

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC FORUM

All members of the community who have registered have been advised that they have a **maximum of five minutes** to put their case.

Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28 February 2017

Name	Subject/Comments
Public Forum – 10.00am	
Dr Keith Joliffe	PSR17/004 - Review of SEPP No. 44 – Koala Habitat Protection
Peter Bernard	QON17/001 Advocating for Princes Highway Strategy and Kings Highway GMR17/005 2017 Conferences PSR17/003 Council Submission: State Environmental Planning Policy - Coastal Management
Trish Hellier	GMR17/006 Adoption of Policies PSR17/003 Council Submission: State Environmental Planning Policy – Coastal Management

Item QON/17/001 Advocating for Princes Highway Strategy and Kings Highway.

Madam Mayor.

I must congratulate you for following through the intent of the motion raised by Councilor Constable's notice of motion associated with his previous address concerning the Princes Highway and Kings Highway Corridor Strategy. You have expressed your and his concern not only for the servicing of the Eurobodalla but of the whole of the far South Coast with the Sydney, Canberra and Victorian regions. Most of the current routes were designed for the passage of early settlers. Bridges in Bateman's Bay, Moyura and Narooma constructed in the early days of the last century are now hopelessly inadequate. These, however, were the days of momentous decision making and history reveals that it to be far more constructive than today. I applaud the direction that you have taken in requesting those bodies suggested in your letter. I would, however, suggest that the meeting include from the very beginning a high level of civic and bipartisan political engagement. Initial discussion should be open to the public as "executive leadership" is sometimes not what it implies. This is a major issue and community engagement and Federal Government is paramount. I should point out that a meeting was held on the 12th December 2016 with the Federal Member, Mr. Mike Kelly and a number of concerned citizens, including my wife Dawn.

Issues raised were

1 'Poo Bear Corner' and Federal assistance involving minor rectification of a Memorial sign at Negligent recognizing the efforts of the 14th Battalion of the Volunteer Defense Corps during World War 11 in protecting our National Capital and the seats of our Federal representatives in case of a Japanese invasion via the Eurobodalla coast. Unfortunately he indicated

he could not assist. Would the General Manager or the Chief Engineer examine this memorial plaque and take the appropriate steps to improve its clarity?

2.0 Similarly he indicated that the Princes Highway was a State responsibility. This appears to contradict

his election material detailing tens of millions of dollars of Federal monetary assistance towards the Bega By-pass. Despite this it is requested that the council must seek high level Federal involvement. The council must work hand in hand with its community and all agencies.

Other issues were also raised

*Financial assistance was also requested with regards to bridge reconstruction at Narooma and the by-passing of the areas mentioned above with a comprehensive corridor strategy. * The main bridges at Bateman's Bay, Moyura and Narooma and initial infrastructure were built by our Pioneers. Most infrastructure was built using bullock teams, adds and axes, block and tackle and with blood, sweat and tears. Before bridges, punts, barges and ferries were used. The first bridge at Narooma is the last existing bridge of its type was commenced in the 1930's and before that at Bateman's Bay. They were built for horse and carriages, Cob and Co, and the primitive motorized vehicles and not designed for "B" Doubles, present day concrete and logging trucks and elevated commercial and tourist vehicles.*

3.0 The directions being imposed on the citizens of the Eurobodalla by the NSW State Government and current Eurobodalla council policies with regards sea level rise. One, speaker, Mr. I. Hitchcock is still waiting for a reply. The member should be aware that there was a House of Representatives Standing Committee on Climate Change, Water, Environments and the Art. This was in 2009. A series of recommendation were made. Intergovernmental co-operation was the key element for the future irrespective of who is in power.

*4.0 Federal support and co- operation was raised by the President of the Narooma RSL sub- branch, Mr. Paul Naylor, regarding the Avenue of Remembrance between Centenary Drive Kianga and Ocean Parade Dalmeny. It is hoped that replacement of those Golden Cypress Pine Trees that have been removed by council Engineering works , poisoned by persons unknown or died of natural causes will occur before the “ Lest We Forget “ day on the 11.11.1918. **

Madam Mayor you have already met on site with a number of citizens and we are deeply grateful for the directions you have suggested

Peter Bernard 25-2-2017

- Some money is already in trust and available for the purchase of a number of the same species and an invitation is extended for you to plant the fist replacement tree. It is hoped some other trees will be planted by students from all schools from within the area*

*Council submission. State Environmental plan
policy*

*– Coastal Management PSR17/003 -
Meeting 28th February 2017*

*Madam Mayor through you to the Madam
General Manager.*

*This appears to be a mess from day one and consultation
with the public from the so called “leadership team “ lacking*

