

# Minutes for General Meeting of VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 1900 hrs – VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY HALL



<b>MEETING OPENED AND ATTENDANCE:</b>	Opened after the AGM at 1936 hours Attendance 40 as the AGM
<b>WELCOME</b>	<b>President welcomes the VBCA Executive Committee and the various subcommittees for 2019/20 who were re-elected</b>
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	President welcomed Carina Hack <b>Carina introduced Maya from Stop5G Mid North Coast who discussed information on known dangers of 5G technology and why it could be a threat to the health and safety of our community. Attached is a brief Summary of Maya’s presentation.</b> <b>Response – Dr Peter Sobey – a summary of Peters response is also attached.</b>
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	As per the AGM
<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	The minutes of previous meeting dated 18 <sup>th</sup> March read Moved M. Best                      Seconded J.Windmill
<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>	Business arising – nil but discussed in General Business
<b>CORRESPONDENCE IN</b>	21.03.19 NSC – re response from Busways re services to Ocean Views Estate 22.03.19 NSC notification of Fire Hydrants – Valla Beach 25.03.19 NSC – re Complaint trip hazard beach at end of Thompson St 28.03.19 NSC Review of Policy Conditions of use of Sportsgrounds. 30.03.19 Playgroup – accept responsibility of mowing grass area they use. 01.04.19 Ferguson Contract Cleaning – invoice for Jan – March. 02.04.19 NSC – Road noise follow up – no response from RMS 02.04.19 NSC – suggestions for quote Net Ball Court. 02.04.19 Playgroup re Bike Track & bench. 05.04.19 FRRR re Rural Community Futures 07.04.19 BCU – advising of possible merger with P & N Bank WA 07.04.19 Treasurer – results of April Market 10.04.19 Guardian News – Article re Road Noise 11.04.19 NSW Gov’t – My Community Project. 14.04.19 Carole Andersen – Concern re Valla Beach public gardens . 15.04.19 Electoral Commission – re use of Hall 18 <sup>th</sup> May 15.04.19 NSC – re FRRR Workshop. 16.04.19 Alithia Learning – request for letter of support. 17.04.19 Fishers Asphalt – form for request for quote Netball Court. 29.04.19 Fishers Asphalt – quote foe Netball Court. 29.04.19 NSC requesting contact details of VBCA Committee 30.04.19 Electoral Commission – checklist to be completed for Hall Hire. 30.04.19 Treasurer – Financial Statement April 07.05.19 John Bennett – Support request to NSC to develop a Biodiversity Plan 30.05.19 NSC details of Plan 99-101 Ocean View Drive from community to Operational 05.06.19 NSC – invoice for balance Playgroup Bike Track. 07.06.19 RMS – re survey [Lack of Forms] reply to Lori Warren 10.06.19 FRRR advising grant application open. 16.06.19 NSC – Copy of FRRR grant application completed. 11.06.19 Lori Warren to RMS – re survey and noise monitoring results. 12.06.19 NSC – Rationalising Public Amenities in the Local NSC area.

	<p>13.06.19 Playgroup requesting invoice for Hall Hire.1  14.06.19 NSC – approval for waste pick up Valla Reserve [Market Days and Carols]  18.06.19 Melinda Pavey – confirming Grants to local Councils.  21.06.19 NSC – confirming they have had no response to request re Noise Monitoring.  22.06.19 Carina Hack – concern about Health Issues with 5G – talk at July GM  24.06.19 NSC – Requirement to Record Volunteer Hours  24.06.19 RMS – Yvonne Bowles on Leave until 29 July – contact Katrina.  24.06.19 Preschool – re extra toilet facilities – meeting 15 July  25.06.19 Guardian – cost for advertising AGM  29.04.19 Lyn Walsh requesting to report on 2020 Artshow  29.04.19 Tennis Club – note re amenities  01.07.19 Ceri Wrobel – August Market Musicians  03.07.19 Melissa Seelenmeyer – re Stop 5G Presentation  03.07.19 RMS – Jacinta Sweeney reports available soon –  04.07.19 Preschool – Annual Report for AGM  04.07.19 NSC – Clean Energy Committee – Possibility of Grant for Solar at Hall</p>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE OUT</b>	<p>16.04.19 Electoral Commission – Hire of Hall Fed Election  16.04.19 NSC – Concerns re Blueberry Farming and Chemical Pollution Deep Creek  24.04.19 NSC – Reserves &amp; Parks reply  24.04.19 NSC – letter of support for Alithia Learning use of Anderson Park for Training  25.04.19 NSC – Section 356 Donations request wheelie Bins for markets &amp; Carols  04.06.19 NSC received invoice for extra work Playgroup Bike Track.  19.06.19 NSC – invite to AGM &amp; GM 15<sup>th</sup> July  21.06.19 Guardian – Article in community posts re AGM &amp; gm  22.06.19 NSC – re concrete blocks on 4W drive track.  24.06.19 RMS – note re Road Noise to Yvonne Bowles  07.07.19 RMS - reply to Jacinta Sweeney re Road Noise and invite to GM  10.07.19 NSC – request delay in responding to Rationalising Public Amenities</p>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	Read and Moved by J.Windmill seconded M.Best
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	As discussed at AGM.
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>1] Anderson Park</b>  <b>1a]</b> We are still looking for sports clubs to use the Park  We have been given contact details and waiting a return call  <b>1b]</b> Cricket Pitch is completed – Next steps Secretary to contact president of the Nambucca Cricket Club who supported our grant application.  <b>1c]</b> Net/Basket Ball Court – grant application is in [Tracey Suter]  This is community grant for the Oxley area – the community have to vote via Services NSW the organisation with the most point wins.  Voting details will be on the FB page plus Valla Views  Alison Secombe raised a point that there had been no community consultation re the location of the Net/Basket Ball courts – and was concerned about noise as she lives very close to the area that was a netball grass court but the new proposal is for Bitumen, would like location to be moved to North Side.  <b>1d]</b> Alithia Learning – Using part of the park Northern side  VBCA have had no further correspondence at this stage.  <b>1e]</b> A Modular Pumptrack by Parkitect may be a new venture.  Modular play equipment which is becoming very popular in Council</p>

