

Tumbulgum Community Association Inc
Minutes of the
General Meeting
held on Tuesday 11 July 2017 In the Tumbulgum Hall

Meeting Opened at 7.10pm

Present: Jenny Kidd President, Donna Martin Vice Pres, Melissa Saunders Secretary, Di Stenfors Treasurer, Rob Stuttle Committee member.

Steve Smith, Evelyn Nelson, Shirley Mitchell, Paul Close, John Copely, Sandy Copely, John Brummer, Aub O'Neil, Alan Harding, Sue Breckenridge, Brian Breckenridge, David Kidd, Ron Brunner, Joy Brunner, Irene Dove, Dee (Dorothy), Mark Rowland. **Visitors** Councillor James Owen, Ray Clarke TSC Traffic Engineer, "Maddog" SES representative.

1. **Apologies:** David McKenzie, Noel Emzin, Judy Emzin, Dean Williams

Special Topic – Road Safety

Welcome to guests - Councillor James Owen and Ray Clarke TSC Traffic Engineer. Apology G Provest, Member for Tweed.

The following Road safety issues and possible actions, as workshopped at the June TCA meeting by the Road Safety sub-committee and attendees, were discussed at length and with much community involvement.

Wire Median Barrier: The council has received \$1.2m to widen the TVW by 1.6-1.8 metres and install a wire median barrier between the northern intersection with Riverside Drive and the property entrance just north of the southern intersection. The barrier is important in the prevention of serious head-on crashes. The barrier has been effective in the reduction of serious accidents around Stott's Island. The need to review the road profile prior to installation to ensure it is crowned off to reduce risk of water pooling, as seen between the village and Stott's, Island was raised.

Riverside Dr becomes a 'rat-run', with vehicles not observing the speed limit when the TVW is blocked or slowed by road work.

ACTION: R Clark undertook to ensure appropriate action was taken at time of the TVW work.

Making the Tweed Valley Way 80kph Zone: Speed limits are determined by NSW Road and Maritime Services (RMS). Traffic behaviour is observed to slow when the road narrows and may also be the case when the barrier is installed.

R Clark advised that even though each individual trip would only be impacted by 45 secs on the overall trip along the TVW if speed reduced to 80 kph, 45 secs times 11,000 cars each day would impact the traffic flow and economic assessment of the change. He advised speed reduction has been raised in the past and is an unlikely outcome. There is no recent study of the measurement of traffic turning onto and leaving the TVW at the northern intersection with Riverside Drive. There is also a potential cost involved in these delays.

ACTION: R Clark undertook to take traffic measurements at northern intersection.

Roundabout at both Northern and Southern intersections with the Tweed Valley Way: This idea is also very unlikely to be achieved, as the speed of the TVW would have to be lowered to

60kph to enter and exit the roundabout, which would impede the daily traffic flow on the TVW. A roundabout is a high cost traffic treatment e.g. \$720,000 for the recent work at Fraser Drive.

The new roundabout and merging procedures on the TVW at Chinderah was discussed.

Traffic Calming Devices on Riverside Dr: Ray Clark informed the meeting that funding had been allocated for a second Speed Platform traffic treatment on Riverside Drive in this financial year. There have been discussions that the speed platform be placed near the boat ramp. The villagers have asked for a review of the positioning this traffic treatment to be closer to the northern entry of the village to slow traffic entering the village, or a that a third platform be installed in this location.

Speed Signs e.g. 40kph Flashing Signs: This treatment may not be supported. Other options to inform and encourage drivers to travel at the speed limit were discussed. Signage at the northern end is currently located at busy a part of the road with the intersection with Terranora Rd and corner to be negotiated. Other visual clues e.g. More trees in the riverside park closer to the entrance would indicate to drivers that they are entering a village environment.

ACTION: Cr Owen and R Clark undertook to

- review the position of the existing 40 km signs that are being overlooked at the entry of the village
- consider the possibly adding more 40 km signs on Riverside Drive, adding and /or re-paint of the 40km road stamps
- review park planting.

Permanent Speed Camera in Village: Ray Clark advised the meeting that the NSW Govt has reviewed the criteria for permanent speed cameras and Riverside Dr would not meet the criteria. Temporary traffic monitoring with speed feedback was used in the village with good effect last year.

ACTION: J Kidd (on behalf of the Village) to apply to the NSW Government for a mobile speed camera to be used on Riverside Dr.

Potential for Upgrade of Northern Entrance/Exit from the village: The angle of approach and length of the merging lane for traffic turning north on to the TVW is an issue. Ideally the lane would be extended to join up with the double lane section.

Turning south into 100 k.p.m. traffic can be hazardous in wet weather. Safe movement is also complicated by vehicles entering and leaving the Grower's Market in an ad hoc manner.

