

# Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance

## Ordinary Meeting

### MINUTES

Tuesday 16 October 2018, 6.00 - 8.00pm

Committee Room, Council Administration Building



<b>Present:</b>	Robyn Charlton, Gabrielle Clappison, Steve Dewar, Avril Lockton, Jean McGarry, Colin Mondy Rachelle McConville (LMCC) Nick Bates, Jordi Bates and Kate Sullivan (Hunter Water) (left 7:50pm)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Christine Aus

## 1 Acknowledgement of Country

*We would like to acknowledge the Awabakal people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to Elders both past and present of the Awabakal nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present.*

## 2 Conflict of interest

None stated.

## 3 Hunter Water – Temporary desalination plant proposal

Nicholas Bates and Jordi Bates, and Kate Sullivan Hunter Water Corporation

Key points:

- Hunter Water is seeking to mitigate risks to water supply in the instance of a very severe drought.
- In the case of a very severe drought period, a water source that is independent of rainfall is required to provide some water security.
- A desal plant is a last resort, and construction would only be triggered if water storage drops to 35%. This would allow approx. 1 year for the plant to be built, and assumes the plant would be operational by the time storage dropped to 20%.
- Proposed site is on existing Hunter Water land, adjacent to Belmont Waste Water Treatment Works.
- Water supply and water resilience (including demand management) measures are ongoing, and public messages vary according to current rainfall, storage and consumption needs.
- Noted possible improvements to messaging to use more relevant / meaningful measures of storage capacity and consumption
- For more information, and to submit feedback, visit [yourvoice.hunterwater.com.au](http://yourvoice.hunterwater.com.au). Can also sign up there for alerts about all Hunter Water community engagement activities.

## 4 Previous meeting

### 4.1 Ordinary meeting minutes, 10 September 2018

*MOTION: That the previous meeting minutes dated 10 September 2018, be confirmed as an accurate record.*

Moved: Robyn. Seconded: Avril. Carried.

## 4.2 Business arising from the minutes

- Letter regarding trolley management was sent to Council. Ray responded to Alliance board thanking for support.

Outstanding actions:

- (February 2018) Rachelle to write a report to Umwelt summarising benefits of their previous donations, and arrange a meeting with them.
  - Council report available as of 9 July – use as basis to develop an Annual Report for 2017-18.
- (November 2017) Jean to circulate the new charter of the Hunter Water Customer and Community Advisory Committee, when available.

## 5 Correspondence

- Remittance advice received from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. (Outstanding donation for Greater Charlestown litter check.)
- Request sent to Community Building Partnership Program (Holmesville Garden Grant) to spend remaining grant funds (\$400) on additional seating. Request was approved.
- Notes from the Boomerang Alliance teleconference sent to board members
- New contacts collected at the Living Smart Festival were sent to local group contacts, and added to Sustainable Neighbourhood News list
- Newsletter from the Boomerang Alliance – circulated to board members
- Various correspondence to organise and promote Waste to Art exhibition
- Sustainable Neighbourhood News, 10 October
- Notice of open nominations for Lake Macquarie Business board of directors
- Enquiry from Newcastle Grammar School to have an excursion to Waste to Art

## 6 Treasurers report

### 6.1 Treasurer's report for September 2018

See attached below.

Moved: Jean. Seconded: Steve. Carried.

## 7 For discussion & decision

### 7.1 Catalogue litter

The issue of catalogue litter has been raised on a number of occasions, by Redhead SN, and most recently by a number of people at the Living Smart Festival. There are 8 billion catalogues printed every year just in Australia, cutting down half a million trees. Most are just thrown from a car onto a front driveway, rather than being delivered to a letterbox. Then there's the litter everywhere...only about 25% are looked at!

Steve has done some internet research, and couldn't find any community campaigns action on the issue.

There is an Australian-wide law that advertising materials need to put in a letterbox, in a newspaper holder, or under a door, not on car windscreen wipers.

There is a code of conduct to not give out where there's a "no junk mail" sign but it is not mandatory and often ignored. Fines are \$200+.

Proposition: that we approach the Boomerang Alliance to mount a campaign to work with the Advertising Industry to work out solutions including non-printing advertising in this war on Waste.

Agreed.

ACTION: Steve to send letter to Boomerang Alliance as above. Can include Planet Ark as well.

## **7.2 Australia day awards**

Nominations were received for:

- Volunteer of the year: Ray Hinton; and Steve Dewar (Steve won the award in 2015).
- Community Group of the year: Rathmines Area SNG

Criteria and other info here: <https://www.lakemac.com.au/page.aspx?&pid=1864&vid=21>

Nominations are due 29 October.

Agreed to nominate Ray and Rathmines SNG.

**ACTION:** Rachele will circulate draft Rathmines nomination to them, and Gab will research additional volunteer details for Ray, ready to submit on 29 October.

## **7.3 Strategy and business planning**

Proposal from Randall to defer the business planning component for now, until some work has been completed to implement the Strategy. In particular, the volunteer recruitment component will be crucial to ensure the Alliance has the capacity to undertake meaningful business planning.

The board agreed with the proposal.

## **7.4 Alliance Special General Meeting and update of the Constitution**

Reminder that Alliance AGM will be at our November meeting: Tuesday 20 November, 6pm.

Will include a Special General Meeting to update our constitution to be consistent with the new Strategy.

