

# THE ENTRANCE PENINSULA COMMUNITY PRECINCT

## DRAFT Minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday, 15th November, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Meeting Room A, The Entrance Community Centre, Oaklands Avenue, The Entrance.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Secretary, Doug Darlington screened a video showing the weeds in the paved median sections of Wyong Road, to bring to everyone's attention that maintenance seemed to be lacking in an area that required little funds to rectify. A copy of the video is now on You Tube at <http://youtu.be/ke18hrly3mc>

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** Anne Rowland, Vice Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:05pm and extended a warm welcome to WSC's Director, Community and Recreational Services, Maxine Kenyon.

**Attendance:** Doug Darlington, N Harvey, C Harvey, K Ford, H Ford, Councillor L Webster, I Lucas, V McKendrick, R McKendrick, A Rowland, E Lyons, T Lyons, S Mitchell, J Magni, W Doroszak, E Matus, H Nayna, P Braithwaite, M Kenyon, J Thoreau, ( 20 )

**Apologies:** V Scott, T Scott, N Gates, L Nayna

There were no objections to the meeting being recorded.

- 2 **Minutes of General Meeting Tuesday, 18th October, 2011** Moved N Harvey and Seconded E Matus. Minutes of the Executive Meeting – 8th November, 2011 tabled for information only. Mingara thanked for providing copies of agenda and minutes to all present.

3. **7.05pm** Anne Rowland moved Standing Orders be suspended for the presentation by Maxine Kenton:

Maxine started her Powerpoint presentation by telling TEPCP that her Directorate was: ***"In the business of connecting and enabling our community to improve their quality of life"***. She went on to describe how her directorate was organised under six departments; Community Building; Community and Cultural Development; Community Engagement; Community Lifelong Learning; Open Space and the Sport Leisure and Recreation departments. Maxine explained last year's Council Review had created her Directorate and being an entirely new entity it was faced with many initial challenges. The presentation gave us a much better understanding of how Maxine's Directorate operates and the difficulties faced by such a diverse and scattered workforce. Maxine brought an obvious enthusiasm to the position and her informative presentation was appreciated by TEPCP. A full report on the presentation can be found on TEPCP's web site: <http://www.theentranceprecinct.org/SPEAKERS.html>.

Maxine addressed questions provide to her prior to the meeting by TEPCP::

- Landscape maintenance on Wyong Road - Council resolved on 26 October 2011 to maintain the current level of service and make representations to the Minister for Roads to fully fund the existing standard of service on State Roads in Wyong Shire.
- Run down appearance on The Entrance Peninsula - Maxine's department can only spend what Councillors provide. Kerb and gutter is still considered too expensive with no ideas on how to implement a scheme.
- Community to Operational Land - Unrealistic to think Council would do something on public land against the community's wishes. Comment by Secretary that the Eco Village proposal had shaken Landcare workers' belief that Council could be trusted to do the right thing.
- Plans of Management for Long Jetty Foreshore - (Re Council back-hoes cleaning Long Jetty drains and leaving large areas of bare soil to erode into the lake. ) Maxine advised that there is no plan of management for the Long Jetty Reserve. Generic procedures are being reviewed,

Comments and questions from the floor

- Landlord of tourist cabins complained that nothing was being done about the smell of the ooze on the Long Jetty lake edge. He had tourists asking for a refund because of the smell.
- Question asked was the \$25 stormwater levy being wasted as there are no noticeable results.
- Cyclists on Long Jetty shared path are a danger to pedestrians and signage needed to reinforce the idea that it is a shared path - give way to pedestrians.
- Rubbish left on the footpath was a hot issue with multiple speakers giving examples of the problems the community has with having it picked up. The Service request system fails when people do not care and leave an address, leaving their rubbish behind. Council staff need to change their culture and arrange for rubbish to be picked up when they see it. Council owned and rented properties in Manning Road, The Entrance are a continuing problem area.

