



Stuarts Point & District
Community Organisation
A stronger future together.

SPaDCO Community Meeting Minutes 22 May 2024

6pm light supper served
6.30 Meeting commenced

42 people present.

Apologies: Liz Jerome, Shelley Blaine, Hannah Smith, Alex Wyatt, Elaine Carmody

Previous minutes approved Genevieve Lovell, seconded Chris Parke

Business arising:

- Website: being followed up. Meeting Monday 27th to develop a website action plan (GL)
- Current grant application: nil
 - small \$ grant (suggested by Learning in the Macleay)
 - Woolworth Netball/Basketball grant being investigated.
 - Environment grant successful commencing June (\$5000)
- Joe Donovan Sporting facility needs renovation and tidying up. Being investigated
- Thankyou to everyone involved in the Anzac day presentation
- Bunnings have been very generous: Thank you letter will go to Bunnings this week.
 - Cenotaph plants and flowers intake for ANZAC Day service
 - 11 Umbrellas donated for this meeting as lucky name draw prizes
 - Recipients Tomika Jeffery, Mark Cox, Lex Stewart, Jen Hetherington, Susie Peale, Cheryl Harris, Donna Blackner, Margaret Breust, Leo Hauville, Sam Bananno.
 - 3 Bunnings gift cards donated. Suzanne Fraser, Ian Chegwiddden and Gillian Pritchard
- Financial report

Outgoings (April/May to date)	\$2661.48 (including footings for new SPaDCO sign)
Incoming	\$971 (Dept. of Industries PACL grant)
- Tennis Courts are open and are being played regularly. Will be known as Stuarts Point Tennis Hub. Players are being encouraged to form tennis hubs as no club formation is desired and no leadership role within in a club will be encouraged. Des and Margaret Bruest are tennis hub coordinators and liaison officer to manage the hub and are inviting residents to contact them (through the hall committee) to make suggestions about usage. Currently \$10 court hire booked through the IGA supermarket. Info gathering session at the courts,- last weekend of May and 1st weekend of June Fri (10-12md) Sat (3-5pm) Sun (8-10am)
- Development 322 Stuarts Point Rd is open for public comment.
 - Steve Jones addressed the meeting (suggested there is some inconsistency within the application process). Encouraged public to visit the online portal and make comment.
 - (ML) Zone changes may be an issue in general dev applications. The full proposal on Public

Exhibition:-

<https://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/Your-Council/Council-news-public-notice/Public-notice-items-on-exhibition/20240517-332-Staurts-Point-Planning-Proposal>

- OzArk Meeting: discussion regarding the methodology being used for the cultural issues associated with sewerage was successful. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage issues are being considered in an inclusive manner.
- SPaDCO sign has been erected and will be a communication tool for the community.
- Bruce Caldwell wrote a expose about this area. It was written some time ago however, is still very relevant and so has been forwarded to the council to be considered in the EIS process. Thank you, Bruce,
- Grassy Head playground is stalled while a new design and community is consulted. Environmentally suitable material for playground material has been suggested. Lighting needs replacing but should consider not only animal sensitivity to light but safety for women at night in the park should also be a significant idea.
- SPaDCO Fun Day is 11 August 2024. The theme is 'Circus'. More details coming.
- Insurance is due 31st May 2024, and payment will be made prior to that date.
- 'Learning the Macleay' came to speak to the community on May 7th. The purpose of this organisation is "working with community to untie the red tape of government". LtM has suggested returning on June 5th to invite the youth within the community to have their voice heard. Details to follow. Please encourage the youth (12–20-year-old) to meet and have their say - outline their wish lists for facilities systems and services at SP on June 5th at the community hall. They will serve complimentary light refreshments and drinks.
- The Garden Club meeting on June 5th starting at 11.30 am in the hall will have a guest speaker "Karen Bailey"
- Short Story competition is returning in 2024. Opening date June 1. Theme for 2024 is Point of View - place". All residents are invited to submit an entry. There are great prizes at both adult and junior levels. Winners will be drawn on the Fun day. Entries close July 27th. For entry details visit the SPaDCO face page.

SPADCO Guest speakers

Kempsey Fire and Rescue gave a very extensive talk outlining the fire issues that are most relevant to our community. Following this, the KF7R team explained their roles in a fire and showed the community the extent of their protection from well-designed uniforms.

KF&R have offered to undertake a free checking of resident's smoke alarms and replace, again free of charge, where necessary. Phone to register 65419945

Cheryl and Cheryl-lee from **Aider Program at Rural Fire Service** has offered the community a one of cleanup of their property and a level two property assessment of the fire hazards in the community's homes. To avail yourself of this service, notify SPaDCO via the Facebook page or contact AIDER direct 65627100 Tips- cobwebs collects oils and fluff becoming flammable materials and unless you can keep mulch wet at all times it also is flammable.

Meeting close 8 pm. Next Community Meeting July 24th 2024