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Ordinary Committee Meeting, 28th July 2026 @ 6pm, Reserve Hall, Scotts Head

Minutes

Commenced: 6.00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country: Delivered by Chair

Apologies: Moira Ryan, Allan Turner, Jason Howard, Alan Peters

Members Present: Tony Crimmins (TC), Janet Granek (JG), Deena Gilroy (DG), Richard Collins (RC), Caroline Winter, George Driussi, Simone Rudolph, Karen Brading

PART A - STANDARD ITEMS

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes from June 16th 2026 were deemed a true reflection of the meeting.

Moved : JG Seconded : RC

2. Disclosure of interests (refer last page). No change since Feb 2025

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

a) Correspondence

- i) Received copy of letter from *Scotts Head Alliance* to Michael Kemp and Council - re: feedback on the 2nd phase of consultation and deliberations for the SHMP. It expressed concerns about what the proposed options encompass - and what some of these possible options might entail. Some people who hadn't heard about this council initiative needed more time to understand it. (Council subsequently provided an extension).

SHCG has been promoting the consultation process since mid-2025, consistently encouraging the community to become informed, and to participate and have their say wherever possible. SHCG will continue to support Council in its efforts to engage and collaborate with the broader community throughout the process.

- ii) Anonymous communication sent to Reflections / cc'd to SHCG - re: Track being forged through the dunes down at Banksia Cr. (See item **h**, under the Reports section of these minutes below, by Manager of Reflections).
 - iii) Allan Turner provided T.C. further updates on the Scotts Head to Macksville Active Transport Connection initiative - identifying further relevance, and potential options for consideration. (As included at the end of these minutes).
- b) Communications (inc. newsletter, website & socials)
- i) Alisha and her husband Stuart are in Vietnam, before heading to Europe. Before leaving, she handed the Newsletter editing function over to TC - who will be our new Newsletter guru!
 - ii) Articles for the August Wave will include coverage of the very successful Garden Workshops to date and those still to come, and also the 40th Annual Loggerheads competition that was held in Scotts Head this last weekend - a very positive experience for the majority of participants and locals alike, with an obvious vibe of respect and cooperation both ways - very good to see.
 - iii) Alisha has also advised she will step back from the role of editor on her return, and leave it in the very capable hands of TC. SHCG thanks Alisha wholeheartedly for having taken it on, and lifting it to its current level - we know there are many residents who really look forward to it each month!

4. Reports

a) Chair - Tony Crimmins (TC)

TC advised the group that he would be stepping down from the role of Chair as of 28th July 2026. He felt the time was right for someone new to take on the role, while allowing him to redirect more of his time and energy towards some of his other interests and commitments.

TC confirmed that he is very happy to remain actively involved with SHCG, including continuing as a signatory, taking on the role of Newsletter Editor, remaining a member of the Master Plan Project Reference Group, and contributing to other projects and initiatives as they arise – including the upcoming Annual Scotts Head Art Show.

b) Vice Chair – Janet Granek (JG)

JG said she understood TC's decision and acknowledged that SHCG had been very fortunate to have him at the helm. She recognised the many positive outcomes he had helped achieve during his time as Chair, as well as his contribution towards resolving and improving a number of more challenging issues.

JG advised, however, that she is not in a position to step into the role of Chair, and reiterated that she can only maintain her current level of involvement as Vice Chair. With the demands of full-time work and a young family, she will not always be available to take on additional responsibilities.

JG went on to advise that the bike racks have now been delivered, and consultation with prospective users is underway to determine the most appropriate locations. Current thinking is for one rack to be installed near the West Street beach entrance and the other at the Point. Each rack has capacity for 8 bikes. Once installed, 2 workshops are proposed – one for younger riders focusing on bike safety, and another for adults covering bike maintenance and care, particularly given the effects of the coastal environment.

The Garden Workshop programme continues to be very well received. The recent workshop held in the newly refurbished Reserve Hall / Rec Hut meeting room comfortably accommodated 30 participants and had a great atmosphere, further contributing to the strong sense of community the workshops are generating.

c) Treasurer – Jason Howard (JH) - Report July 28th,2026 meeting

Payment was received for the bike rack grant, and payment was made to the school for the continued printing of the SHCG newsletters.

