

General Meeting May 25th 2016

Apologies: Paul Caica, Elizabeth Prester, Margaret Easson, David Schofield, Julie Whitehead, Greg and Deb Cashel

Jim Douglas advised that we have over 300 members/supporters but only members can vote.

Attendance: 32

An extensive Report on place-making was given by Vali Morphett and Sarah Maddock from the Charles Sturt Council. Vali has been the manager of place-makers for Charles Sturt Council for a year and a bit and involved in community engagement four and half, while Sarah is the place-maker for Henley Beach.

Place-making is people working together to improve the place that they love. Also collaborative and also looking at how people etc interact to make it thrive through social connectivity. Inspired by Greg Kent.

Sarah Maddock gave an overview of all the work happening in Henley Square - there are processes in place to support projects. Busking etc will be made easier. Enhancing the entrance points to Henley, marketing what Henley has to offer, art and live music, greening; dog friendliness. Maybe utilise laneways and streets to play. Bike racks etc.

The launch of the busking activity will happen as soon as buskers have been lined up - winter activation is tricky. An 'app' will be created to give the stories about Henley. There needs to be a collaboration with the Historical Society.

Play street may allow a simplified way for residents to close their street. Council are planning to embrace some risk - opportunity worth more. Perhaps only local streets or laneways. logo is 'love the westside'. instagram or pinterest. Peacemaker grants - the video - this was shown to the meeting. There was also a discussion about Jane's Walk.

Both Sarah and Vali were warmly thanked by the meeting.

Minutes from last meeting - moved Richard Smith seconded Theo Ellenbroek - carried

Treasurer's report We have \$3580 in the working account and \$3000 in our term deposit

We have sent a cheque to the Conservation Council for a donation The Auditor's Report should be available next week from Frances Magill.

Moved Lionel Edwards seconded Crissey Schultz moved. Carried.

Henley police station

Jim has spoken to Paul Caica and met with the Chief of Staff for the Minister responsible for policing and written but still waiting for response. If it is going to be operated on a 9-5 weekdays basis we anticipate many problems - there are for example many drunken brawls in the car park near the church mainly in summer and at night - not necessarily all churchgoers. Council has an after-hour number compliance officer. Paul Laris said we should all email, fax, write to the Minister.

Code of conduct grievance

Anne attended the council on the 9th May 2016 concerning her complaint against Councillor Tolley Wasalenko. An LGA Panel found that Wasalenko had indeed breached the code of conduct for someone representing the Council and found that both complainants - Anne and Matthew - had been truthful and correct in pursuing the matter. The council gave Wasalenko a warning not to behave in the same manner again but he showed little remorse and smirked at the reprimand. A suggestion that he write a written apology was dismissed after being spoken against by Tom Scheffler.

We hope the council gets the message and are very aware at the hurt felt by Anne over the entire process.

The Phone Tower

Telstra has put in a Development Application for a 35m tower on the corner of Durham St and East Tce - a category 3 development which affects a large number of people.

Council has notified people within a 60-135 metres radius but not everyone was notified - a lot of people in Main St etc - bit sporadic.

We have been speaking to a senior planner who helped us to write a submission to the Development Assessment Panel before the closing date last Friday. THE DAP has 7 members - 3 elected, 3 independent. We have distributed a flyer to notify residents where we mentioned that the proposed tower is in a residential character zone and its height is taller than the Norfolk trees.

The Development Assessment Panel will hear the submissions and can oppose the development but even if they disapprove, Telstra can use the federal Communications act - we tried 20 years to stop them putting a tower at end of Fredericks rd and Grange Rd.

A lady mentioned that she is putting in a submission with a mention of the code of ethics that Telstra has to follow - that should adopt a precautionary approach - she stressed that in any 5 minute submission to the panel, people need to be passionate.

There are over 30 submissions and 4 will put in personal submissions.

Theo to investigate if the Norfolk Pines are Anzac Trees - Arbor Day planting for memorial drive.

The property is Telstra property and all we can do is try and force Telstra back into some community consultation. The site is the old telephone exchange which is an historic conservation side. They are also planning a Substation in Henley Square.

Is the tower necessary? If so, where else can the tower be placed? Is reception bad? Yes, it is bad for the other carriers.

We are fighting with Telstra but not on a health issue. Paul Laris said there was more danger from holding phones. Cancer clusters can just happen - there is a fear factor.

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One of the attendees already has cancer and will be close to the tower. We also discovered that the Electro Magnetic Radiation radiates out in a cone-like fashion and those in the cone area (roughly 60m diameter) are safer. Richard Smith spoke about the book 'Disconnect' and said that we should make people aware of the dangers of EMR. Heather Flannigan warned that it will be a long campaign. public perception 1993 not short-term fight

Jim has asked Steve Georganas to check the federal legislation and also asked about a street meeting with Steve and the residents. Calvin contacted Matt Williams but still to be in touch.

