

General Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday 3 February 2021, 7:00 p.m. Tom Atkin Hall, Tugun

WELCOME: President Anthony Steinfort welcomed everyone

APOLOGIES: Terry & Jeanette Camp
Jann Stuckey
Peter Barrett
Paul Bullpitt

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Bev Cosgrove

1. GUEST SPEAKER – SENIOR SERGEANT TRACEY HARTLEY

- SS Hartley is currently acting OIC of Coolangatta Police Station. She advised the new commissioner has a focus on efficiencies and resources/practices so victims of crime (for example) do not have to deal with more than one officer. The program is expected to be rolled out on the Gold Coast in July.
- COVID-19 – 130 officers were rotating on border control, so with the border re-opening, those officers will be back to normal policing duties.
- While she was not able to provide statistics, SS Hartley said Tugun isn't on the radar for crime, especially during COVID-19, with little or no crime reported. Tugun is one of the safest places on the coast to live. If issues increase, resources will target them. Re-offenders are also being actively targeted. However, it is worth noting that just because crime is being spoken about on social media, (it) does not mean the crime has been reported to police. It was important to do so. Also, to know your neighbours, know who has CCTV in your street, contact police link on 131444 and online www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting to report incidents. Dial 000 for emergencies only.
- The Gold Coast has a transient population and the QPS is partnering with community organisations to monitor issues such as homelessness.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The airport curfew petition is ongoing. However, the online petition closed on 6 January 2021. A paper version is available on the TPA website (www.tugun.org).
- Trees near development sites are in danger of damage/removal and residents are asked to contact the TPA to nominate their favourite tree. The TPA will liaise with Council on the process to be undertaken to have the trees put on a significant tree register. In response, Councillor O'Neill advised the fig tree was heritage listed and there was more to registering a tree than simply requesting it. Factors about its health etc. must be taken into consideration by arborists before any decisions are made, but it was worthwhile going through the process.
- Traffic congestion complaints rose during the border closure. A radio station contacted the president for comment. The Toolona Street intersection is one of them and it is managed by TMR.
- The TPA is looking for a variety of speakers for 2021 and the president is encouraging members to send in their ideas.
- This year is the 90th birthday of the Tom Atkin Hall. More information on commemoration plans is to come.

3. TREASURER & HALL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operating account	\$8,680
Bond account	\$2,700

Term deposit	\$8,636	(this is a reserve fund for hall maintenance)
Term deposit (new)	\$25,350	(unused grant money kept until spent)

- Income was down during the COVID lockdown and restrictions, but is improving with groups such as a choir, ballroom dancing, kids' theatre, yogalates etc. booking the hall.
- The accounts are currently with the auditors. The accounting system has been migrated from MYOB to Xero.
- Councillor O'Neill asked what was happening with the Council grant of \$2,500 for the sign. The treasurer advised it will be acquitted by 21 July.

4. GUEST SPEAKER – STATE MP LAURA GERBER, MEMBER FOR CURRUMBIN

- Ms Gerber spoke about the issue of a proposed satellite hospital for Tugun – one of seven promised around the state. However, only \$230,000 has been allocated for Tugun which would barely cover purchase of land. Also, a \$15 million eco-tourism project, which was not a line item in the budget, was allocated only \$500,000. Again, this would barely cover purchase of land.
- Ms Gerber has been meeting with TMR about the removal of trees along the M1. She advises they are committed to re-planting but do not have details at this point. TMR said they consulted with the community but more work on consultation and community engagement needs to happen. Philip Follent asked what was happening with compensatory planting? He said planting trees to replace 100+ year old trees are not satisfactory. He asked Ms Gerber to raise it with TMR which she has undertaken to do.
- A small business forum is scheduled for 11 February 2021, 5:30 pm at the Currumbin Hotel, 3 Traders Way, Currumbin Waters. Bookings are limited, so interested people should contact Ms Gerber's office or go to: <https://www.gsgc.org.au/blog/backing-business-forum2/>.

5. GUEST SPEAKER – CR GAIL O'NEILL, DIVISION 14, GCCC

- Ms O'Neill advised the 2020 Tugun Lights Up event was a great success, and the new organiser did well.
- Coastal management officers planted out 1,530 tube stocks near Dune Street. The plantings are being monitored. Trees have been poisoned along the Oceanway, but it is exceedingly difficult to prove who is doing it and some residents have taken exception to the signage installed by Council.
- The platform site on the Wagawn Street project has moved again due to operational reasons. Philip Follent suggested composite wood be used instead of mini mesh. The service road south of Wagawn Street is to be widened. And counters have been laid on the Oceanway to monitor usage.
- The Wyberba Street parklands around the surf club are not up to scratch. The picnic furniture is to be upgraded. Bilinga Surf Club is getting a coffee shop with help from Division 14 funding and there are parking changes on Pacific Parade effective from 1 February 2021 – Sat/Sun/Public Holidays will be 3 hours between 9:00 – 5:00.
- Unfunded projects include the widening of the Oceanway south of Vikings Surf Club; an upgraded path at Greenmount Hill – it is unstable; widening of the footpath between Currumbin Alley carpark and Winders Park and some conditions have been applied to development applications at 227-229 Golden Four Drive and 309 Golden Four Drive.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- There was a question from the floor about the use of mobile LED signs advertising businesses (such as takeaway outlets) and what permits had to be in place? It is visual clutter and requests have been logged with council. Those interested can get more information: <https://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/management-of-advertising-devices-on-state-controlled-roads-29153.html>.

7. NEXT MEETING

Next TPA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 7 April 2021.