Parks, VBCA will obtain quotes.

**2] Market Report** – John Windmill -

The market continues to bring people, as this is our only source of income, I'd like to thank the Market Committee for their dedication to ensuring the Stall Holders are happy, [we now have Permanent sites] Have moved the stage closer to the Food/eating area, plus a new Marque to cover the tables. The committee are always looking at ways to make the Public want to come back.

**3] Grants** – Tracey Suter

Funds are available but have to be applied for – what do we need.

**3a]** Post Office community grants – this for improvements to existing facilities etc. VBCA are considering – for the Hall – Computer, projector and Screen for presentations at General Meetings  
Line Marker for Valla Reserve/Anderson Park.

BBQ etc at Anderson Park near the covered tables & Benches.

**3b]** NSC – Solar – Hall & Preschool – Grants available to boost the Solar energy at School/Hall – Peter Sobey will report.

**4] Bus Stop Kuta Ave** –has been relocated, we are now waiting for road signs etc warning of the Bus Stop, and no Parking.

**5] High Way Noise** – Lori Warren

No response to many emails asking for the Reports on Noise Monitoring after the Diamond Grinding, The RMS were invited to address this meeting, only response was an apology for delay in replying and offering a one on one meeting with the Project Manager which we have accepted, waiting for a date, Previously the Guardian reported a April discussion with RMS Acting Director Vicky Sisson who advised the noise report is expected by end May.

*Post the meeting the report has been Published with [as expected] the diamond grinding has reduced slightly some aspects of Road Noise and is the same as the Old Pacific Hwy. The RMS Advise no further noise treatments required. – VBCA will still speak with the Project Manager if he is available.*

**6] Hall Bookings** Marja Parker

The hall is booked most nights of the week.

**7] Carols in the park** – Daphne Jones

Next Carols is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Daphne has again advised that this will be her last Carols, and would like someone to understudy her this year, to go forward in 2020, **Help** we do not want this Magnificent Event to die, it's the show piece of the Year for Valla Residents. Daphne with the help of Graham and the Subcommittee have put so much effort into this, surely there is a

	<p>person in the community who could help Daphne and then take over.</p> <p><b>8] Art Show – Lyn Walsh</b>  This Year show is 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – 10am – 5pm  official opening 11am 4<sup>th</sup> January  Art show is looking for Helpers  Setting Up, Cleaning, Mowing etc 2-3 January  Catering for the opening  Gallery Duty if Needed  Cleaning up after</p> <p><b>9] Any other Business</b></p> <p><b>a] Toilets</b> refer letter from NSC re maintenance  NSC are seeking community feedback with the aim to rationalise the number of Public Amenities across the shire Valla Beach has 4 and NSC would like to close the one at Thompson St or hand over the responsibility of upkeep to the Tennis Club.  With a show of Hands the residents at the meeting voted to keep the Thomson St toilet open. The Tennis Club have also to reply to the NSC. The maintenance of the other public amenities the VBCA will respond, not necessary 7 days per week as indicated, but 2 days should be sufficient.</p> <p><b>b] Play Group – Bike Track</b> all completed the VBCA were asked to contribute a short fall to the grant [GST \$500.00] which has been paid.</p> <p><b>c] Preschool - New Toilet Block plus Shower at Preschool &amp; Hall</b>  The plans for new Bathroom Facilities were discussed, slightly changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> plan, VBCA happy with the design as it will not affect the current hall layout, but will give storage space for the tables and chairs currently stored in the hall and have to be moved every time the Hall is hired.</p> <p><b>d] Gary Suter – Discuss possibility of a Community project involving youth in Valla and the Nambucca Shire for 2020</b>  A can boat Race in Macksville with the Local Schools involvement its early days but the Residents thought the idea had merit.</p> <p><b>e] Motions from the floor</b></p> <p><b>John Bennett - Motion</b>  “VBCA ask NSC to develop a Biodiversity Management Plan as a matter of urgency.” This was passed with 100% show of hands –  A letter will be written to NSC.</p>
<p><b>MEETING CLOSE</b></p> <p><b>AND NEXT MEETING</b></p>	<p>2115 Hours</p> <p>General Meeting 18 November 2019 at Valla Beach Community Hall commencing 1900 hrs</p>

