**Stockton Community Group Meeting Minutes: 8th June 2022**

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

1. **Present and apologies**

**Present**:

*In attendance:* Carolyn Bailey, Merrie Bott, Scott Brooks, Ann Clark, Julie Cook, Keith Craig, Garry Cullinane, Lloyd Davies, Jeanette Dib, Mike Hocking Smith, Kathleen Kerr, Alan Newberry, Margaret Raphael, Alison Rigby, Ian Taggart, Melanie Taggart,

*In attendance for Item 4:*

Paul Hastie, General Manager, Antony Taylor, Senior Manager Safety, Health, Environment and Security (SHES) Asian Pacific

**Apologies**: Jenny Allen, Willow Forsyth, Ron Holbrow, Sue Luke, Sue McIntyre, Sheldon Newey, Vic Turin, Peter Twining, Barbara Whitcher

Acknowledgement of Country

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

3. **Confirmation of Previous minutes** - Previous minutes from May 2022 accepted by Carolyn Bailey, seconded by Garry Cullinane

4. **Guest Speaker** – **Orica :** Paul Hastie, General Manager, Antony Taylor, Senior Manager Safety, Health, Environment and Security (SHES) Asian Pacific

The group presented on:

* Projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
* Project to reduce PM2.5 particles emissions
* Green Hydrogen
* Storage of Ammonium Nitrate(AN)

Summary of Answers to Questions from Audience:

Proximity of storage of AN close to residential properties was discussed and why regulations were different in each state. A possibility of an Australia wide plan was mentioned by Orica.

Security is at its highest to counter effects of terrorist attack with respect to storage AM. All personnel involved in the storage are police checked, there is close liaison between Orica and police, all fire prevention strategies are at the highest level.

The security and safety of AN storage is better achieved at the Kooragang location., moving to another site would incur double handling, Typically Orica only store a week’s supply of AN on site which is moved quickly to the customer.

Orica proposed that captured carbon from their plant can be combined with Vermiculate to be used for making bricks. Vermiculate is readily available in Australia and Europe.

 5. **Outstanding Actions**

Updates: - BW questions to council (King St breakwater remediation, orange bollards on Mitchell St sand scraping near Caravan Park). – held over

**6. Standing Agenda Items:**

6.1 Treasurers Report:

* Club Account : $4290.00
* Treasure Island : $2805.00

**Working Party Reports**. (If meeting held)

6.2 Stockton Beach Group – MT provided an update on the preparations for the Beach Rally in July & also the Corroba Oval soccer rally/red t-shirt line up down Meredith St on 28/5/22. Able to take drone footage and interview locals about concerns re: Stockton Beach This will to be edited and used as promotional material on social media as lead up to rally.

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

Nil

 6.4 Stockton Community Environment - - Report tabled by Carolyn Bailey (see attachment for report)

 6.5 Stockton Beach Taskforce update/SCLG –AR provided an update on the SCLG meeting with CON & Phil Watson (NSW government) regarding the State Government’s application to the Federal Government for funding through the Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program (CERMP). The NSW government is seeking funding up to $10 million to place /nourish sand on Stockton beach & future proof the area. It was a very positive meeting, giving us more hope of progress than we have had for a long time.

6.6Hunter Water *-* report tabled from Sheldon Newey (see attachment for report)

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

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

*AR reminded the meeting there will be no meeting in July. In lieu preparations for the beach rally & also July newsletter & other updates.*

AGM reminder & call for nominations for all positions & executive roles

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

 **Next Meeting 7:15pm August 10th 2022, Venue: Stockton Uniting Church Hall (Cnr of Mitchell & King St .**