

1988 Annual Report (for 1987-88) and Flood Report

President Syd Whiteley welcomed everyone and reminded non members of the yearly subs due, \$2.00 to join and \$2.00 per year per person.

The President read the minutes from the Annual General Meeting 1987 in the absence of a Secretary.

A motion that the minutes be adopted was moved by B. Wilson/L. Child.

Report from the President:

A call for apologies was made prior to the President's report:-
Cr. B. Boniface, C. & T. Masters, Cr. O. Dunne, T. Burton, T. Dack.

During the last year we had a disastrous flood in May and we have been pressing for some action to prevent this happening in the future. The Shire President of the Byron Shire Council has informed me that he intends to call a meeting in May when they will have the flood mitigation to study, to discuss this study and any other problems with this Assoc., and any other Councillors who are interested.

On the sewerage problem, he states the main problem is that most household gullies are too low, allowing storm water to enter in large quantities thereby causing overloading of the system. To correct this, household gullies will have to be raised to a higher level.

At this stage I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our last Secretary Clem Masters, for his help and the effort he has put into running the Assoc., during his long term as Secretary of the Association.

To the other office bearers I also extend my sincere thanks for their work on behalf of the Association.

To Councillor Boniface, I would like to extend on my behalf and the members, our thanks for his attendance at our meetings and his efforts on our behalf at the Byron Shire Council and elsewhere.

Syd. Whiteley.
President.

Financial Report:

At the end of the financial year we have a credit balance of \$85.70.
Moved by Gloria Dack/Bob Nelson.

Fund Raising Report:

At the end of the financial year we have a credit balance of \$621.73. Mr. Les Clarke, Bulgoon Crescent, Ocean Shores audited both sets of books and found both to be true and faithful reports of the Association's financial activities. Mr. Clarke suggested the fund raising account be passed to the Treasurer.

Fund raising report moved by Bob Nelson/ Norm Hale.

There followed the election of Office Bearers with Mrs. Beryl Wilson taking the chair.

President: Nominated - Syd Whiteley
moved by Roy Dilkes/L. Child.
accepted.

Secretary: Nominated - Lorraine Doherty
moved by S. Whiteley/Gloria Dack.
accepted.

Minute Secretary:

Nominated - M. Burton
moved by Gloria Dack/Beryl Wilson
accepted.

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Treasurer: Nominated - Gloria Dack
moved by Beryl Wilson/Roy Dilkes.
accepted.

Assistant Treasurer:

Nominated - Bob Nelson
moved by Gloria Dack/Beryl Wilson.
accepted.

Archives: Nominated: Lola Walsh
moved by V. Whiteley/L. Child.
accepted.

Publicity Officer:

Nominated - M. Burton
moved L. Doherty/S. Whiteley.
accepted.

Fund Raising Committee:

B. Wilson moved that this position be left vacant and considered at the next monthly meeting - seconded by all members.

Attendance at the above meeting is as per the attendance book however, many people did not sign the book and numbers are estimated at between fifty and sixty people..

Read & confirmed
8/4/89 AD

Minutes of the special flood meeting held on Saturday 9th April, 1988.

The President reported to the meeting how lucky we were this time around, not to have experienced a disaster - he then handed the chair over to Councillor Alladice for a report.

Cr. Alladice told us of two aspects of concern to Council, the flooding of South Golden Beach and the health problem with the sewerage spill, the latter is being studied carefully. It is related to flood problems as it only occurs at the same time as a flood.

A very comprehensive flood report has now been received but has not been seen by him as yet, this will be sighted On Tuesday next week and will be made public at the next Council meeting on the 26th April.

Cr. Alladice regretted the delay in the report, it was due to the inaccuracies of the survey data where the aerial photography proved not sufficient and a ground check had to be done.

The report was far more complex than realised and had taken extra time as they had no second chances and must get it right.

There are two criteria in the assessment:-

1. Safety and security of people, house and possessions.
2. To provide a safe access at all times.

There will also be the safety of school children to consider when the Billinudgel Pre-School is built in Shara Boulevard, Ocean Shores Waterways Cr. Alladice mentioned the problems at Billinudgel with the obstacle of the railway line and the channel between the railway bridge to the road overgrown, the first priority will be to clean it out.

There is the problem of the undergrowth from the Highway to New Brighton and to Brunswick, problems aggravated by siltation, all along Marshall's Creek to the river.

The wall erected at the boatharbour has aggravated the siltation problems and this will be attended to in the study. The dept. of public works has been very difficult about it since building the wall but have adopted a far more realistic approach to their thinking now.

There will be an alternate access for water to the sea and the most likely is an ocean outfall which will be of some comfort to Northern residents.

Other aspects of the study are minor and it will take 2-3 days to digest it all. Cr. Dunne will meet us in May at a public meeting, inviting all Associations interested.

Cr. Alladice asked that we sit down and discuss our views before this meeting so we can go prepared to present our side to Council.

Cr. Alladice confirms that South Golden Beach is the most seriously disadvantaged area in a flood and accepts the fact that many homes were built at a low level. A suggestion was to put a levee bank around the area with pumps to get the water outside the levee.

Cr. Alladice answered the questions as to whether the Council was worried by the sea possibly coming in the ocean outfall and will what we want fall on deaf ears as before by saying that time and money is always the problem but a genuine attempt will be made to address the problem and that we'll see action in 6 months.

Cr. James spoke in support of Cr. Alladice and advised the meeting that the Bond Corporation will pay for the ocean outfall but work will be done by the Byron Shire and sub contractors.

A discussion was held on the dangerous drains on the estate and Cr. Alladice assured the meeting of his support.

A discussion was held on the soft option and hard option of the ocean outfall - would there be a temporary outfall subject to construction of a hard option? Cr. Alladice could not speculate until he reads the report on Tuesday. Members asked him if the combined meeting of the Associations want something done and the Council don't, what will happen? Cr. Alladice again referred to not having read the report and said that when the time comes the financial aspect, engineering aspect and common sense will decide the outcome.

Members asked when would the levee bank be built, the ocean outfall commenced - Cr. James asked us to check with Greg Alderson at the May meeting.

2. Flood meeting cont'd.

Cr. Alladice explained that the answer to the ocean outfall is not as easy as it looks, though in the report to seriously question the soft option.

Cr. Alladice explained that Public works can over-ride the Council and that all three parties need to work together, the Council, Public Works and the Associations. The wall at Brunswick Heads was not a good solution but the Public Works Dept did not accept that.

Cr. Alladice will recommend on our behalf that the bridge be restored over the canal to allow a means of access during flood times.

The meeting was advised that the Public Works Dept., came out during the flood and inspected the area, this time the water at New Brighton came from next to the oval and not the river as before. President Syd told us that we have Cr. Boniface to thank for the inspection as he went to Sydney on our behalf to see the Minister.

Cr. Alladice answered questions as to whether the report on flood mitigation will be translated into layman's terms - he is hoping to obtain such a copy for our Assoc. to read before we attend the public meeting in May so that we can be prepared and informed. Cr. James said we may not be able to get a copy of the report before the 26th April Council meeting but he will check on our behalf.

Mr. Bruce Robinson moved that the executive call a special meeting as soon as the report is received so we can outline our grievances and be fully informed when we go to the public meeting.

President advised that we will try and get a notice in the Advocate if in time to advertise the special meeting. He thanked Crs. Alladice and James for attending our meeting and for their input and support.

The President also thanked the S.E.S. for their help during the past flood.

A reminder of the Neighbourhood Watch meetings at Ocean Shores was made.

Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay have tendered their apologies for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.35a.m.