

# THE ENTRANCE COMMUNITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE

**DRAFT Minutes of Special Meeting to Re-focus and Prioritise TECPC's Issues, held with the North Entrance Progress Association on Saturday, 2 May, 2009 at 10.00am at the North Entrance Progress Association Hall, Hutton Road, North Entrance.**

1. **Welcome:** The meeting opened at 10.00am by Vivienne Scott, Chairperson, and welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the meeting.
2. **In Attendance Precinct Members:** A. Darlington, D Darlington, P Fabricato, , J Crutcher,I Robertson, H Ingram, T Scott, V, Scott, H Ford, K Ford, L Littlefield, Councillor L Webster, D Richards & D Richards, T Lyons, E Lyons, N Kennedy, C Kennedy, Rev. Grace, G Pennings, M Pennings, J Thomas, P Burgess and K. McDougall. (25) + 3 who did not sign.
3. **Apologies:** . C&N Harvey.
4. **Workshop:** The aim of the workshop was to Refocus and Prioritise TECPC's issues to ensure a sustainable and vibrant role for the Precinct for the coming year. The workshop was structured into distinct parts documenting the past, present and future. Overheads and powerpoint presentations were used.
  - 4.1 **Highlights Of Our Activities:** Viviene Scott and Ton Lyon's presentation focused on the following elements of the Precincts activities: (See attached presentation)
    - A. Monthly meetings with guest speakers
    - B. Submissions to WSC Raising Concerns/Issues
    - C. Reports to WSC/RTA/ State Government On Problems
    - D. Community Forum/Workshops
  - 4.2 **The Role of Precinct Committees and Draft Mission Statement:** Jeremy Holderness advised that we always need to be mindful that our Precinct Committee's achievements, in working wisely with the Council, for our community, far outweigh its failures. When we become discouraged, we only need to think back to the celebration of the achievements of the preceding year, in order to gain renewed momentum on the range of elements that would lead to success: Mission Statement, Review, Redress, Celebration and Image Building:
    - The Mission Statement would state our purpose, aims and objectives.
    - The Review would be to list the highs and lows of the preceding year, and would Redress any failures that might have occurred.
    - The Celebration would be the singling out of all achievements of the past, both big and small, and finding some way to celebrate them.
    - The Image Building part, I would see as our seeking ways of:
      - a. Projecting a positive and co-operative image through our attitude and dealings with the Council and with the community as a whole.
      - b. Being seen to be working as a team with, rather than against the Council.
      - c. Never being seen by the community as a group of whingeing lobbyists, however -
      - d. Always being prepared to revert to the role of opposition to the Council at times when a firm stand is required - particularly when outcomes don't match what we set out to achieve.

**4.3 The Importance of Wyong Shires Vision:** Marlene Pennings spoke on how the Vision has been developed by the community and expressed how pleased she was at the Council's support of the communities objectives. It was pointed out that the Vision would be the guide for how Council developed future Management Plans and that future programs would be of four years duration.

Everyone was reminded that **Dan Smith**, Manager, Community Strategic Vision, WSC was presenting "**An Update On The Shire Vision Strategy**" at our next meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.00pm.

**4.4 The Entrance Peninsular Planning Strategy:** Doug Darlington gave a brief outline the areas that had been impacted by planning changes: The areas identified to have had a major impact were: Nth Entrance Retail Area, The Entrance Resort, Manning St Car Park, Dunleith Tourist Park, Denning Street Car Park, Lakeside Plaza. The Entrance Bowling Club, D P Smith Site, Long Jetty Village Centre, Saltwater Creek Gateway and Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club. He praised Council staff for heeding the community concerns and amending the plan and for Council for re-exhibiting the proposed planning strategy for public comment. ( A copy of the presentation is attached.)

**4.5 Community Feedback:** Vivienne Scott then provided everyone with pen and paper asking them to jot down their concerns and comments on any item that the Precinct may be able to bring to council's notice. Vivienne identified the areas where the Precinct might focus their attention – viz Community, Transport and Environment:

- 4.6** Six members handed in the priorities they identified . They were:
- Roads & guttering;
  - Need for more medical services,
  - Sand on the beach;
  - Pecuniary interests of councillors may prevent councillors being able to express their views before a decision is made;
  - Concern with promoting more tourism accommodation at the expense of permanent accommodation;
  - Encouraging more overdevelopment by WSC by increasing density and heights for sites.

**The meeting formally closed at 12:10pm.**

Vivienne thanked T North Entrance Progress Association for the use of their facilities and equipment. Everyone then enjoyed a sausage sizzle that was catered by Marlene Pennings and cooked by Tony Scott, who were thanked for their help in making the meeting such a success.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th May 2009 at 7.00pm at the Uniting Church Hall Long Jetty**

**Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 5 May, 2009 at 4.00 pm.**