



**Minutes of meeting held 5.15 pm Tuesday 9 August 2022 at Redhead Library**

1. **Welcome** and acknowledgement of country by Alison Cleary (Chairperson).
2. **In attendance** were: Alison Cleary, Lindsay Black, Tim Woicek, Lidija Terzic, Colin Mondy and Deborah Arthurs.
3. **Who said they couldn't come:** Paul Hubbard.
4. **Financial Report**  
The Treasurer reported that approximately \$200 was spent since the last reported balance of the Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood account. **Action:** The figures will be updated and sent to the Chairperson.
5. **The RSN Newsletter**  
With the unavailability of the editor and the delays to-date, the team re-grouped to get an end of October edition out to the community. Colin who will edit this edition and topics to be finalised and submitted include:  
Landcare (Alison); Library and sports field stories (Lindsay); Boardwalk Brews as community hub (Lidija); Energy Wave wrap up and survey (Colin); Support for Lismore (Deb). Also coverage of Brian Hilton's Award, "And then they were gone" photo exhibition, Council's draft dog strategy and Op Shop update, if space/time permits.  
**Action:** All articles to Colin by week ending 21 October, aiming for delivery to printer on Mon 24<sup>th</sup> and ready to sort for distribution around 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> October. Jan and Kate will continue to be available to coordinate the distribution until someone else puts their hand up for the job.  
The future viability of the newsletter was discussed and it was agreed that Lindsay will prepare an ad to go in the next edition calling for interest from the community for an Editor and a Distributions Coordinator.
6. **"Where Family Meets Community and the Forest Meets the Sea" – a proposal by Deb Arthurs**  
A presentation was made by Deb Arthurs about her idea for what we, as a small community in Redhead, can do to perhaps help create a model for sustainable local action re climate change.  
**Background:** Having been involved in various environment, education and future planning advisory groups over the years, Deborah had a keen interest in the latest Australian State of the Environment document. This showed an overall deterioration in the state of our environment, with wetlands in particular peril. Wetlands are only 1% of our landscape, the bird life is in a poor state and getting worse and the number of trees on earth is also declining.  
**The idea:** Deb would like to start a 'Community Forest' in the neglected area at the back of the coastal dunes as you go south from Redhead towards Belmont

Wetlands. The idea is to get everyone in the community – from kids to adults – involved in tree planting days. “These ‘forests’ can be dedicated to local family groups, and it is a project which is scalable. We could aim for say 140-150 trees over x years. I think it is something positive we can do for our kids, their mental health and the climate,” said Deb.

**Action:** It was agreed that Deb would further develop this idea and seek input from subject matter experts, Hunter Wetlands and other authorities such as the Lake Macquarie City Council, who would need consulting on the practicalities. Once the program is further developed, the Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood group will support the idea and write a letter of support.

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm.**