*1.0 Not being familiar with the terms used could I be advised
what is “Council’s CEMAC “and is the general
community aware of this term.*

*2.0 Why isn’t there a reference to this included in the agency
advice included with the council agendas*

*3.0 Was State Environment Planning Policy- (SEPP)
advertised on council website and was the Eurobodalla
public advised of this and if so when?*

*4.0 How did council “collaborate with the COMMUNITY by
seeking advice, ideas from council CEMAC “*

*Could I have a copy of this collaboration with the
community?*

*5.0 Could I have a copy of the draft Submission? Is it the one
and only “draft Submission “and which be submission
will be sent to the Minister?*

*6.0 IT is stated that coastal managers were provided with the
opportunity to attend a separate consultation session by
the department in Moyura on November 25th 2016.*

A. Were minutes taken of that meeting? If so could I have a copy of these?

B. Why wasn't there any of the council's leadership team there to listen to the views of speakers.

A number of Eurobodalla Citizens that attended made presentations (including myself)

C. Why haven't I had a reply from the facilitator of that meeting?

d. Did the council obtain a copy or tape of that meeting?

7.0 Could I be advised (9a) how many properties initially have had notations place on their properties

With respect to councils interim council sea level rise policy.

7.0 Have the notations been changed in any way since the initial placement on the 149 Certificates.

8.0 If so -why were they changed and how many properties were involved ?

Peter Bernard 28 th Feb 2017

CONFERENCE EXPENSES -GMR17/OO5 2017

CONFERENCES

THROUGH YOU - MADAM MAYOR TO THE MADAM GENERAL MANAGER.

1.0 THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE NOTICED IN COUNCIL PAPERS THAT COUNCILLORS AND MAYORAL EXPENSES ARE REPORTED UPON AND COSTS ARE QUITE CONSIDERABLE - SOMETIMES MORE THAN ONE REPRESENTATIVE HAVE ATTENDED. YOU STATE IN SOME REPORTS IT IS CONSIDERED "BEST PRACTICE" THAT AN APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBER ATTENDS ". DOES THE POLICY EXCLUDE THE MAYOR AND YOURSELF AND CAN YOU AND THE MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR ATTEND WHATEVER CONFERENCE WITHOUT APPROVAL .FURTHER TO THAT ARE STAFF THAT ATTEND CONFERENCES ENTITLED TO HAVE TIME OFF TO COMPENSATE FOR THE TIME THAT THEY HAVE SPENT AT CONFERENCES AND TRAVELLING.?

2-0 WHILST THE COUNCILLORS EXPENSES ARE RECORDED I HAVE NOT SEEN THOSE OF THE STAFF PUBLICLY REPORTED.WHY IS THIS SO?

3.0 FROM THE EXPENDITURE FIGURES REVEALED IN A PREVIOUS COUNCIL REPORT. I SUPPOSE COUNCIL AUDITOR COULD DOUBLE THIS AND IT WOULD BE QUITE SIGNIFICANT. FOR EXAMPLE THE LAST QUARTER IN 2015. THE FOUR CONTROLLING COUNCILLORS AND ACCOMPANING STAFF SPENT OF THE ORDER OF \$50,000 ON TRAVELLING AND CONFERENCES EXPENSES

I NOTICE THE THEME FOR ONE YEAR CONFERENCE WAS CORRECTLY NAMED " ROCK N ROLE " I WONDER IF YOU ,MADAM MAYOR OR GENERAL MANAGER COULD HAVE " SLIPPED "ME INTO YOUR SUIT CASE AS A COMMUNIITY REPRESENTATIVE

I AM QUITE GOOD AT THAT " ROCK- N -ROLE " . I PROMISE I WILL BEHAVE MYSELF IF EITHER OF YOU BOTH DESIRE TO REGISTER ME AS A COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE AT "THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMENS ASSOCIATION NSW CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT LAUNCESTON , TASMANIA , IN APRIL 2017 . WOULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE? .

PETER BERNARD 28-2 -2017

Good Morning Mayor Innes, Councillors, General Manager, Staff, Gallery, those comfortable live streaming from home and my Mum watching over me from above.

My name is Patricia Hellier from North Batemans Bay and I would like to address Council on ITEM No.FBD17 /006 – Risk Management Policies.

I note that it states that these Policies were put on exhibition and there were no submissions received, some might form the view that the community agree with these policies and that is the reason that there were no submissions received, many are aware that I have been known on occasions to “put the elephant in the room”. My elephant today is I believe the reason that no submissions have been received is because frankly, many rate payers of this shire have just given up putting submissions into council and more recently time and time again I have been told “what is the point, I am only wasting my time, we just don’t get listen to and Council will do what council wants”.

