

Stockton Community Group (SCG) Inc Meeting Notes

Date: 14 August 2024

Time: 7.30 pm-8:45 pm

Venue: Stockton Surf Club

No.	Meeting Notes	
	Welcome Acknowledgement of Country Meeting procedure	Chair/Co-President (Lindy Nisbett)
1.	Apologies - Jo Bastian, Ron Boyd, Alison Rigby, Ian & Melanie Taggart, Vic Turrin, Rose-Marie Walters, Michelle White, Jenny & Boyd Allen, Carolyn Bailey.	Chair
2.	Present - Lindy Nisbett, Willow Forsyth, Keith Craig, Alan Newbery, Jeannette Dibbs, Garry Cullinane, Mike Hocking-Gill, Ann Clark, Geoff Robson, S. Luke, G. Owens, Ian Slight, Heather Slight, Marion Kerridge, Ross Kerridge, Cathy B, Sandra Feltham, Stephen M, Scot Pendlebury, Jenny Iredale, Dianne Oliver, Ross Simpson, Dennis Gill, Kathryn Gill, Ron Hancock, Carmen Richardson, Sue McIntyre, Barbara Whitcher, Bill Snow, Carm Bennett, Peta Winney Baarts, Jane Watson, Paul Bernand, Anthony White, Jeanine wilson, Chris Wilson, Zosie Wilson, Phil Wilson, Ian Shepherd, Cathy Shepherd, Patty McCarthy, Phillipe Willard, Mark Hoskinson, Karen McCool, Amanda Plumsted, Elizabeth Adamson.	Chair
3.	Guests: Candidates for Ward 1, Council elections Charlotte McCabe (The Greens) Declan Clausen (Labor) Dr Ross Kerridge (Ind./Our Newcastle) Rochelle Manning (Liberal)	Chair
4.	Question 1: What work/life experience do you bring to the position of Councillor to support the residents of Stockton?	2min per speaker

5.	Question 2: SCG Inc. have been advocating Council to upgrade amenities in Stockton, such as public toilets. What is your vision for Stockton over the next 5 years and how can you assist us to improve amenities?	2min per speaker
6	Question 3: How do you see Council managing growth and relationships with industry and government bodies on issues such as - beach sand replenishment; - growth at Kooragang, Fern Bay & Williamstown; - Clean energy projects.	2min per speaker
7	Questions from the floor: Topics covered included: Explanation of criticisms by Dr Ross Kerridge on current tourism/culture expenditure, e.g. skate park, art gallery; Suggestion of beachside cycle path in Stockton to link with riverside cycle path; Question planning to cope with water inundation at Nth Stockton and warning system for residents; Question lack of expenditure on sporting facilities and the lack of transparency on use of Rawson Trust funds managed by Council; Increase in Fern Bay/Seaside residents utilising Stockton facilities, sporting clubs, ferry transport and the need to engage with Port Stephens Council to better service these areas; Question re what each candidate regards as most important for future planning/focus;	

