

SANDY POINT COMMUNITY GROUP



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and GENERAL MEETING Saturday 28th September 2019 @ 10.00am held at the SANDY POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE MINUTES

Chaired by Vice-President Sandy Point Community Group: Frank Schrever. Official procedure of re-election of Office Bearers and Committee was conducted by Cath Giles.

Present: Financial members:

Rick Martin, Ray Henderson, Judy O'Sullivan, Cath Giles, Sally Gibson, Peter Slifirski, Heather Bassed, Di Cornwell, Phil Cornwell, John Doward, Judy Schrever, Wacek Lipski, Imona Lipski, Alan Jenkins, Gill Jenkins, Colin Budden, Anna Tham, Nick Tham, Chris Cope, Mike O'Mara, Judy O'Mara, Caroline Williams, Barry Peachey, Bernard and Helen Jordan, Paula Budden, Doug Brown, Liz Brown

Non/unfinancial members:

Daniel Milton, Lucas De Jong, Kristie English, Anthony English, Tina Bruce, Edward Wales, Michael Woronuit

Apologies: Anne Kinne, Peter Kinne, Ian and Libby Hore-Lacey, Judy Bisland, Neil Shaw, Vera Cornwell, Wendy Bryce-Johnson, Joyce Wright

Minutes of Last A.G.M. held on 29th September 2018

Moved: Ray Henderson, Seconded: Phil Cornwell that:

The minutes be accepted as an accurate account of that meeting.

Accepted unanimously.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

President's Report:

(The President's Report is attached at the end of this report)

In the absence of President Anne Kinne, Vice-President Frank Schrever read the minutes to the meeting.

The following items were presented.

- **Traffic Calming**
- **24 hour Access Defibrillator**
- **Telstra Mobile Phone Service**
- **Koala Action Project**
- **Landscaping around public toilet facilities**

- **Marine Rescue Dummy**
- **Waste Water Issues**
- **The Big Yellow Slide**
- **Community Garden**
- **Caravan Park Proposals by SGSC**
- **Energy Generating Project**
- **Waratah Way**
- **Events**
- **Membership**
- **Thanks**

Moved: Cath Giles, Seconded: Ray Henderson that *The President's Report be received.*
Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

(The Treasurer's Report is attached at the end of this report)

Treasurer Rick Martin presented the Treasurer's Report.

Total Cash Funds are currently \$21,365.16

Moved: Judy Schrever; Seconded Doug Brown that *The Treasurer's Report be received.* Accepted unanimously.

Membership Report Phil Cornwell advised that currently there are 149 financial members, up from the 133 registered at the same time last year.

Election of Officers and Committee of SPCG:

Cathy Giles agreed to Chair the Election of Office Bearers.

Cath Giles thanked the current members of the committee for their hard work and perseverance in dealing with the Council. She encouraged members present to join the new committee.

As there was only one nomination received for each Committee position and no further nominations from the floor, no election was required. As there was no nomination received for the vacant Secretary position Anne will be continuing as official Secretary and sharing responsibilities with Di Cornwell.

The nominated Committee members were accepted and four new Committee members volunteered to join the committee. All nominees were congratulated on the incoming Committee.

President	Anne Kinne
Vice-President	Frank Schrever
Secretary	Anne Kinne / Diana Cornwell
Treasurer	Rick Martin

Committee	Diana Cornwell
Committee	Phil Cornwell
Committee	Ray Henderson
Committee	Wendy Bryce-Johnson
Committee	Joyce Wright
Committee	Doug Brown
Committee	Liz Brown
Committee	Peter Slifirski
Committee	Wacek Lipski
Committee	Judy Schrever
Committee	Judy O'Mara

The meeting closed at 10.45 am and was followed by a General Meeting to provide a further update of current projects and address any concerns arising from the AGM.

**GENERAL MEETING
SANDY POINT COMMUNITY GROUP
Saturday 28th September 2019**

A general meeting commenced after the completion of the AGM.