General business account - 32831060

Opening balance from last meeting: \$6,722.53

Changes:

- Membership \$10 (1 member renewal)
- Enforcer group (bike rack) (\$2,420)
- Scotts Primary School (\$500)

Closing balance as at July 27, 2026: \$3,812.53

Gardening account - 02058166

Opening balance from last meeting: \$3,081.55

Changes:

- Gardening donations \$102.50

Closing balance as at July 27, 2026: \$3,184.05

Skate park fund account - 02063935

Opening balance from last meeting: \$0.77

Closing balance as at July 27, 2026: \$0.77

Screenshot account balances as at 27 July 2026:

 Business Access BSB 533000 Acc 32831060	\$3,812.53 Balance \$3,812.53
 Business Access BSB 533000 Acc 02058166	\$3,184.05 Balance \$3,184.05
 Business Access BSB 533000 Acc 02063935	\$0.77 Balance \$0.77

d) Secretary – Deena Gilroy (DG)

Issued the **June minutes**, and the **July agenda**, via email to the Chair TC for SHCG-wide distribution.

e) Public Officer – Richard Collins (RC)

RC advised he is enjoying the shared appreciation of the renovated Rec Hut meeting room - and is turning preliminary consideration to potential government funding for disadvantaged areas.

g) Gardeners Sub-Committee – George Driussi (GD)

GD advised that the Community Garden is looking particularly healthy at the moment, with the snow peas thriving and plenty of delicious fennel and wombok cabbages ready to enjoy. A further \$130 was received through the garden donation box for banking. 🍷

h) Manager Reflections Holiday Park - Caroline Winter

- **Track through the dunes at Banksia Cr:** Following investigation of the reported damage to the foreshore in front of the Youth Centre, it was found that a substantial structure/viewing seat had been created in the dunes. Fortunately, the young people involved were very receptive to Trudie's explanation of the concerns around dune and foreshore preservation. They took these concerns on board and removed the structure within 2 days.
- Grant funding for the weeding within the Scotts Head precinct and foreshore areas under Reflections' jurisdiction, has been extended to September. The full-time gardening position has again been budgeted for in the coming year.
- The Playground has undergone an assessment by the relevant authority - and CW is waiting on the report and recommendations to come back. Going on initial impressions, she is expecting a combination of repairs, complete replacements, and upgrades. Watch this space.
- The 40th Annual Loggerheads surfing event was a very positive experience - feedback from locals, competitors and general visitors alike, was overwhelmingly positive. The whole thing was run very expertly - experienced hands ensured it went smoothly, and even the cleaning up after everything was done to a T.
- CW advised it had been necessary for her to respond to an article published in NOTA regarding Reflections' capacity for cabins (including the tiny houses), and to clarify some assumptions that had been made. Importantly, Reflections' Certificate of Operations allows for a maximum of 23 cabins. There are currently no more than 23 cabins, and there are no plans to increase that number. Areas becoming available as the long-term vans are progressively vacated will instead be made available for camping, including tent sites.
- The public toilets at the Point have had to return to being locked overnight. Unfortunately, the trial of leaving them open resulted in significant vandalism, making it untenable to continue doing so.
- Stage one of the Rec Hut/Reserve Hall meeting room refurbishment has been completed, and the room is now being used regularly. For the new financial year, CW has requested funding, and is exploring additional funding opportunities, to repair and/or replace the stairs, balustrades and rails; revamp the storage area underneath at the rear; and have the entire outer verandah area pressure-washed and painted.
- CW is also looking into the repair and/or replacement of 6 streetlights under Reflections' jurisdiction that are currently not operating.
- Some of the rails and stairs leading down to Little Beach, which were vandalised and used as firewood on the beach, are currently being repaired and/or replaced. Going forward, upkeep and maintenance on all beach access points will be scheduled - which requires some closures while these works are underway.
- **Parking overflow:** CW has begun advising prospective visitors that park bookings provide for one vehicle only. Guests are also being advised that additional charges will apply for extra vehicles and boats, particularly larger boats. This should help reduce the number of additional vehicles being brought into the park and assist in keeping parking at a more manageable level.