Proposed changes to Constitution circulated via email for comment. Changes have been proposed to:

- Clarify membership status. Individuals join the Alliance directly. Groups are not members.
- Clarify not for profit purpose
- Provide more detail about general membership of the Alliance
- Provide more clarity about decision making
- Provide detail about general meetings.

Much of this detail was missing from the current version. The additions have been made to be consistent with NSW Fair Trading's model constitution for associations.

The new Constitution and notice will need to be circulated by 5 November at the latest, to give two weeks notice.

Seeking approval from board members to put this updated version to the SN membership for adoption at the November Special General Meeting.

**ACTION:** Rachele to resend. Board members to review and respond via email by 29 October.

# **8 Requests and risk assessments**

## **8.1 Bird Count BBQ – Cardiff Area SNG, 21 October**

Circulated via email. Approved.

## **8.2 Dreaming of a waste free Christmas, Cardiff Area SNG, 18 November**

Circulated via email. Approved.

## **8.3 Instagram photographic competition, Cardiff Area SNG, November-December**

Circulated via email. Approved.

## **8.4 Wreath-making workshop**

Circulated via email. Approved.

### **8.5 Kenibea bushland working bee (Landcare activity)**

### **8.6 Picnic in the Park, 16 November**

Circulated via email. Approved.

### **8.7 Violet Connection Nature Play Adventure, 10 November**

Circulated via email. Approved.

## **9 Report backs**

### **9.1 Living Smart Festival**

Amazing! 20 volunteers; 70.75 hours - that's equivalent to over \$2100 in volunteer time. ~100 cups washed; 54 new sign ups ; estimate 400 engaged.

Would be good to ensure our logo is more visible in our display / stall materials. Wash up stall is a good hook. Activities for kids.

Warners Bay SNG could do a nature play activity next year.

### **9.2 Waste to Art**

Exhibition is looking great! Thanks to Chris, Ross and Steve for setting up. Have a look at the works and descriptions here <http://www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au/waste-to-art-2018.html>, or even better, go see it at Swansea. Open till 25 November.

Opening night was lovely event with ~40 participants attending.

Application to exhibit at SEEN in 2019 due Monday 10 December.

### **9.3 Pamper Care Project**

- Woodrising Neighbourhood Centre: Assisted four women with families with food and pamper kits.
- South Lake Market Place: Three Masculine wellbeing packs went out as did all the scarf and beanie sets.
- Nova: Baby knits, baby blankets, nappies, baby wipes, baby food, girl's bike, crocheted rugs
- Toronto High School: Nine students
- Lake Macquarie High School: Two girl kits
- Samaritans: Three men's kits went out.
- Presented a talk to the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, and they donated a significant amount of product.

### **9.4 Kenibea Bushland working bee**

About 10-15 people attended on a rainy weekend.

## **10 For Information**

10.1 Website stats 10 October 2018 – See attached here.

10.2 Reject Shop, Chemist Warehouse are phasing out plastic bags.

10.3 Coffee cups – labelling is unclear to indicate the certain brands of takeaway coffee cups that are recyclable or compostable. Planet Ark and others are working to improve the labelling system.

## **11 Meeting close**

Meeting close: 8:25pm

**Next meeting date: Tuesday 20 November, 6pm. Includes AGM, SGM and ordinary meeting.**

Treasurer's Report



**LAKE MACQUARIE SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS ALLIANCE**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**1 September to 30 September, 2018.**

Account 06 2806 10352969 with Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Charlestown Branch.

**Balance** **\$ 11,410.76CR**

**RECEIPTS**

12 Sept 2018 DirCr 436911 EPA-DE-Cr 500.00

Total Income \$ 500.00

**EXPENDITURE**

11 Sept 2018 Chq 000110 S. Dewar Brochures 77.98  
12 Sept 2018 Chq 000111 Pamper Care Proj 200.00  
12 Sept 2018 Chq 000112 Pamper Care Proj 52.75  
18 Sept 2018 Chq 000114 Tree Frg Permcult. 460.00  
18 Sept 2018 Chq 000115 S. Mudge Dudley CGdn 162.00  
19 Sept 2018 Chq 000113 LMCC Dudley CGdn 50.00

Total Expenditure \$ 1,002.73

**BALANCE** **\$ 10,908.03CR**

This is a true statement of accounts for the Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhoods Alliance for the period 1 September to 30 September, 2018.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name Jean McGarry

Title Hon Treasurer

Date 12 October, 2018.

Insights

Overview

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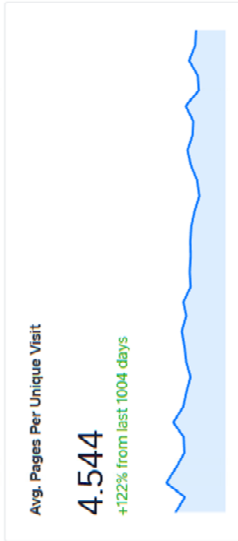
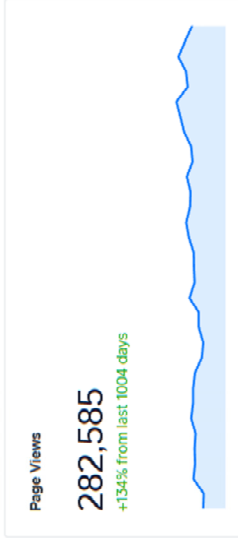
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