Today I want to focus on Part 2 of these Policies, Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation areas, and we are all aware of Council’s “Duty of Care” and I congratulate Mayor Innes in relation to her motion put forward at the last Council meeting on the release of Balloons at Council owned land and damage that can be done to birds and sea life etc.

Councillor’s I am formally drawing to your attention my concerns and these concerns are for the children using the newly established Corrigan Playground area. You would already be aware of my concerns through emails in relation to the sand pit that has been placed in this park. I have been told that the designer of the park was of the view that Corrigan’s was not in a “built up residential area” therefore there should not be a problem with animals i.e. – cat and dogs using the sand pit as a toilet facility. We all know children love sand pits, and I have been told that if childcare centres, pre schools, and day care Mum’s who have sandpits are required to cover these sand pits at night and rake them regularly throughout the day, I have to ask will this apply to the sand pit at Corrigan’s? Two weeks ago I received a phone call from a resident concerned about the litter in the sand pit, I drove out to Corrigan’s and found beer bottle tops, plastic bottles, squashed metal cans on the surface of the sand, you may ask “what therefore is lurking underneath the sand”? I reported this issue to Council Officer Wayne Hutton.

Wet sand is known to breed bacteria, and is a haven for mosquitoes and a number of sandpits in parks in Sydney have been removed.

I am also concerned in relation to unsavoury behaviour within this area at night and it is known that drug users frequent the area. It is recorded that a 3 year old child in Sydney while playing in a sandpit was stabbed by a needle stick and is now HIV positive, I therefore ask this Council now that fencing has been erected around the park and security officers lock the public toilets at night, I ask that the park also get locked at night and when security opens the toilets in the morning they then unlock the gate to the park. Unfortunately this will not stop the cats from getting into the park, but it may stop other unwanted intruders in the park area.

I have concerns in relation to a piece of equipment that has been placed in the park, there is a slight gap between the equipment and the concrete, a small child could easily put their fingers or toes in this gap and get caught. I have been told that in Sydney equipment similar to this has been removed from parks for this reason. This piece of equipment has a round shelf at the top and last weekend I

witness a child climb onto the top and stand up, while a number of other children pushed the equipment around gathering speed, I watched as the child gradually started to fall, and I found myself calling out to the children pushing the equipment to “stop”. You are probably thinking like I was where were the parents?

Some of you may have read a letter to the Editor online Beagle where there was a further complaint about equipment placed near the car parking area, a child threw a ball, then ran out onto the road to get the ball as a car entered the car park, hopefully this will not happen now that the fencing has been erected.

It states in this Policy- RISK IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT –

Point b) identify hazards through formal inspection of parks and reserves facilities – I am now asking you the Councillors that these issues I have raised are taken seriously and the risks in Corrigan’s Park be identified and re accessed and appropriate action taken .

Thank you

Trish Hellier

28th February 2017.

Good morning Mayor Innes, Councillors, staff, gallery, those comfortably live streaming at home and my Mum watching me from above.

My name is Patricia Hellier from North Batemans Bay and I would like to address Council ITEM No. PSR17/003 COUNCIL SUBMISSION: State Environmental Planning Policy – Coastal Management

Whilst I acknowledged I am not “all over this issue of Coastal Management “I have read the content of this submission, I have concerns in relation to the closing date of the Policy being the 20th January 2017, and have read Mayor Innes letter attached to this agenda, however, how will this late submission be viewed by the Department of Planning and Environment, firstly how will it reflect on the Eurobodalla Shire Council, and secondly how will it reflect on the contents of this submission? I believe that some individuals and community groups sought an extension of time to submit their submission and their request were rejected by the Minister. If ESC submission is accepted would it be in breach of the Minister direction?

I, like many ask why there wasn't a Special Meeting called of Councillors prior to the submission closing date? It has been suggested it was the “timing” due to the Christmas break, I would suggest that a serious look is undertaken in relation to staff holidays and important issue like this submission and their due dates, it was recognised in October 2015 that a Special Meeting was needed to expedite the Rural Lands process and the meeting was called.

Rate payers of this shire have been inflicted with a 21.6% Special Rate Rise and therefore there is expectations that we have the most experienced staff employed in this shire, we assume that issues such as important as this submission is in the hand of responsible officers of this shire, as the outcome of this final policy could affect many home and land owners in this shire.

I am pleased to see the concerns raised by our community regarding the mapping of vulnerable areas have been incorporated in this submission but given the late date of the submission there are many who are sceptical that this submission will not be considered and the ESC submission will go onto a late submission file and never see the light of day.

Thank you,

Trish Hellier

28th February 2017