**8:20pm Resumption of General Meeting following a short break.**

#### 4. Matters Arising :

- 4.1 **DA/308/2011 Affordable Housing Units Wilfred Barrett Drive:** No news on date of hearing. Anne Rowland has prepared TEPCP's presentation to the RJPP.
- 4.2 **New Liquor Store in Long Jetty:** No news. This has not gone to Council yet.
- 4.3 **Fisherman's Wharf Toilets and Rooftop Access:** Peter Fryar, acknowledged TEPCP's email and advised Brett Ball would look into it.
- 4.4 **The Entrance Town Centre Masterplan Presentation and Workshop.** The Secretary reported that Councillor Lynne Webster has agreed to open the Special Meeting of TEPCP on Saturday, 19th November, 2011..There was an apology from the Mayor who was committed to open the new Shelly Beach club house on the same day.
- 7.2. **Kitchener Road:** Letter sent to Council. Councillor Lynne Webster advised that Council had inspected it and action was being taken to change the name. It was noted that similar problems exist in Elsiemer Street and Thompson Street, Long Jetty due to sections being closed.
- 7.5. **Bay Road:** Secretary to wrote to WSC drawing their attention to the pavement failure
- Items from Executive Minutes:
- 10.1 **WSC's Composite LEP** Secretary to write to Chris Spence. Member for The Entrance requesting he forward our concerns to the Minister for Planning requesting that the deadline for WSC to submit it's LEP be extended.
- 10.2 **Diggers Motel DA.** The Executive had noted the DA and was in favour of the development proceeding.
- 10.3 **Change of classification of Public Land:** Secretary to write to WSC, Michael Whittaker and Councillors recommending that this does not form part of the Composite LEP and that it is reinvestigated later in 2012.
- 10.4 **Norberta Street Community Housing.** Secretary emailed Compass Housing Service's Executive Manager Operations Peter Periss. No reply to date

#### 5. Treasurer's Report: Charles Harvey reported:

1. Credit Balance of \$153.37
2. Invoice for hall hire \$144.50
3. Credit Balance \$8.87
4. There is projected expenditure of up to \$100.00 for the remainder of 2011.
5. Formal request for a top up submitted to Council, No reply to date.

Moved: Wal Doraszak, Seconded by Joyce Magni

#### 6. Correspondence: Correspondence Report provide to the meeting, copy attached.. The Secretary commented Council's decision not to forward a snapshot of Council's Meetings. TEPCP has asked Council to register it for **online** service requests.

**Business Arising:** There was no business arising.

#### 7. General Business:

- 7.1. **Skate Boarding in Coral Street Car Park:** Irene Luca asked had we received a reply to our September letter. Councillor Lynne Webster reported that Council is looking at a solution and that a contingent of Police, Rangers and Security staff would be conducting random blitzes on the problem.  
**ACTION:** Secretary to ask Bev Davis to follow up a reply
- 7.2 **Fisherman's Wharf** Concern expressed about safe exit on stairs at night due to no emergency exit light on stairs.
- 7.3. **Provision of Pedestrian Traffic Control Signals on Wyong Road.** Wal Doraszak reported he had over 500 signatures for his petition and thanked all those who had supported him in getting the signatures. TEPCP commended Wal for his efforts.  
**ACTION:** Secretary to Draft a covering letter for the petition.
- 7.4. **Mardi to Mangrove Pipeline:** Tom Lyons asked is there any impact on the flow from Wyong River into Tuggerah Lakes as a result of the pumping to Mangrove Dam?  
**ACTION:** Secretary to follow up at Estuary Management Meeting
- 7.5. **Wrack Harvester** Discussion on lake quality and the need for a tender to be attached to the harvester to improve productivity. Comment that the ooze at Long Jetty caused by poor past practices.

Tom Lyons congratulated the Executive on all their hard work in 2011.