Topics discussed were:

Waratah Way

Cath Giles announced that she was stepping back as Coordinator of the Waratah Way working group as she is currently over-committed and feels that it is time for someone to take over her role. She does however want to be involved in the project. She has been in this role for over 5 years now and says that the project is now at the tipping point of success. Council has been difficult to work with but she has had an enormous amount of support from the community.

Where the Project has got to:

- It is now listed on the Council's 2019 Paths and Trails Strategy. This is very important for the future development of the Waratah Way.
- At the last AGM a working group was set up to support Cath. As it was an election year one of the group's main objectives was to discuss the project with relevant politicians.
- Russell Broadbent was contacted and says he is very keen on the idea of the project and that he would like to see it completed within 2 years.
- DEWLP has send a letter of support for the project.
- The community now needs to find external funding for the project.

There were no questions from the floor.

Caravan Park

We have recently become aware that SGSC has been investigating possible sites for a new caravan and camping ground in Sandy Point. The Sandy Point Caravan and Camping Ground Site Investigation document was presented at an ordinary Council meeting on 26th June 2019 and has created concerns within our community. After the Community Group contacted the Council about this the South Gippsland Shire Council is now inviting community members to provide their input into the future planning of a caravan and camping ground in Sandy Point.

Those wanting to take part and make a submission are encouraged to visit www.oursay.org/southgippsland/sandypointcaravanpark before 5.00pm on Friday 28 October.

Community members are also invited to attend a drop in session at the Sandy Point Community Centre on Thursday 3 October between 4.00pm to 7.00pm to ask further questions.

Chris Cope, the owner of the existing Caravan Park spoke to the meeting. He told us that he has contacted the Council repeatedly over the last few years about the need for a new caravan park in Sandy Point. The existing Sandy Point Caravan Park is too small with only ten camping sites available for short stay visitors and little room for expansion. It is also possible the site will be lost to residential subdivision in the future. Chris explained he has had an application in for residential subdivision for 10 years now. His plans are to completely clear the park and subdivide it over time. He has also suggested a preferred location for a new caravan park to the north of the township and told us that he is prepared to fund the building and running of it.

Comments and questions from the floor:

- The community needs to decide whether they want a new caravan park. If so, where could it be located?
- It was pointed out that the areas of farmland to the west and north of the township are subject to the inundation overlay and so can't be built on. Chris Cope said he did not think it would apply as a caravan park would only have one permanent building on it. East of the town, the old tip site is too contaminated to consider.
- The town needs more short stay accommodation such as with a caravan park/camping ground.
- As the current caravan park will eventually be developed we must find a site for a new park soon or Sandy Point could end up with no caravan park at all.
- Chris Cope pointed out that there are townships such as Venus Bay where the caravan park is a kilometre away from the beach and people are used to getting in their cars to access the beach. So he doesn't think it will be a problem that a new site in Sandy Point would not be in the heart of town. He stated that his proposed site would still be within easy walking distance of the shops and main access to the patrolled beach (3 blocks away).
- People said that if the site proposed by the Council to the west of the township was built then it would mean people would use Ned Neal's

beach rather than the main beach. This means they would not have toilets/change rooms, adequate parking or life savers and life-saving equipment available.

- If the caravan park had its own café and shop, as is likely if it were to be build out of town then this would have a detrimental effect on the existing businesses in town.
- Though Council does not want to run a caravan park in Sandy Point they should take a lead role in this matter.

Sewerage system for Sandy Point

Neil Shaw, who is currently overseas, sent us an email a few days before the AGM asking for his ideas about a new sewerage system that is suitable for small rural communities, such as Sandy Point to be discussed. As he said, by a coincidence the scientist involved in this project is a local Sandy Point property owner, and a long-time friend of his.

He asked that the brochure he attached to his email to help describe the system should be offered to the AGM and to those people participating in the wider discussion on local infrastructure, such as solar power.

Several people expressed interest in this project and it will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Neil's explanation of the system and how it could benefit Sandy Point together with the brochure about the system will be placed on the Sandy Point website (on the Sandy Point Community Group's page (<https://www.sandypoint.vic.au/page22.html>) soon.

