**Stockton Community Group Meeting Minutes: 11th May 2022**

*Meeting followed Covid Rules & guidelines as per NSW Health*

1. **Present and apologies**

**Present**:

*In attendance:* Carolyn Bailey, Christine Boyd, Ron Boyd, Rainnie Carter, Ann Clark, Garry Cullinane, Jeanette Dib, Willow Forsyth, Julie Foster, Ron Hancock, Kevin Hickey, Nicole Hobday, Ron Holbrow, John Hunter, Sue Luke, Marie Morris, Mark Mulholland, Alan Newberry, Gina Owens, Linda Parish, Alison Rigby, Karen Simpson, Ian Taggart, Melanie Taggart, Peter Twining, Barbara Whitcher

**Apologies**: Keith Craig, Jenny Allen, Shelia Moran, Mark Rigby, Margaret Raphael, Sue Watson, John Watson

Acknowledgement of Country

2. **Declaration of conflicts of interest** - Nil

3. **Confirmation of Previous minutes** - Previous minutes from April Moved by Willow Forsyth

Seconded by Ron Holbrow

4. **Guest Speaker** –**Willow Forsyth (**PHD candidate & SSLS Director of Education)

Willow delivered a presentation (see attached pdf) on Inundation & implications for Stockton Beach which led to proposal of Red Line Rally 2 in July.

Links below provide further information related to the presentation

[https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/living/environment/our-coastline/coastal-erosion-at-stockton/stockton-coastal-management-program](about:blank)

[https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Newcastle/media/Documents/environment/Our%20Coastline%20-%20Documents/Coastal%20Planning%20-%20Documents/P19028\_PartB-StocktonBeachInundationHazard\_R4-0\_FINAL.pdf](about:blank)

[https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/flood-risk-management-manual](about:blank)

[https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/media/1714/plan-city-of-newcastle-fesp-june-2013-endorsed.pdf](about:blank)

 5. **Outstanding Actions**

Updates

1. April /May Newsletter, over 1600 newsletters were delivered, thanks to Ron Holbrow, Garry Cullinane, Margaret Raphael. The next flyer will be delivered prior to Red Line Rally 2 and next newsletter prior to AGM

2. SCG Executive update

* JA has stepped down from the role of president. AR proposed a vote of thanks to JA on behalf of the of the group & recognised JA s work in raising the profile of the SCG with key stakeholders & her willingness to tackle the tough issues.
* AR provided the group with an overview on the role of the SCG executive & encouraged members to consider taking a role in 22/23
* AGM will be held in August & all positions will be declared vacant. Look forward to new members joining the SCG executive.

**6. Standing Items**

Standing Agenda Items:

**6.1 Treasurers Report** –

- Club Account $4254.40

- Treasure Island $2715.00

Working Party Reports. (If meeting held)

**6.2 Stockton Beach inclusive of Newcastle CMP** (No meeting held)

* **Beach Rally** - Willow Forsyth has reconvened a subgroup to work on the logistics and actions for a beach rally. WF called for volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the group please email SCG.Inc & details will be passed onto WF.
* Initially Stockton Beach missed out on federal funding from a fund of $100 million. However another federal fund Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program (CERMP)has become available. Phil Watson (Office of Environment and Heritage) will lobby the government for up to $10 million for Stockton.

**6.3 Air Quality & Environment – Ammonium Nitrate Storage Kooragang Island/NCCCE**

Keith Craig - Next NCCCE meeting in May. Will include quarterly reports.

SCG June meeting will have Orica representatives as the guest speakers

**6.4 Stockton Community Environment** (no meeting held)

New leader for this group Carolyn Bailey

From latest Meeting it was decided to work on 4 main issues.

Shopping centre

Entrance signs to Stockton

Ausgrid screening

Monitor Mitchell St upgrade.

Anyone interested in joining this group please contact Carolyn, via SCG Inc. email

**6.5 Stockton Community Liaison Group**

**7. Correspondence - list available upon request**

**8**. **General Business and Business without notice**

*State Government Action*

* Question: KH What progress has been made with beach since John Barillaro has stepped down?
  + BW replied: there has been one Task Force meeting since this, Toole (Deputy Premier) appeared to be interested in the situation but has not committed any money for funding. Tim Crakanthorp is meeting soon with Deputy Premier or staff to push this matter forward.

*CERMP Funding*

* RB reported on detailed submission by JA on behalf SCG Inc.to Deputy Premier for CERMP funding.
* If successful this grant application could provide funds for 300,000 cubic meters of sand to be dredged from Area E or North/South arm of harbour and be placed on Stockton Beach by the end of the year.

*Community Environment*

* JF Question: Why are there still orange bollards on Mitchell st?
  + (IT)According to council employee they show the 2025 erosion lines and where planned revetments will be placed (CMP 2020)
* MM Question: Any progress on access to south Stockton beach from Breakwall?
  + BW: should be happening soon, will follow up with Council
* CB encouraged members to log/report any safety concerns /issues with Mitchell St upgrade.

*Rally red t-shirts* – available for sale at next SCG meeting (Cash only $20 )

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

**Next Meeting 7:15pm June 8th th, 2022, Venue: Stockton Uniting Church Hall (Cnr of Mitchell & King St**