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Ordinary Committee Meeting, October 7th 2025 @ 6pm, Reserve Hall, Scotts Head

Minutes

Commenced: 6.00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country: Delivered by Chair

Apologies: Jacki Middleton, Ros Hamblin

Members Present: Tony Crimmins (TC), Janet Granek (JG), Jason Howard (JH), Deena Gilroy (DG), Richard Collins (RC), George Driussi, Allan Turner, Ray Green, Janine Gaven, Gavin Moehead, Diana Moehead, Mary Webb, John Schmidt, Ljuboc Simson, Claire Forbes

Guest Speaker: Matthew Guselli (*Senior Operations Leader, North East Conservation Programs, Heritage & Regulation - Dept of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water*) - was unable to attend at short notice. He sent his sincere apologies, advising he is very keen to engage with us, and will be pleased to attend our next meeting on 25th November.

Allan Turner: TC invited Allan to speak to the group prior to the usual meeting formalities, to accommodate his need to leave for another commitment before 7pm.

Allan explained that his ongoing focus is to keep the **Bike Track / Cycleway project “front of mind”** - maintaining visibility and momentum by strategically aligning it with complementary initiatives across the region. He outlined how he is using digital tools, including **ChatGPT**, to help summarise current progress and crystallise key ideas, and provided a handout to those who attended.

In the ensuing discussion with Allan, **Clr Luby** expressed support for several of Allan's points, reiterating her earlier advice about effective pathways to funding - particularly through demonstrating alignment to **climate change** and **eco-tourism** initiatives, including the emerging opportunities in **Aboriginal Eco-Tourism**, which she noted are especially timely at present.

Clr Luby: TC invited Luby to continue on at this point.

Luby acknowledged the group's observations regarding the difficulty of connecting with broader "shared" strategies or aligned initiatives that could greatly strengthen SHCG's efforts. She agreed that a key challenge within the LGA is the number of disjointed or ad-hoc plans, and emphasised the need to identify linkages and parallels with other projects and strategies in the area and wider region to gain greater traction and impact.

Luby also provided the following updates:

i) **Master Plan** – Project design work is scheduled to commence by December.

ii) **Beach Access** – Both the four-wheel-drive access track and the beach ramp at the Point are being actioned by Council. The 4WD track will be repaired in recognition of its wide range of users and regional importance. The beach ramp near the shower at the Point will be constructed to provide universal, safe access for all beachgoers.

PART A - STANDARD ITEMS

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes from Sept 2nd 2025 were deemed a true reflection of the meeting.

Moved : JG, **Seconded :** JH

2. Disclosure of interests (refer last page)

No change since Feb 2025

3. Communications (inc. newsletter, website & socials)

- Correspondence and Communications (inc Newsletter, Website & Socials)

TC advised that the October Newsletter has been completed - initial hardcopies delivered and the electronic copy e-mailed out to members on 2nd Oct.

Access to the SHCG Google Drive and SHCG email account (which have served as the main communication and record-keeping platforms for the Group) has become increasingly problematic. TC has now also been fully excluded from access. It appears that JG may currently be the only SHCG Executive member still able to access these accounts. JG will check her access capability from her home laptop at the earliest opportunity.

It was agreed that JH will accelerate identifying the cause of the access issues and investigate possible solutions - including resolving the problem directly, or implementing a suitable workaround or alternative platform to overcome the current limitations with Google.

4. Reports

a) Chair - Tony Crimmins (TC)

- TC advised that he will be away for 4 weeks - back in the second week of November
- Scotts Head Art Prize - well done to all who organised, participated, contributed, volunteered, sponsored and attended! It was a wonderful event - very succesful - once again showcased

just how amazing the talent is in our community. It was enjoyed by all - and feedback was amazing and it seems everyone is already looking forward to next year's SH Art Prize!

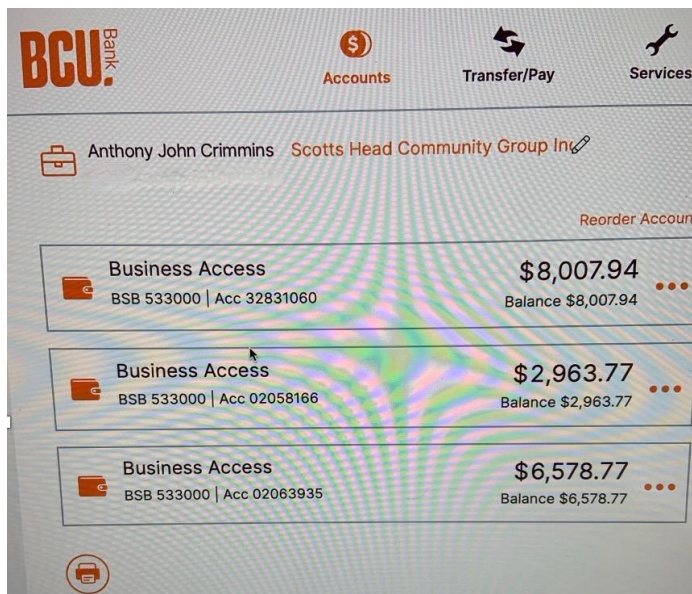
- Mick Birtles from News of The Area will be following up with Reflections to do an article on the Bush Regeneration work of the crown lands they manage in Scotts Head, and their recurrent funding for it - and linking in with Keegan at council.
- Confirmation from Keegan Noble at council - the beach access ramp is still due for commencement this month.

b) Vice Chair – Janet Granek (JG)