President's Report



Sandy Point Community Group Inc. AGM

28th September 2019

Welcome and thank you all for attending. I will commence with my apology for being unable to attend this AGM as overseas travel has beckoned yet again and we are currently touring the highlights of South America. My thanks go to Vice President Frank who kindly agreed to chair the meeting.

I will keep this brief as some areas will also be covered in the Treasurers report and I will defer some topics to be more fully addressed by the committee members who have taken on specific projects. Please feel free, at the end of the official proceedings in the general business of the general meeting, to raise any questions for further discussion. I am also mindful that many will be eager to get home to watch the Grand Final!

We have had another busy year and have been successful in the completion of some projects and our events of the Sandcastle competition, Sausage Sizzle, Foodies and raffle were well patronised and enjoyed by the local community and visitors. This is all due to our hard working volunteer committee who utilise their experience, knowledge and expertise to take on individual projects and are always willing to pitch in and help! With our committee consisting of a mixture of permanent and part time residents who live and work elsewhere, all of who have various commitments and quite regularly have the audacity to travel, it is an amazing feat that we achieve what we do!

The Committee is fortunate to also have several members who offer their services, expertise and assistance when needed, which is greatly appreciated. If any project interests you or you feel you have something to offer please put let us know - it is not necessary to be on the committee to contribute to sub-committees (although we are always seeking new members!)

The current status of issues/projects:

Traffic Calming

Council was contacted after we received several reports involving the lack of visibility where the town roads meet the main Sandy Point Road, which is creating hazardous situations and many near misses. The main causes of concern are at the intersections of Telopea Drive and Sandy Point Road, Ennisvale Ave and Sandy Point Road and Ryan's Rise and Sandy Point Road. The SPCG committee requested that Council replace those particular Give Way signs on these intersections with Stop signs as a means to assist in rectifying the potential of a serious accident. Council responded that "We have inspected the intersections and have created a works order for our depot to trim and remove vegetation to improve sight distances. If there is still an issue after this has been completed we will review the signage."

Please advise the committee if you are aware of any incidents and we will reiterate our issues with council.

We also strongly supported the overall speed reduction to 40Kph proposed by council for Sandy Point, and you will have seen this was successful earlier in the year. Other danger points within the town have been highlighted to council; we have seen vegetation trimming to improve visibility in these areas and the footpath added on the corner of Telopea/The Boulevard. Further traffic calming may be required and we would welcome input from the community on this.

24 Hour Access Defibrillator

This has been installed in a purpose designed cabinet on the wall of the Mini Golf; it is now fully operational and the system monitored successfully.

Telstra mobile phone service

We continue to advocate for this issue, the latest is that a small cell repeater was planned to be installed in Manuka Street. Sadly that hasn't eventuated, there is no sign of it. Following recent enquiries to Council, who are liaising with Telstra, they promised to follow up and give us some indication of when to expect this installation. As of today we've heard nothing further despite reiterating the urgency of resolving our communications problems before the influx of the summer tourists and escalation in the fire danger risk.

Koala Action Project

The 2019 Koala Count and information day is to be held on Sat 5th October. You can contribute to local knowledge about our koala population, learn more about the local koalas, and have a fun day out doing it. The data collected will help to inform conservation and management of our koalas. For more information about this and to register for the event please go to our website (www.sandypoint.vic.au) or Facebook page.

Landscaping of area around Public Toilet facility

All works on the landscaping stage 1 have been completed and we are working towards the 2nd stage of landscaping of the surrounding area – an ongoing process. These works principally involve developing a path in front of the parking area opposite the caravan park to avoid families having to walk on the road and risk mixing with traffic. Discussions earlier in the year sensibly recommended deferring any work to coincide with the road resurfacing planned for early spring. Despite recent repeated attempts to contact the relevant Council officers we have yet to receive any advice on the status of this project.

Marine Rescue Dummy

The SPCG have donated to the purchase of a Marine Rescue Dummy which will facilitate in the training exercises of the Marine Rescue Waratah. It is a sophisticated piece of equipment that replicates a human body in the water and will be a vital rescue training resource.