**Meeting Closed at 8.55pm**

#### NOTICES

**Executive Meeting:** Tuesday 6th December, 2011 at The Entrance Community Centre at 4:00pm.  
**Christmas Party:** Saturday 3rd December 2011 with The Entrance North Progress Association at North Entrance

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DRAFT Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th November, 2011, at 4.00pm, Meeting Room A, The Entrance Community Centre, Oaklands Avenue, The Entrance.

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** The Vice Chairperson, Anne Rowland opened the meeting opened at 4.00pm. Guest: The agenda that was projected using the Data Projector.  
**Executive Members In Attendance:** Anne Rowland; Doug Darlington; Hervé Nayna ; Luke Nayna.; Ross McKendrick, Valda McKendrick ( 6 )  
**Apologies:** Vivienne Scott; Tony Scott; Charles Harvey; Narelle Harvey; Marlene Pennings
2. **Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th October, 2011.** Moved Ross McKendrick; Seconded Valda Mckendrick..
3. **Minutes of General Meeting Tuesday 18th Octoberber, 2011.**
4. **Business Arising:**
  - 4.1 **TEPCP's August Workshop Report Outcomes.** Anne Rowland submitted had recommended that the Precinct should identify one or two Opportunities for our focus for 2012. It was decided that the Renew Newcastle project could possibly be used as a model for renewing The Entrance. The aim of the project would be to find short and medium term uses for buildings in The Entrance that are currently vacant, disused, or awaiting redevelopment.  
*Renew Newcastle aims to find artists, cultural projects and community groups to use and maintain these buildings until they become commercially viable or are redeveloped. It was resolved that TEPCP would sponsor a meeting of The Entrance Town Centre Management, The Entrance Chamber of Commerce, The Revitalise The Entrance Group, Real Estate Agents and Wyong Shire Council to hear a presentation from Marcus Westbury Founder and Creative Director of Renew Newcastle, with the aim of establishing a similar project in The Entrance.*  
**ACTION:** Anne Rowland to contact Marcus Westbury and enquire if he would be willing to address a meeting in the new year of interested stakeholders.
  - 4.2 **DA/308/2011 Affordable Housing Units Wilfred Barrett Drive:**
    - 4.2.1 **Anne Rowland Presentation to JRPP.** Anne Rowland advised that she has prepared her submission on behalf of TEPCP to the JRPP. TEPCP's submission to the JRPP will be based on facts and Anne detailed the long list of points that TEPCP was relying on to persuade the JRPP to reject the DA Application. Anne was commended by The Executive present for the work she had put in on her excellent and well thought out arguments contained in her presentation.
    - 4.2.2 **Composition of JRPP panel:** Following the decision by WSC to rescind Sue Wynn's motion discussion on this item was deferred until the 6th December Executive Meeting.
  - 4.3 **The Entrance Town Centre Masterplan Project.** Vivienne Scott's organisation plan fro the Masterplan presentation was reviewed and it was agreed that TEPCP was on track to meet all the organisational tasks required.  
**ACTION:** Secretary to email Anne Rowland the A4 flyer advertising the presentation and workshop.
  - 4.6 **Fisherman's Wharf.** Wyong Shire Council's Peter Fryar, Manager, Development Assessment's email of Monday, 31 October 2011 advised that "***I have forwarded some details/photos of the site taken by Council's Rangers last week to Brett Ball to follow-up***". It is understood Brett has been on leave and TEPCP will continue to monitor the issue.
5. **Correspondence:** The Secretary projected correspondence and reported letters sent by TEPCP. There was no issues arising.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Charles Harvey emailed the folowing report:
  - 1) We have a credit bank balance of **\$153.37**
  - 2) \$144.50 is due for payment on the 17th November, 2011 for meeting room rental.
  - 3) Projected additional expenditure for remainder of year is \$100.00
  - 4) I have made a request to Council for a top up of our funds of \$150.00
7. **TEPCP Web Site:** The Secretary advised that from 1st October 2011 to 31st October, 2011 the site was accessed by 64 visitors.