5. Vote in New Members - Shayne Higson: Moved JG Seconded RC

PART B - NEW OR ONGOING ITEMS

6. General Business

a) Master Plan Project Reference Group

TC advised the Aug 18 meeting has been rescheduled to Sept 22nd

b) **Master Plan Community Consultation** - TC reminded the group that the Master Plan is a Council-led initiative, and that Council had extended the consultation deadline to provide additional time for community members who wished to better understand the proposals, consider the options and to provide their feedback.

c) **Position of Chair** - there being no-one in the room to assume the vacated role of Chair, it was agreed that between now and the next AGM in February 2027, the community will be approached to find someone to fill the role. A number of suitable prospective candidates were discussed - tba.

d) **State Gov't Building Community Participation Grant Program 2026 - Grant submitted** - TC has submitted the Grant application for \$30,000 for the upgrade of the Buzz Brazel Sporting Fields change room facilities / toilets - and we are advised it has been shortlisted.

e) **Grants Open:** Council Community Grants – Round 1 is currently open, **closing 21st August 2026**. Members with ideas for projects or initiatives that could benefit the Scotts Head community are encouraged to consider the funding opportunity. Anyone interested in progressing an idea is welcome to check the Council website for further information, or contact SHCG to discuss potential support. Council link below:

https://www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Grants-Program?utm_source=chatgpt.com

7. Action Tracker

Meeting	Owner	Description & Status
28 July 2026	Exec	Seek candidates who might be suitable to fill the vacated role of the Chair
28 July 2026	JG	To check that Simone's email is correct - and is in the mailing list
08-Apr 2025	JG	Engage with NVC Community Development Officer (Jocelyn Box) re: representation from local Aboriginal community – Ongoing.

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

PART C – Meeting dates – (proposed for remainder of 2026)

Reserve Hall, at 6pm on Tuesdays - 8th September, 20th October, 1st December

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: 8:00 pm

Inclusions courtesy Allan Turner:

Potential options and further considerations for the “Scotts Head to Macksville Active Transport Connection” initiative:

Scotts Head To Macksville Active Transport Connection

Possible Pedestrian Bridge Options:

A, Demolished Weir Site (Nambucca Valley Council)

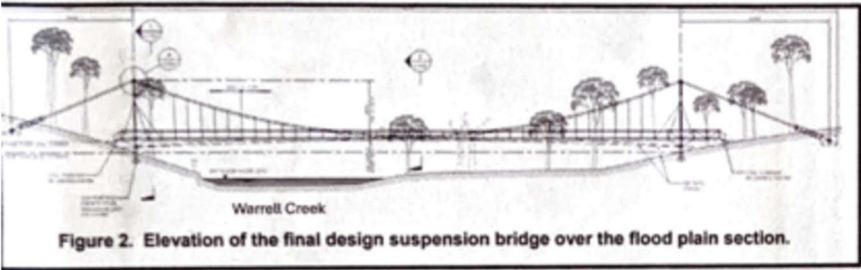


Figure 2. Elevation of the final design suspension bridge over the flood plain section.

B. Active Transport Bridge from possible sites: Gaagal Wanggaanto Gumma Road (AI Generated)



Scotts Head to Macksville Active Transport Strategy Update

We have successfully promoted Active Transport to be part of Nambucca Valley Council's Community Strategic Plan 2035 and the consideration of the Scotts Head / Macksville Active Transport connection in that plan.

We are now advocating for this to be prioritised in the related Scotts Head Master Plan presently being drafted by Council; especially including a short-term priority to determine the preferred route so as to inform residential development.

Given the limited resources of Council we are also advocating Council apply for State or Federal funding to make this happen!


Background


Route

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The Council's Background Paper for the Scotts Head Master Plan acknowledges that Scotts Head is much-loved by its local community, residents of the Nambucca Valley and visitors. The Master Plan aims to address the needs of public spaces and infrastructure to support the popularity of this "much loved place".

The Background Paper has several references to "... the community's desire to walk and cycle more, from local footpath linkages to broader inter-area bike paths and coastal walking trails". This interconnection is directly relevant to the Council's "Active Transport Strategy" which is to boost the social, economic and environmental potential of our LGA; especially through visitor and accessible tourism. Connecting Scotts Head and Macksville via an alternative direct, safe active transport corridor ticks all the boxes¹ and is listed as a long-term priority.

Given this, it is certainly reasonable to have the determination of a preferred corridor formalised as a short-term priority. This would both inform and complement the amenity of future residential development; especially in Bald Hill.

The Community Group understands that given Council's limited resources and funding constraints due to its high "SEIFA Index of Disadvantage", State or Federal Funding needs to be obtained. The President of the Local Government of NSW, Cr Darcy Byrne,² comments on the "critical" challenge facing Regional Councils, **especially those in National Party electorates**, when arguing on their behalf for extra funding. The cost of maintaining infrastructure and limited revenue raising capacity may result in a liquidity crisis affecting the provision of basic services and the ability to compete with metropolitan councils for funding.

¹ Including cost of living concerns due to the ongoing fossil fuel crisis

² Cr Darcy Brown is also the Labor Mayor of the inner West Council of Sydney

