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### **2015 General Meeting August 10 2015**

Apologies Wendy Meehan

Previous minutes: July 13 2015

Passed S Bourke 2<sup>nd</sup> J Hargreaves

#### **Business arising:**

- Beautification of corner of Tweed Coast Road at Elders shop end. Members present were uncertain as to the current status. No response yet. Requested a reply today. Stewart Brawley replied that it hadn't been passed on - he'd action an answer asap.
- Tidy up and place seating at top of northern end Littoral Rainforest? No observable action to date. I believe it is under consideration by Rod Keevers who is consulting Rhonda James. The main difficulty is with the beach side of the path and what is possible /impossible. DWS3644555
- a notice about vandalism and litter is to be put on our website

#### **Correspondence IN:**

1. We received \$1150 from the tsc to help plan the Eco Carnivale. Plans stalled because of size of project and person power limitations. Investigating other event on a smaller scale.
2. Response from TSC about graffiti - no Vandal Tracker bought because of expense. (setup + \$2000-6000 pa) Report graffiti to TSC 02 66702400 or 1300292872

TSCouncil had a draft Graffiti Policy on exhibition. (missed it)

Policy principles are Stakeholder Engagement, Report, Removal, Prevention, Education and Enforcement and will include the following service levels:

- High profile areas - response time of two working days standard after notification
- Graffiti hot spots - locations where graffiti vandalism is removed six or more times in three months will have a response time of two working days. All other areas will have a response time of ten working days
- Heritage items and conservation zones - five working days response standard
- Removal of graffiti vandalism of an offensive nature - removed within two working days
- Graffiti removal at skate parks
- Graffiti vandalism removal procedures - all products used by Council to remove graffiti vandalism will be handled with ecologically sustainable development principles to minimise environmental harm
- Graffiti vandalism surveillance - Council will inspect high profile areas twice weekly and other areas at least monthly for graffiti vandalism.

Read

<http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/Pages/cpd/protectcommunity/graffitivandalism/graffitivandalism.aspx> summary below

### **HOW TO MINIMISE GRAFFITI ON YOUR FENCE/WALLS**

## **Maintenance**

Keep your property clean and tidy, and free of rubbish, weeds and damage, to show that you care about your property and that vandalism will not be tolerated. Encourage your neighbours to maintain their properties so the whole neighbourhood appears neat and clean.

## **Fencing**

Consider installing a metal cyclone fence, a fence constructed with natural materials (e.g. bamboo or bush reed), or bar fencing (e.g. pool or wrought iron fencing) that does not offer the flat continuous surface graffiti vandals prefer. Textured surfaces are difficult to spray paint and makes graffiti hard to read. Graffiti vandals are less likely to vandalise such surfaces as they won't get the recognition they desire.

## **Paint colour**

Discourage graffiti vandals from vandalising your walls and fences by painting them with darker colours. Graffiti is less noticeable on darker coloured surfaces and is less likely to give the vandal the recognition they are looking for. Always keep extra paint on hand so graffiti vandalism can be covered-over quickly.

## **Protective coatings**

For areas that are repeatedly vandalised, use graffiti resistant materials or protective coatings so graffiti can be easily removed.

## **Vegetation**

Install trellis on blank walls and fences to create an uneven surface. Alternatively, plant thorny and/or climbing vegetation in front of walls and fences to deter graffiti vandals. Climbing plants will make the surface difficult to graffiti.

## **Security**

Ensure your property has adequate security to prevent access by graffiti vandals. Restrict access to walls and other flat surfaces by installing locks, fences and gates. Secure items such as benches, barbecues and wheelie bins so they can't be used to gain access to walls or rooftops.

## **Lighting**

Graffiti vandalism is often conducted in areas that are poorly lit in order to reduce the risk of getting caught or reported. Consider motion-activated lights and request your local council install lighting in community areas that are often dark and vandalised with graffiti.

## **Report**

Report instances of graffiti vandalism to the TSC at the earliest opportunity. 02 66702400

## Correspondence OUT:

TSC email re streetscape outside Elders

TSC email re Littoral Rainforest plans DWS36444555

## Treasurer's Report: M Jones

\$        in bank. Outgoings - none

Passed \$1828.05    M Jones        2<sup>nd</sup> F Nash

## General business:

1. A Welcome Pack for new residents is to be designed and distributed to Real Estate agents.
2. Design a set of information for the Community Notice board about clubs/voluntary groups in Caba.
3. Some residents are concerned about parking difficulties in Cypress Avenue now Halcyn House is gaining popularity. CBBRA to ask TSC about its plan to develop the block of land into a car park at the corner of Rosewood Ave and Hastings Rd.
4. Investigate the progress of residential units above Woolworths complex.

## REPORTS:

2. **Boomerang Bags** Ros Buckpitt Roster of bags is working. 1800 bags made. Looking for a new roster organiser - Suzi volunteered but will hand it over if someone else would like it. Ros suggested we approach TSC about introducing a plastic free region. Suzi suggested we need to start an education program with retailers sensitively ...to train their cashiers to ask at point of sale..."Do you have your own bag?"
3. **Dune Care** Faye Nash 0407831370 We are finalists in the Keep Australia Beautiful awards in both the Sustainability and the Habitat guardianship category. October 16 is Tree Day with the primary school. Volunteers needed to supervise small groups(4-8) planting. Different sites will be planted throughout the village from Cypress to Goanna. Considering reducing the number of grades planting each year because of the lack of space left to plant. Letterbox droplets near Cypress so people understand the task.
4. **Caba Creative** – Peita Gardiman -reminder Arts Trail October 24.
5. **Caba Progressive** –Dani has the key to the Community Notice Board in Youandbamboo. Tony Mason does the advertising section and designs can be made by Steve Webb. They are surveying businesses to ascertain their interest in a professional development activity.
6. **Caba Community Garden** – Sandra Waugh. 0488058183 Works in progress. All beds are occupied. Palettes donated by Laneway Shop to build more garden beds. The P&F association at Bogangar Public school asked about Community produce as they hadn't seen any. This needs to be clarified with the school. Community Membership establishes a reciprocal arrangement (\$10 p.a.). Members of the garden are entitled to pick produce and attend some working parties (Saturday or Sunday mornings) to weed, mulch, build, plant and chat. Individual plot members \$25 for the plot + community membership of \$10 p.a.) Seeking free mulch to create paths...contact Sandra if you know of a donor. The Sports' Club's sign is still on the drawing board.
7. **CYS** - Trevor Nevill - Rotary /CEDC Youth building on the drawing board??? John Commens the new President of CYS.

AOB.

Meeting closed 8.06

**Next meeting Sept 14 @ 7 pm**