- 8 **Report on Council Meetings:** Council Meetings on 12th and 26th October were reviewed and noted
9. **Estuary Management Committee Report:** The following items were reported on by the Secretary:
- 9.1 **Bins of Beaches** Two prototype bins have been installed at Toowoona Bay.2011. These bins are designed to minimise the risk of injury during emptying as they require less effort to lift, they will also have lids installed to deter scavenging animals and will be locked to prevent vandals from emptying rubbish onto the beach.
- 9.2 **The Hydrodynamic and Hydromorphic study at The Entrance:** Proposals have been received from six tenderers, with the budget set at \$100,000 and the Office of Environment and Heritage are currently assessing these proposals.
- 9.3 **Potential Review of Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Management Plan.** Any review of the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Management Plan (EMP) has been deferred until the full \$20M Federal grant has been expended i.e. after 30 June 2013. It appears that new work on Tuggerah Lakes improvement will stop when Federal funds finish in 2013. Gina Vereker confirmed that Council would only have funds for the maintaining what had already been done.
10. **General Business**
- 10.1 **WSC's Composite LEP.** There was concern expressed that Wyong Shire would again end up with a confusing mishmash of an LEP if the plan to submit a Composite LEP to the State Government followed immediately by an amended LEP containing all the parts not able to be included in the Composite LEP for the June 2012 deadline. See Gina Vereker's Presentation Report detailing the issues at: <http://www.theentranceprecinct.org/SPEAKERS/2011%2010%2018%20GINA%20VEREKER%20WSC'S%20DIRECTOR%20PLANNING%20AND%20ENVIRONMENT.pdf>  
**ACTION:** Secretary to write to Chris Spence. Member for The Entrance requestin he forward our concerns to the Minister for Planning requesting that the deadline for WSC to submit it's LEP be extended until it can include all the outstanding State Government and Wyong Council reports that will make this LEP a comprehensive document.
- 10.2 **Diggers Motel DA.** The Executive noted the DA and were in favour of the development proceeding.
- 10.3 **Change of classification of Public Land:** Public land' is any land (including a public reserve) vested in, or under the control of Council. There are two classifications for Public Land. It can be either "**operational land**" or "**community land**". Wyong Council staff have produced a document that shows 126 lots of Public Land that is classified as Community Land. Council's proposal is that the 126 lots that are mostly parks and reserves be reclassified from "**community land**" to "**operational land**" In effect this change in status means that the community would be locked out of any consultation or decision making process about the land.. Council have to exhibit the proposed changes, but the danger is they will do so with the Wyong Composite LEP, 2012 and make it difficult for the community to concentrate on this item when faces with such a huge document as the LEP  
**ACTION:** Secretary to write to WSC, Michael Whittaker and Councillors recommending that this does not form part of the Composite LEP and that it is reinvestigated latter in 2012, and if any lots need changing to operational land then they be an amendment to the LEP like the other many other necessary amendments to the Composite LEP required.
- 10.4 **Norberta Street Community Housing.** The Secretary reported that he had spoken with Compass Housing's Community Development Officer, Rene Mckenzie-Low. and asked he when, as TEPCP was advised by Chris Spence, was Compass going to install blinds? Rene advised that Compass was a charity and had no funds for this type of thing.  
**ACTION:** Secretary to make further enquiries of Chris Spence's office and Compass Housing Service's Executive Manager Operations Peter Periss.
- 10.5 **Level of Service to Parks, Reserves and Roadside Vegetation Maintenance:** It was noted that Council had resolved to increase funding in 2012 budget and the issue of Wyong Road was discussed.  
**ACTION:** Secretary to request WSC's Director Community and Recreational Services, Maxine Kenyon address this issue in her presentation to TEPCP on 15th November, 2011.

**Meeting Closed at 5:15pm**

**Next Meetings:**

**Special Meeting:** Saturday, 19th November 2011 at The Entrance Community Centre at 10.00am-12.00pm  
Presentation and Workshop on "**The Entrance Master Plan**"

**Christmas Party:** Saturday 3rd December 2011 with The Entrance North Progress Association at North Entrance

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