R Clark advised that a future upgrade could include improving the angle of the intersection, straightening the road on the approach, adding in a line of site lane, with a longer and wider left turning lane. The realignment of the intersection, together with the addition of the median wire barrier and changes to the Grower's Market should improve the safety at the intersection.

It is possible that some residual funding from the wire barrier work may be available to help fund the upgrade of the intersection.

ACTION: Cr Owen to review the status of the Growers Market at the Northern Intersection.

Road Damage from Water Truck using Fawcett St Access Point: Village roads are not designed for and are being damaged by the water trucks.

Action: Cr Owen undertook to review the arrangements for water trucks.

Dulguigan Road: J Kidd advised the meeting that the TCA has written separately to the TSC about Road Safety issues on Dulguigan Rd.

Cr Owen and R Clark were thanked for their contribution to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 13 June 2017

Moved Di Stenfors **Seconded** Steve Smith **Unanimous**

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. Market Option Sub-committee still to be formed.
- b. The tender for Jetty removal and replacement with a pontoon is due to close on 21 July. Work is expected to be completed within 12 weeks (late October) of the award of the tender.

4. Correspondence

IN:

Tweed Regional Museum re: Donation of 150 Years Celebration Polo Shirt

Anthea Chapman RAA re: Grant Application

Tom Alletson TSC re: The latest info on Tumbulgum Pontoon below for your information and to update your community.

Tom Alletson TSC re: Revegetation on Dulguigan Rd

Kym Kranen TSC re: Flood Recovery Presentations: - Promoting Recovery, Preparedness and Wellbeing Presentation

Cliff Chadburn TSC re Mulch

Member for Tweed re: Apology for Meeting re Road Safety 11 July 17

Councillor Owen re: Acceptance of Invitation to Meeting re Road Safety 11 July 17

OUT:

TSC re: Mulch for Community

Anthea Chapman RAA re: Grant Application

TSC re: Delay with Monument Grant Acquittal

Member for Tweed re: Invitation to Meeting re Road Safety 11 July 17

Councillor Owen re: Invitation to Meeting re Road Safety 11 July 17

The Correspondence was **noted**

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer D Stenfors, informed the meeting of the current financial status of the TCA. Profit for the month was \$586.22. The balance sheet as at the end of June was \$25,313.25, excluding the term deposit of \$25,000.

Payment of the \$5000 to Council for the Jetty will be due in coming months, this will not need to be drawn from the term deposit.

Resolved that the report be received

Moved Di Stenfors **Seconded** Paul Close **Unanimous**

6. Committee Report

J Kidd advised that the committee did not meet this month. Issues identified at the June Meeting are being actioned and undertaken by the sub-committees formed.

7. Other Reports

a. Flood Recovery and Resilience Sub Committee

S. Smith reported that sub-committee met last week. Matters identified for follow-up related to Federal, State and Local Governments as well within the community. Date/time stamped photos to gather information about the recent flood water levels in Tumbulgum have been collected.

S Smith report on a telephone call with Dave Owen, who has been appointed by the NSW Government to conduct a review of Flood Response.

S Smith and J Kidd have met with Steve Twohill, TSC Flood and Stormwater Engineer, to discuss local government issues, including confirmation of flood heights, residences inundated by flood water, warning procedures and access to safe parking for 300 vehicles.

There is a concern that the M1 may have contributed to the inability of the flood water to get away from the village and surrounds at the time of the 2017 flood. Material will be prepared for discussion with the Member for Tweed.

The next step is for the sub-committee to meet with the SES representatives to discuss community issues.

ACTION: J Kidd writing to the TSC requesting for a member of the village to be nominated for a position on the Tweed Councils Flood Committee.

b. Hall

June was a busy month with Hall bookings up, however some of these were not income producing, as the Hall Hire was donated for these relevant functions.

D Martin requested that we look at increasing the Hall Hire charges for seasonal and special events.

Action: J Kidd to email the Hall Hire schedule for the other Tweed Shire Halls, for D Martin to review.

c. Storyboards for Bluey Hill Park

B Breckenridge informed the meeting that the information for the Story Boards has been put to the Tweed Museum for review. The Bluey Hill Park storyboards will need to have a few changes. It has been agreed that there will be two storyboards located at Bluey Hill Park, one detailing the story of the park and one the story of the North Tumbulgum Cemetery.

These storyboards will be ordered at the same time as two boards that need correction in the village.

8. New Business

a. Locality Plan

J Kidd has contacted Mathew Zenkteller, TCA Strategic Planner, seeking names of persons recommended by the TSC to assist with the development of the Tumbulgum Locality Plan.

A sub-committee was formed for this project - J Kidd, S Copley and M Saunders.

9. Other Business nil

Meeting Closed 8.50pm Tuesday 11th July 2017

Next Meeting 7pm Tuesday 8 August 2017