

**Huskisson Woollamia Community Voice - Minutes
General Meeting – Monday 12 November 2018, 7pm
Huskisson Community Centre
Chair: Garry Kelson**



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Apologies: Jan Bruck, Leslie Lockwood, Mark Wareham, Penny Davidson, Clr Jo Gash, Clr John Levett

Attendance: 20

Chair Garry Kelson welcomed everyone to the last meeting for 2018.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of 8 October 2018 meeting tabled.
Tim Peach (Save Husky Church group) requested amendments to the Special Agenda item re former Anglican church - as follows:

- Stephen Bartlett spoke:he informed the meeting of his offer to re-purpose the church building and retain it on site, *although it may be relocated on the site.*
- Re Interim Heritage Order – add wording ‘and trees’ i.e. ‘*we just want a chance to save the old church and trees*’.

Moved Tim Peach/Seconded John Rann that Minutes be accepted with these amendments. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Geoff Barlow provided a statement.

Opening balance: \$2765.86

Outgoings: \$325 Max Pak dog tidy bags

Income: Nil

Closing balance: \$2440.86

Moved Cheryl Clark/Seconded Ed Smith. Report accepted.

Correspondence Out:

Save Husky Church: Letter dated 12 October from HWCV to General Manager, SCC advising of motion passed at the October meeting calling on the SCC to do everything in its power to preserve the (former) Holy Trinity Church building in its present position and endorse the community petition requesting the SCC reconsider the heritage listing of the church and its grounds.

Correspondence In:

DA18/2102 – 17 Hawke Street & 22 Currumbene Street, Huskisson: Relocation of the former church on the subject site and demolition of the existing associated hall and shed.

Huskisson Triathlon Festival – Update from Shannan Perry-Hall, Events & Investment Specialist SCC.

Community Cabinet – Invitation for HWCV Secretary to attend community morning tea with the NSW Premier and Cabinet Ministers on 1 November in Ulladulla. Sue Smith attended.

Council’s Public Amenities Priority List – Email from SCC seeking community feedback on its next 20 projects. No projects currently listed for Huskisson or Woollamia. Closing date for written submissions 21 November.

Laneways – Letter from SCC Coordinator, Local Planning Team advising submission deadline for meeting held on 6 November. Greg Clarke attended meeting concerned that Kent and Winnima Lanes in Huskisson are not included in this policy as they are deemed ‘mixed use’/ non-residential, but he was unable to persuade Council to change their policy on these two lanes.

Landscape/Streetscape Renewal Projects – Email from SCC advising Strategy & Assets Committee meeting would be held on 13 November to consider potential landscape refurbishments in our area. However, further letter received advising meeting postponed until 11 December.

CCB Executive Meeting 15 November – Invitation to attend. Chair Garry Kelson away interstate, Secretary Sue Smith to attend.

Shaolin Temple Project – Community Open Day 10 November. Margot Curtis attended and gave the meeting an update. Architect Glenn Murcutt has been engaged. No formal DA has been submitted yet. URBIS feedback form will be uploaded to HWCV website. HWCV to continue to monitor the situation.

Little Blue Dinosaur – Safety awareness signage. Council no longer supporting the program financially. HWCV wrote to SCC advising we already have signs and do not wish to purchase any more.

Shoalhaven Growth Management Strategy discussion paper & draft Shoalhaven Character Assessment report – public exhibition online from 7 November to 7 December 2018.

www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/MyCouncil/Publicexhibition
Community ‘drop in’ session at Huskisson Community Centre, 28 November 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

JB Maritime Museum – 30th birthday invitation. Community event. 5pm Saturday 8 December.

Jervis Bay Road & Princes Hwy Intersection – Notice of public meeting 7 November. Garry Kelson attended and provided a brief summary of events. Well attended by both public, SCC Councillors, State and Federal politicians. All agreed there needs to be something done about this dangerous intersection but nobody has any idea how it can be fixed.

Motion that HWCV write to Roads & Maritime Services (copy Local Members & Council) to see if the speed limit can be reduced to 80kph in a southerly direction. Moved John Rann/Seconded Paul Sutton. Motion passed.

Grant funding for Jervis Bay entrance improvements – Email from SCC Traffic & Transport Unit Manager requesting letter of support from HWCV to apply for grant from ‘Building Better Regions’. Garry Kelson responded with a letter strongly urging Council to explore every possible means to achieve funding.

Councillor Familiarisation Tour – 9 November – Garry Kelson met with 5 Councillors. Four sites were visited – Church, Fegen/Bowen Street corner, Voyager Park and Sports Ground.

General Business:

Save Husky Church

Tim Peach delivered a report on behalf of Penny Davidson (who was away on RFS duties).

- Thank you to Garry and the Voice for their support. Also thanks to Margot Curtis, Roger Hart, Maureen Noonan and Chris Myers.
- The State Heritage Council has recommended a Heritage Order over the 1 ½ acres of church land, and waiting on the Minister’s signature.
- It has come to light that King Bud Billy II was buried behind the Huskisson church in 1905 and there is considerable evidence that other Indigenous people are also buried there. Save Husky Church understand that the Heritage Council sees these burial sites as very significant and agree that the site

needs to have a proper and unhurried heritage survey.

