure that those concerned with the industry are properly compensated. The future of Gosford Greyhound track and the training facilities in Showground Road, Gosford was discussed. He suggested that alternative uses of this land need to be monitored.

Another issue discussed was the ever-present rail freight noise. David mentioned the many times from his experience as Principal of Point Clare School where he had to stop his address to the school assembly due to the passing noisy freight trains. He hoped that the proposed inland freight railway line linking Melbourne-Brisbane may allow the transfer of some of the freight services to the new inland route via a Sydney connection westward to Parkes.

David raised the issue of the proposed establishment of rail loop and extensive train workshops at Kangy Angy. This project is contentious and is causing concern to the local community. Other issues included the threats to navigation by the narrowing waterway channels at the Ettalong/Wagstaffe approaches in Broken Bay. There was a general reluctance at all levels of government to commit to funding or take responsibility for the dredging and upkeep of the boating and ferry channels.

There followed a 'Q and A' in which local issues raised: One being how we as a community vet the candidates new or old that will be standing for the Central Coast Council elections in September 2017. – what sort of publicity should be given to the candidates and should the community engage a lobbyist to seek out candidates with potential living in the Gosford West Ward and also the information that 94 Homes in Koolewong and Tascott have been approved for soundproofing in stage one of the NSW Transport for NSW Freight Noise Attenuation Programme.

The Vice-President, Ken Janson thanked David Harris for his attendance and his interesting and informative presentation. There followed appreciative applause from the audience. A light supper was served after the General Meeting, which finished at 9.30pm. David Harris kindly remained to the end chatting to members and answering their questions.

The General Meeting then commenced with a 'welcome to country' message recognising the ancestral Garigal and Darkinjung peoples' traditional owners of this land.

A. Attendees: 25 persons in attendance

B. Apologies: Wendy Orchin, Mary Cesca, Pam Lennett, and Fay Tattersall. Joan Johnston

C. Acceptance of Minutes: from May/August General Meeting 2016 moved; Ken Janson 2nd Grahame Orchard

D. Treasurers Report: Brooke Stanford. Cheque a/c balance: \$3,134.97; Cash Reserve a/c: \$2,902.60; Total: \$6,037.57 moved; Jill Greenwood, 2nd Grahame Orchard.

E. Neighbourhood Watch Report: Wendy & Mary absent will report next meeting.

F. Road Improvement Request Report: Jenny Carney (Included in Guest Speakers address)

G. Bushcare Report: Ken Janson / Convener: Megan Neale 0407 627 034. Goodaywang Reserve at Point Clare. Bushcare group meets 3rd Saturday each month 9am. Tasks involve intensive weeding and removal of invasive plant species under supervision of Council Environmental Officers. Recent additional activities were 'floating landcare' in the

environs of Woy Woy Bay supervised by NPWS; and reptile safety awareness at the Reptile Park.

H. Rail Freight Noise: Fred Beringer mentioned the Freight Noise Attenuation Program which was proceeding with soundproofing being undertaken in eligible homes at Koolewong. He felt that loud freight sounds (wheel squeal & engine noise) was less recently and he put this down to improved maintenance of wheels. There was a need to report excessive nuisance noise to the EPA hotline.

I. CORRESPONDANCE OUT:

- a. CCC Kim Radford Couche Park Stairs-Seconded to a different division? Approval to submit for a grant for Couche Park Stairs
- b. Thank you email to RMS Anna Zycki, Bronwyn Bosse & Adam Thomas re August Meeting
- c. To: Brian Baldo <babaldo@iinet.net.au> Cc: Pamela Lennett <plennett@bigpond.com> Re: Couche Park Stairs and Councils Grant Application

CORRESPONDANCE IN:

- a. Central Coast Community Network reminder for submission to ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au on DA Objections former 5 / 50 before staff have to bring it before Council.
- b. **NSW Justice** Sentencing Council-Vacancies at the NSW Sentencing Council: 3 year appointments apply: sentencingcouncil@agd.nsw.gov.au
- c. **BPN** (Better Planning Network) workshop 22nd September, 2016
- d. **STAY SMART ONLINE** au. staysmartonline@communications.gov.au
- e. NSW Fair Trading <whatsnew@finance.nsw.gov.au> Changes to Assoc Laws 1st September, 2016 .
- f. Letter from member Fay Tattersall about entering BWD from Kurrawa Ave Tascott.
- g. Letter from member Leonard Murray Sunday 3.30PM Mobile Speed Camera CBD.
- h. Fair Trading Renewal authority to Fundraise for Progress Assoc.
- i. ipart@ipart.nsw.gov.au Draft Report release on review of local government rating system.
moved: Jill Greenwood, 2nd Helen Orchard

J. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Fundraising activities.
- B. Gosford and Wyong Amalgamation – Size of Wards/5 Wards 3 Councillors. Or 3 Wards 5 Councillors – which would give better coverage.
- C. Freight Rail Noise Attenuation Program / how many residents are complying.
- D. MOU for Point Clare Community Hall with Wyoming Community Centre
- E. Gosford Regional Community Services-EXC Director Kathy Sokk Letter
- F. Response to our submission on EPA to Rail NSW.

**Next Guest Speaker: MR SAM CAMPISI OFFICE OF Liquor and Gaming NSW
Community Access Team**

CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.30pm
Minutes Secretary
Ken Janson

Next Meeting
Chairperson
Ken Janson

10th November 2016.
President
Rendall Wagner