## Summary of Presentation by Maya Aimann from stop5g.org.au

STOP 5G Mid North Coast, with over 1700 members, presented by Maya Short clip on 5G shown <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESmIKsTOFto>  
We are committed to raising community awareness about the implications of 5G technologies and the impact it will have on the environment, humans and animals. **We encourage everyone to do their own research** – to come to their own informed and educated decisions about the scientifically proven implications of the increase in EMF pollutants from 5G technologies. **We call for independent testing and review of the cumulative effects of the 5G technology.**

Outlined was what is 5G technology, a new small cell, millimetres wave of very high frequency (3.6 GHz to 300 GHz), exposing us to radiation 50 to 100 times stronger than currently. Cities and councils around the world are banning or placing a moratorium on this technology under the precautionary principal. 5G rollout in Australia by 2020. Barrister Ray Broomhall has won several cases against this technology going up in Australia and it has been **shown in Australian courts to constitute an assault on people.** <https://www.wesaynoto5ginaustralia.com/>

This technology is not financially advantageous to Nambucca Shire **Real Estate prices drop near towers or affected sites** and retirees/sea changers want a healthy place to live.

1. Safety: ARPANSA (Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency) last did testing in 20002 and has a disclaimer on its site saying that their information should only be used as a guide for education purposes and you should seek professional advice (ie. a doctor or scientist). Its 'safe' level recommendation is significantly higher than any other country. Its testing standards are flawed. For example, ARPANSA's safety guidelines use short, rather than long-term exposure standards. The current guidelines are based on the thermal effects of a 6 minute exposure only on an adult. **The claim that non ionising radiation is not harmful is not backed up by comprehensive independent scientific testing.** The science is clearly in: EMR or Electromagnetic Radiation is harmful to humans, animals and the environment, as shown by thousands of peer reviewed independently funded studies. <https://www.5gspaceappeal.org/the-appeal>

2. Health: **Children are at high risk** as their skulls are thinner, the immune compromised and **elderly are also at risk.** Global experts say the following are some of the health effects of existing Electro Magnetic Radiation: Cancer, sterility, miscarriage, brain tumours (especially in children), learning, memory, fatigue, headaches, nose bleeds, tinnitus, neurological and nerve receptor damage. <https://mdsafetech.org/> <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/>

3. There has been no significant public consultation and you can't opt out. **The roll out has begun without any community consultation, or peer-reviewed studies to ensure the safety** of the environment, animals and humans and in an outrageous flouting of the precautionary principle. As I mentioned earlier, the first step is educating Nambucca Shire Council on the alarming worldwide concerns of 5G technology. **We're calling on the council (who do have powers according to Barrister Ray Broomhall) Telcos and the Federal Government to exercise a duty of care and adhere to the international policy of the 'Precautionary Principle'. This Principle states an action should not be taken when there is scientific uncertainty about its potential impact.** <https://ehtrust.org/>

### Summary of Dr Peter Sobey's - Response

The information on the Anti-5G website is misleading and much of it is false. It is obviously written by people who do not have the most basic understanding of physics. The EMR (Electo-Magnetic Radiation) at 5G frequencies is 1,000 times weaker than the heat radiated from your warm body. It is certainly not ionising radiation.

The most dangerous and powerful EMR that people are exposed to is sunlight. The ultra-violet part of sunlight is ionising and will give you cancer and cause cellular damage. We take precautions against this danger by wearing hats, clothes, sunscreen, and limiting our exposure.

The EMR from 5G radio waves is 100,000 times weaker than sunlight and, like the heat radiated from other people, will only contribute to a very slight warming if absorbed.

The 5G network may offer faster internet and, hopefully, better phone quality. It may be used to send you more advertising but the radiation will not give you cancer. Too much sunshine will give you cancer. Alcohol will give you cancer. We need to keep things in perspective and not succumb to irrational scare campaigns with no basis in fact.