- On the face of it it’s an incredibly important bit of Huskisson history and offers an important sense of place, but clearly we simply don’t know enough.
- The eldest living descendent and other local Elders have made statements to the Heritage Council asking that the site be assessed and respected, and they want proper process to occur with respect to any changes made to this property.
- An independent assessment has been made of the trees by a recognised expert who puts many of the trees at about 80 years of age, matching the time that the ceremonial trees were planted. At least one other tree is about 120 years.
- There are currently 2300 signatures on the petition – one third of Huskisson residents have signed it.
- This is an issue for the whole of the Shoalhaven.
- There has been a constant growth in people approaching the campaign asking what they can do and expressing their concern – and it is about the whole block not just the church building. The quality and detail of the submissions objecting to the DA are extremely high.
- At the last Council meeting they voted to write to the Heritage Office asking that the land not be Heritage listed. This vote narrowly passed 7 to 6. The heritage value of the site spoke for itself.
- Because of the indigenous remains, whether or not the Minister signs off on the Interim Heritage Order, it remains that a full and proper archaeological survey will need to be done.
- Save Husky Church have repeatedly and genuinely approached the Anglican Church to discuss the matter but they have not responded as yet.

A general discussion followed about the location of the graves and other matters. Margot Curtis spoke about her research.

A motion was put that the HWCV write to the Hon. Shelley Handcock MP to ask her to approach the Minister for Heritage, Gabrielle Upton, to support the Interim Heritage Order on the Church and grounds. Moved John Rann/Seconded Ed Smith. Motion carried. Paul Sutton requested that his opposition to this motion be duly recorded.

Focus Group

A motion was put that the HWCV write to Marie-Louise Foley, Team Coordinator City Strategy at SCC, advising her that we are undertaking a community engagement program that will inform their Growth Management Strategy feedback initiative. Our report will not be finalised until May 2019 and we request she wait for that input. In addition advise that the recent Save The Heart

of Huskisson campaign, as well as the recent petition to save the Holy Trinity Church campaign suggests Huskisson is more resistant to change than Page 135 of the Draft Shoalhaven Character Assessment Report suggests. Moved Ed Smith/Seconded Shirley Fitzgerald. Motion carried.

A budget request for \$500 was tabled to fund the community engagement project. This includes: \$200 Bruce Mackenzie, Consultant; \$150 materials and printing; \$50 hire of hall for community meeting; \$100 unallocated.

A motion was put that the budget request for \$500 be approved and that the HWCV support the project as presented and express their gratitude for the work done so far. Moved Tim Peach/Seconded Maureen Noonan. Vote 15 for; 3 against. Motion carried.

Save the Heart of Huskisson AGM

It was agreed that HWCV executive will publicise the AGM which is to be held on 4 December 2018 in the Community Centre.

Tourism Ambassador Program

Several meetings ago Paul Sutton invited interested HWCV members to participate in the SCC Ambassador programme. Recently Paul participated in a SCC workshop to be accepted as a Tourism Ambassador. This involves working with Council in the Huskisson area, eg White Sands Park and Moona Moona Creek Bridge being a Tourism Ambassador during late Dec and Jan as well as walking the streets of Huskisson giving tourism information and general guidance on the area.

Issues regarding procedures at the HWCV October meeting

Garry Kelson stressed his adoption of a neutral stance regarding the Save Husky Church movement but voiced his concerns regarding procedural anomalies at the last meeting, specifically in relation to proxy votes and flyers and the (perceived) questioning of the accuracy of the meeting minutes concerning the outcome of the vote about the Husky church.

Garry advised that the discovery just prior to the meeting that proxy votes were being taken caused him to have to undertake a hasty search of the Model Constitution to ascertain that proxy voting must not be undertaken at or in respect of a general meeting.

Garry advised that he objected to the Save Husky Church group handing out flyers to people as they arrived at the meeting.

Garry spoke of his dismay that the accuracy of the HWCV Minutes would be called into dispute as every effort is always made to ensure the Minutes accurately reflect what has taken place.

Tim Peach responded on behalf of the Save Husky Church group.

Tim apologised regarding the proxy votes and advised that they were unaware that proxy votes were not allowed and any request for proxy votes was made in good faith.

Tim fully supported the right to hand out flyers prior to any meeting and felt that it was not inappropriate to have some information to hand to give to people entering a meeting.

Tim advised that the Save Husky Church group approached Garry regarding the official recording of the HWCV vote on the Church as they had heard incorrect reports on local radio 2ST that the vote had gone *against* their campaign. The group were anxious to double check with the Voice prior to contacting the radio station to point out the error.

Meeting closed: 8.45pm

Next meeting: 7.00pm Monday 11 February 2019 at the Huskisson Community Centre.