The following motion was put to the meeting: Moved Peter Schultz, Seconded Anne Wheaton Motion passed.

Notice of Motion Telecommunication Tower East Terrace Henley Beach

This General Meeting of the Western Adelaide Coastal Residents Association held 25th May 2016 indicate our most serious concerns with the application submitted by TELSTRA to the City Charles Sturt to erect a 35 metre telecommunications pole on property located at 73 East Terrace Henley Beach SA .

We are concerned that the tower is proposed to be located inside a Residential Character Zone [Historic Conservation Area] and will have a detrimental affect on the character area that would be in breach of the City Charles Sturt Community Plan.

We strongly oppose the installation of this tower for the following additional reasons.....

A potential and increased health risk from the emissions of Electro Magnetic Energy [EME]

A lack of any community consultation, prior to application, to explore other sites.

A lack of notification of residences within a 160 radius of the site of the application being received by City Charles Sturt.[160 metres being recognised as distance of Electro Magnetic Energy Radiation

The height of the tower will stand 5 metres higher than the well established and significant Memorial Norfolk Island pines that line the street.

The Tower will most definitely reduce the value of nearby properties.

The real and/or perceived fear of living in close proximity to the tower and the unknown health risks.

We call on City Charles Sturt Council Development Assessment Panel [DAP] to take into consideration the list of serious concerns the residents have with this application and the number of

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submissions in opposition seeking that the application is not approved.

We call on Telstra [the applicant] to withdraw its application and to organise a community forum of concerned residents to enter into community consultation with the intention to explore other possible sites with agreed minimal impact.

The Attendees were encouraged to become members of WACRA.

The vote was unanimous by all those members eligible to vote - 26 members.

Coast park

This is a long running and controversial saga. The Tennyson Dunes Group has been meeting separately since parts of the Tennyson Dunes were declared a Conservation Reserve and its management has been transferred from the council to the state. The NRM has been meeting with the 5 groups - Tennyson South, Coastal Ecology Protection Group, Tennyson Dunes, Sandpiper Group and the Wedge Group; 4 of these are strongly against a wide pathway across the dune - but would support a walking group. Tennyson Dunes has been trying to make it a discovery trail and mapping where a pathway would go - currently it goes only part way into the dunes - and have come up with 2 possibilities; Wacra will meet in a couple of weeks' time with the Tennyson Dunes Group.

The Conservation Zone is between Bournemouth St to Cormorant St and unfortunately the Council still is looking after the rest of the dunes. Val Wales reported that the Council is putting 2 proposals to the local residents about these areas and their option B is for the path to be 10 metres in the dunes to give privacy to the residents but which will be disastrous for the dunes.

The Council is after \$8 million for a concrete pathway - we think residents could lobby for a natural pathway, maybe compacted metal or boardwalks over a swale - we could garner support from other groups.

Wacra supports a continuous pathway, not concrete and not wider than 2 metres and want full consultation with people living behind the dunes.

West Beach

The Coastal Protection Board has been granted \$14 million by the Charles Sturt Council to put in the breakwater to try to save the beach at West Beach. Dr Ian Dyson however has been explaining how ineffective breakwaters are. The Coastal Protection board is mining sand from the south of the Torrens to supplement the sand at West Beach. There is a pipeline only from the Torrens River outlet to Kingston Park. Sand is being trucked from Semaphore to Semaphore South.

A group led by Ian Dyson, John Dundin, Ruth Trigg and Chris Warren have met to discuss the grant and an alternative plan for a \$8 million trial being proposed by Dr Dyson. We want to meet up with the Govt and the relevant ministers - Ian Hunter and Tom Koutsontanas. The group is writing a discussion paper and it will be sent to other Councils etc to see if we can set up a coalition to counter the council application. We want a coalition. We want a media event each time we get a rebuttal - Dr Dyson thinks

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West Beach may be beyond saving. Coastal Protection Authority want a pipeline from Westlakes to West Beach. We need 500,000 cubic metres of sand.

The Community fought long and hard against the building of the boat harbour which is the main cause of the devastation of West Beach. James Guy is the head of the Coastal Protection Board but the former manager, Rod Tucker said that unless the sand was replaced the cost was so bad that the groyne should be taken out. The rock groyne at Tweed Heads had to be removed.

Developers can now build 18 story developments at Glenelg - we could end up with wet beaches. We are in a diabolical situation - and what will happen in 20 years time?

Richard suggested a Curry night with Dr Dyson as speaker. A big public meeting or Forum. Scoresby was one of 12 scientists at SAARDII who called on the Govt at the time not to allow the Boat Harbor. The advice was not listened to by Olsen Govt or Boulderstone.

The breakwater not the answer.

There is also now plans to redevelop the Evida Restaurant site - 3 storeys! It is a category 2 and nearby residents are very unhappy and have only a week to submit their concerns.

Meeting closed at 9:40