- Janet advised the Leadership Meeting was very productive - a great turnout - Reflections too - also some new members which was great - good to see numbers growing and support growing. Sadly there was no council presence in attendance - which would have been very beneficial in light of some of the topics that came up. Janet will continue to members from council in the hope that they are able to attend the next one.

c) Treasurer – Jason Howard (JH)

General business account - 32831060



Opening balance from last meeting: \$8,007.94
Changes: nil

Closing balance as at Oct 6, 2025: \$8,007.94

Gardening account - 02058166

Opening balance from last meeting: \$2,821.12
Changes:

- Donations 16 Sept 2025 \$142.65

Closing balance as at Oct 6, 2025: \$2,963.77

Skate park fund account - 02063935

Opening balance from last meeting: \$6,578.77
Changes: nil

Closing balance as at Oct 6, 2025: \$6,578.77

Other items

TC has attended BCU branch in Macksville to submit forms and JG has provided authorisation.
JH now has access to accounts.

d) Secretary – Deena Gilroy (DG)

- Issued the **Sept minutes** and the **Oct agenda** via email to the Chair, TC for SHCG-wide distribution - before Google Mail prevented his access to the SHCG account.

e) Public Officer – Richard Collins (RC)

- Richard advised Jacki has assured him all is on track with the renovation/upgrades to the **Rec Hut/Reserve Hall meeting room**

f) Manager Reflections Holiday Park - Jacki Middleton (JM)

Jacki was an apology at this meeting - but TC pointed out that:

- Bench in the Disabled Bathroom - has been replaced
- Black Rock Fall Fence - a great job was done getting this repaired, and apart from looking fantastic, it will definitely be an effective safety control for preventing rocks and other matter from falling onto the roadway or users and their vehicles below.
- The Arts Event - Jacki made her team at Reflections available to assist with the dismantling of the Art prize displays - great support and very greatly appreciated by the community
- Proactive approach - its great to see how the team at Reflections have been actively identifying things that need to be done - including things like the stairs up to the lookout, and repairing the fencing tension wires down in the reserve by the BBQ shed near the toilets.

g) Gardeners Sub-Committee – George Driussi

GD referred to the coverage by the Scotts Head Wave this month :

- They are busy with replanting for the Spring garden beds, with a Working Bee planned for Sat 11th Oct, from 8:30am.
- Spring is time for planting many of the staple salad seedlings, as well as potatoes, zucchini and corn
- Remember - good gardening needs good soils and lots of patience - and PH testing and adjustment should be done well in advance of planting! Veggies like slightly acidic soils (5.5 to 6.5 PH_.

- TIPS - help the young plants out with shade where you can on super hot days, and keep things moist - as moisture can help dissolve nutrients to help with easier absorption, promoting better growth. Water in the late afternoon.

George also advised the SH Gardeners have a digital tester if needed.

5. Vote in New Members

No new members this month.

JG advised that she will look into ensuring timely reminders for membership renewals which will be coming up - and confer with Briony regarding new membership strategies.

PART B - NEW OR ONGOING ITEMS

6. General or Ongoing Business

4 Wheel Drive Track - further discussion was held by the group on this.

There were strong feelings that more needed to be understood in regard to why council would continue to sink such extensive resources into repairing the ongoing destruction of this infrastructure by natural causes (the most recent of which being cyclone Alfred) - which may be better prioritised in other more worthwhile investments to our area.

There was also recognition that there could well be wider usage than just our area to consider - and also further reasoning than initially obvious, and it would help to understand this - and/or to have some input.

To that end it was agreed that RC would work with George Driussi (GD) TO write to the General Manager of council, requesting a temporary halt to the repair works, in order to understand and/or participate in, the decision to continue.

Other matters for general or ongoing discussion were addressed at the start of this meeting, and incorporated in various member reports.

7. Action Tracker

Meeting	Owner	Description & Status
07 Oct	JG	Get membership reminders underway - and look into new membership initiatives
07 Oct	RC	Author a letter, in conjunction with George Driussi, to the GM at NVC, requesting a delay to the 4 wheel drive repair works, and an opportunity to understand the rationale behind the significant expenditure in carrying it out.
02 Sept	JH	Liaise further with Allan Turner about linking Newington College into our promotions for the cycle way - once the key contact for Newington College has returned from holidays.

22 July	TC / JH	Accelerate efforts to resolve or consider potential work around, or alternatives, to the ongoing access issues with SHCG Google Drive and e-mail for Deena (Secretary), Richard (Public Relations Officer) and Jason (Treasurer) - and now also Tony (Chairman).
08-Apr	JG	Contact Jocelyn Box re: representation of the local Aboriginal community - ongoing
08-Apr	Reflections JM	Prepare and implement process for, and communication roll out of same, to support the trial locking of the Reserve boom gate to stop vehicle access to the Reserve after hours - while it is reasonably calm, and prior to next holiday period (date remains tbc)
08-Apr	RC	In light of the imminent Reserve Hall improvements, once there are some dates & actual works to report on and to work around, RC to review messaging to manage community expectations (eg FB, website, Newsletter)
08-Apr	TC	Research/locate evidence of a commitment toward the maintenance of Adin Street Reserve (Access filing cabinets with Moira Ryan)

Initials – Tony Crimmins (TC), Janet Granek (JG), Jason Howard (JH), Richard Collins (RC), Deena Gilroy (DG), Jacki Middleton (JM), George Driussi (GD)

PART C – Meeting dates – (proposed for remainder of 2025, subject to further review)

6pm Tuesday – 25 November

Refer page 1, PART A (2) - Disclosure of Interests (last updated 11 Feb 2025)

Tony Crimmins	Member	Deputy Community Representative Gaagal Wanggaan Board of Management
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Meeting closed: 7:30 pm