Waste Water Issues

As there has been no response from Tim Brown (Tim has left council apparently) in regards to organising a meeting which was promised a year or two ago we need to re visit this issue. Frank Schrever has spoken with Ned Dennis on this issue and he promised to send him the latest council position on this to advise the meeting, but nothing has been received as of Friday 27th September.

The Big Yellow Slide

Yes, at long last I can finally say that we have a new slide to replace our iconic yellow slide. Apparently it is great fun. Enjoy!

Community Garden

There has been strong interest in the construction of a community garden and we believe that an ideal site for this would be the disused transfer station. Council have been approached and a SPCG sub group formed with Doug Brown at the helm.

Caravan Park proposals by SGSC

We have recently become aware that SGSC has been investigating possible sites for a new caravan and camping ground in Sandy Point. The Sandy Point Caravan and Camping Ground Site Investigation document was presented at an ordinary Council meeting on 26th June 2019 and has created concerns within our community. We are very disappointed that the Sandy Point Community, including the existing SP Caravan Park owner, have not been consulted or provided with any further information. We have contacted Council and invited them to attend the AGM and suggested that it would be an opportune time to provide information and engage with the local residents and community to enable them to have their concerns heard. This week we learned that council could not send anyone to this meeting and also that a Drop In session is planned for Thursday 3rd 4-7pm. Many of you will now have seen the notice for this (received on Wednesday 25th) on our website and sent to membership. The current owner of the caravan park is in attendance and will be invited to speak during the general business session.

Energy Generating Project

Our Community Group has decided to investigate the feasibility of a Community Owned Renewable Energy (CORE) Project in Sandy Point. SPCG committee members attended workshops recently organised by “Energy Innovation Cooperative” (www.eico-op.org.au). These workshops are being held throughout Victoria and will be an input to the State Government’s Renewable Energy RoadMap. The information presented to us leads us to believe that we certainly could develop a beneficial Community Energy project at Sandy Point.

The projects vary considerably in scale, technology, objectives and cost. The common theme however is generally the return of financial benefits to the local Community and involved stakeholders and also very importantly improved social/environmental outcomes.

There are several potential models/schemes that we could copy and encouragingly more and more resources available to help in their planning and implementation. Importantly, the State Government has established a program to develop “A Renewable Energy RoadMap” to guide their investment in projects that will contribute towards their commitment to a renewable energy target of 50% by 2030.

A sub-committee has been formed and is currently in the process of applying for grants to fund Community Workshops and Information sessions with the objective of developing an achievable project plan.

Waratah Way

Many of you will be aware of the work that has been done on the concept of establishing a hiking/cycling path between Sandy Point and Waratah Bay. Cath Giles who has been doing the bulk of the work on this is here today and will provide an update during the general business session.

Events

We have commenced the planning for the busy summer holiday events. Our Foodies Market goes from strength to strength, with each year more successful than the last. The inclusion of Artisan art and crafts proved popular and our bar providing sales of wine and beer went well. Music by Fiona Curran certainly added to the enjoyment of the day. Foodies will be held next year on Sat 4th January with a 4.00pm start, which worked well last year for both participants and vendors. The bar licence has been granted.

The annual Sandy Point Sandcastle Competition this year will be held Sun 29th December, commencing at 10am with judging at 11am.

Membership

Our incorporation rules state that we must advise of our membership fees which will remain the same at \$10 single and \$20 per family (residing at same address). We encourage all members to continue to renew their membership and if you are not yet a member we would appreciate you joining. Our membership fees, combined with our fundraising, assist in paying our insurance, running costs and the funding for our many projects and advocacy work.

Anne Kinne, President SPCG

**SANDY POINT COMMUNITY GROUP INC. ("SPCG")
TREASURERS REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

SPCG continues to be in a sound financial position having total Cash funds of \$21,365.16. This represents an increase since 30 June 2018 of \$1,051.01.

