

## Vehicular Access to Beaches Committee Meeting

MINUTES OF THE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO BEACHES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM AT COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, MACKSVILLE

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### PRESENT

Cr John Ainsworth (Chairperson)  
Paul Gallagher (AGMES)  
Rhett Smyth  
Kevin Morrison

Greg Artlett  
James Sakker  
Bill Watts

### APOLOGIES

Cr Brian Finlayson  
Brian Hall

Kevin Morrison (Jnr)

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

/18 **RESOLVED:** (Smyth/Sakker)

That the Committee confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 16 February 2018.

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### ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 6.1 SF843 161118 Outstanding Actions - Reported to November 2018 meeting

23/18 **RESOLVED:** (Smyth/Artlett)

The progress on the outstanding actions presented to the meeting on 16 February 2018 be received and noted.

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ITEM 6.2 SF843 161118 Update on the replacement and upgrade of beach access signage

24/18 **RESOLVED:** (Watts/Sakker)

That the information relating to the replacement and updating of beach signage be received and noted and that any replaced signage reflect the illegal fishing hotline number 1800 043 536.

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ITEM 6.3 SF843 161118 Financial Report - November 2018

25/18 **RESOLVED:** (Watts/Smyth)

1 That the Financial Report dated 9 November 2018 presented to the Vehicular Access To Beaches Committee on 16 November 2018 be received and noted.

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- 2 That Council allocate an amount of \$40K from the Reserve fund to the 2018/19 Budget to enable the upgrade of the 4WD beach access track at Valla Beach and
- 3 That Council investigate the possibility of obtaining government funding on a \$ for \$ basis through any fishing grants available.

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ITEM 6.4 SF843 161118 Status of 4WD Access Tracks - November 2018

26/18 **RESOLVED:** (Schneider/Morrison)

**That the report on the beach access tracks as at the 8 November 2018 and presented to the Vehicular Access To Beaches Committee on 16 November 2018 be received and noted.**

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ITEM 6.5 SF843 161118 Report from Manager Development and Environment - November 2018

27/18 **RESOLVED:** (Schneider/Artlett)

- 1 That the report from the Manager Development and Environment for the period 1 February 2018 to 31 October 2018 be received and noted.
- 2 That the Ranger be requested to attend the Vehicular Access To Beaches Committee meetings.

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ITEM 6.6 SF843 161118 Honorary Rangers Reports - November 2018

#### DISCUSSION:

##### **James Sakker**

A written report was tabled and is **attached**. Upcoming risk for Shelly Beach. Improvement of facilities may attract unauthorised camping due to social media. A notable increase in backpackers presence. He has requested if Council's Ranger could program regular visits to this area in particular and undertake enforcement action when necessary. It was further suggested that signage be erected - No Parking between 12.30am and 4.30am.

##### **Bill Watts**

Parking is at a premium at Shelly Beach. Camping should not be permitted and large recreational vehicles taking up considerable room and preventing access for others. Difficult for fishermen with boats and parking of trailers. Interested in wellbeing of beaches and that they are kept pristine for everybody. New 4WD access at Scotts Head is great. Dog signage needs to be amended.

##### **Rhett Smyth**

Recreation vehicles taken up boat/trailer parking spaces and boat/trailers too long to park in regular car parking spaces.

Fishing Club are having discussions with RMS concerning the lead in diamonds going up the road and banks guiding boats into Shelly Beach. They need to be replaced to standards of RMS, and will be maintained by RMS. Hydrological surveyor will be engaged to ensure they are located in correct spot. There is a chance that the lead in diamonds on the bank will probably be removed if Fishing Club agree to ones being installed on the road. RMS have indicated there will be no responsibility for Council.

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Mr Sakker commented that the vast majority use the short cut marks and would like them left in place. Neither guaranteed for complete safety.

Mr Watts advised that the Fishing Club will ask the RMS to leave the short cut marks alone as short and middle marks both used.

#### **Kevin Morrison Snr**

Raised a question on behalf of Kevin Morrison Jnr seeking clarification on the access to Deep Creek from Swimming Creek. Is it 3.7km or 3.2km? – AGMES advised that this would be investigated and a response forwarded to the VATBC. It was confirmed that the Beach Permit Brochure stated 3.2km.

Trip hazards on the small bridge from the Swimming Creek car park to the beach over Secluded Creek. James Sakker clarified that the new timber is at the proper level, but the older boards are not.

#### **Greg Artlett**

Agreed with former statement that free campers are taking up a lot of room.

Valla Reserve – boatramp too old and difficult to access. AGMES advised Grant Nelson is looking at this and believes it is being scheduled for improvement. Will seek clarification and VATBC accordingly.

Dog issues – Council's Ranger needs to enforce the dog rules.

Assistant General Manager Engineering Services suggested signage identifying Boat and Trailer parking only and No Camping Permitted and that he would seek clarification on the issues raised and advise the VATBC of the outcome.

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28/18 **RESOLVED:** (Sakker/Morrison)

- 1 **That the written and verbal reports from the Honorary Rangers provided on the 16 November 2018 be received and noted.**
- 2 **That the issues with overnight parking and camping at Beilbys Beach, Swimming Creek, Morrison Park and Shelly Beach be referred to Council's Development and Environment Section to investigate the implementation of regulatory signage to prevent overnight parking and other parking issues for cars, boats/trailers and large recreational vehicles.**

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ITEM 6.7 SF843 161118 2019 Meeting Dates for Vehicular Access to Beaches Committee

29/18 **RESOLVED:** (Schneider/Watts)

**That the next meeting date for the Vehicular Access To Beaches Committee commencing at 1.30pm is Friday, 8 February 2019.**

## NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Friday 8 February 2019 commencing at 1.30pm.

## CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson then closed the meeting the time being 2.32pm.

**CR J AINSWORTH  
(CHAIRPERSON)**

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#### **HONORARY RANGER REPORT FROM Mr James Sakker**

I go to Swimming Creek and walk the beach north to the dune adjacent to the bridge over Deep Creek at Hyland Park on most mornings. I have observed a very high level of compliance since my last report in February 2018. I also regularly go to Shelly and Beilby's beaches and have observed a very high level of compliance with Council regulations.

The access bridge at Swimming Creek had become very dilapidated and has had some works conducted on it in the last 2 weeks to repair it. I'm concerned that there are still some rotten timber planks and the edge protection on the upstream side is also starting to rot. The bridge now appears safe but I would recommend that Council look to replacing the other rotting timber in the near future.

I have noticed an increase in the number of campervans using Shelly beach with the excellent facilities that are there and I think there is some illegal overnight stays occurring which will probably increase as we enter Summer.

Yours sincerely  
James Sakker