The components of this are as follows:

Bendigo Bank Operating Account	\$ 7,341.03
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	<u>\$14,024.13</u>
	\$21,365.16

Term Deposit components:

Provision for maintenance of decorative Surfboards	\$2,899.63	
Provision for Cricket Nets	\$ 244.68	General
Savings	<u>\$10,879.82</u>	
Total	\$14,024.13	

The Cricket Nets will not proceed so the funds reserved for this project are being progressively allocated to other worthwhile causes.

COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT INCOME ITEMS:

Fund raising:

Net Income :	Sausage Sizzle /Sand Castle Comp	\$ 995.75
	Foodies - Sites	\$ 840.00
	Bar	\$ 818.60
	Raffle	\$ 1,021.25

These activities represent a significant and dependable source of income to assist with financing our community work as well as providing an opportunity for some face to face interaction with our members and the general public.

The Sand Castle competition is primarily staged to provide entertainment but there is a financial spin off in that the success of the Sausage Sizzle is largely reliant on the crowd attending the Sand Castle Competition. Doug and Liz Brown did a great job as first time Sand Castle Competition organisers. We were fortunate in achieving a substantial increase in net profit for this combined event compared to the previous year.

The TP Taylor Committee of Management decided to not be involved in a joint Raffle so SPCG decided to go it alone. The generous support of some local Sponsors combined with a very

dedicated sales effort by Committee members resulted in a profit of approximately twice that achieved from our participation in the joint venture of the previous year.

The Foodies Market was staged for a fifth time and was a highlight of the fundraising ventures. It was decided to run a Bar and engage a local entertainer to add to the atmosphere. Thanks to the Sandy Point Music Club who generously donated \$150 toward the entertainment and to Andy & Sue from the Sandy Point General Store for their continued generosity and support. I would also like to acknowledge the support of Di Cooper and the T.P Taylor Committee of Management in respect of providing the use of the Community Centre on attractive terms.

The combination of food, bar and entertainment resulted in the enhanced concept being enthusiastically received by Vendors and Patrons alike. The Bar returned an excellent profit and the Site Income was well up from the previous year due to the popular added dimension of some Artisan stalls.

Committee members involved in staging the various activities were, once again, most grateful for the assistance provided by a number of loyal volunteers. SPCG has a small Committee and needs to rely on additional assistance to stage activities.

Membership \$1,465:

Consistent with the previous year and most ably administered by Phil Cornwell. SPCG has a loyal but relatively small membership base given the number of properties in Sandy Point. A strong membership base is important when advocating with various Government or other entities on behalf of the Community so new members are always welcome.

Advertising \$1,040: Newsletter sales \$236.50:

A consistent source of funds from our loyal advertisers who support the excellent Newsletter produced by our Editor Di Cornwell on a quarterly basis.

In addition to advertising revenue we also receive revenue from the sale of Newsletters in the General Store.

COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE ITEMS

Defibrillator Cabinet and associated expenditure. (\$4,322.61)

You may have noticed the public access Defibrillator installed on the wall of the Mini Golf complex. This very important piece of equipment was generously donated by Waratah Beach Surf Life Saving Club however there was substantial expenditure involved in purchasing a secure monitored Cabinet and completing the installation. In this regard we were fortunate in receiving a Grant from South Gippsland Shire Council for \$1800 and a donation from Sandy Point Music Club for \$500. Ongoing monitoring charges are incurred but are not significant.

Insurance \$2,247.67

A large but necessary expense. This is a 16% increase from the previous year but part from covering the fund raising activities referred to in this Report the policy provides cover for the Music Club and Koala Project activities.

Photocopier purchase \$ 599.50 (50% share)

A reconditioned Photocopier was jointly purchased during the year by T.P. Taylor Committee of Management and SPCG to replace what could only be described as a “dinosaur” The new machine allows copies of the newsletter to be printed in a fraction of the time that the old machine took. Servicing costs are also shared between the two entities.

SPCG is well placed financially to allocate funds to worthwhile projects that may arise. While we will soon incur the cost impost of our annual Insurance premium it is approaching the holiday season when the bulk of our fund raising activities occur.

Rick Martin

Treasurer

Sandy Point Community Group Inc.

September 2019