



Minutes of JOHNS RIVER COMUNITY PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION.

Saturday the 1st December, 2007 at Johns River
Community Hall.

Meeting: was opened at 3pm by Glen Ferrero who thanked everyone for coming and summarised what was going to be discussed today followed by updates of actions taken and progress made.

There was a letter written to Dick Whibly for more public rubbish bins to be put in place about town.

A letter was sent in request of owners of Timberline to be looked after and have an upkeep of presentation.

A letter was sent in request of speed limit reductions.

Received a reply from one such letter, regarding reduction in speed limits- there is a traffic committee who will discuss it in there next meeting and they'll let us know the outcome early next year.

The draft plan was explained for the post bypass urban designs- there plans are not set in concrete, all issues are up for discussion and will eventually be voted upon.

Blank maps were given out for any interested members who wish to give their ideas and opinions.

The urban plan submission to council is set for

February 2008.

There is still a call for name proposals for the main road, bridges and signs, any family or persons names by law have to be deceased.

We have a website now, its www.johnsriver.com.au.

Glen hands floor over to Bruce Shaw.
Bruce gives us the Community Liaison Group update:
Earth works are on the way from Obediah right through Kew and into Herrons Creek.

There will be some electronic speed zones in place, please keep to them. They have been brought up as close to the original zones as possible, including 60-80klm zones.

Relocation of power and telephone lines will start at Alogona rd first.

There will be blasting at middle brother mountain after Christmas.

a lot of houses are still being assessed for noise, these houses effected will either get double glazing or air conditioning fitted.

David questions the inconsistency of the road work speed limit zones.

Bruce answers There has been a new safety officer appointed and he is also aware of this problem and is fixing it.

Bruce went on to say that all these changes will be notified to residents prior to any work.

A question from a member to Bruce, are the signs going to be consistently covered outside working hours, so as people/drivers don't just ignore the signs.

Bruce answers, yes this is also currently being addressed.

Wendy asks a question, will they cover the blast area.

Glen answers, no. They will close the highway during the blast then reopen.

Bruce mentions that the blasting will be like Boral blasting.

Glen asks if there is any more questions that would be brought forward at the next CLG meeting. If anyone needs anything call anyone of us CLG members before the 23rd January.

Member from 50 Stewarts river rd voices concerns of drainage problems and felling of trees. She has concerns for her health. She sent a letter about the felling of trees are quite close.

Glen asks have you spoken to Alliance?

Member answers yes, they are coming next week.

Glen tells her if she is not satisfied with the result, not to hesitate in calling him.

Glen goes on to the topic of incidences concerning rocks being thrown on residents houses at night. Michael Williams will be called in regards to a committee being established in conjunction with the police.

Signs to be posted at the shop for interested parties to join and for a meeting time where people can come and tell there stories.

Incidents need to be reported to police for statistics and if we want more police presence.

Wendy said she has made 9 incident reports and they said to keep reporting them for statistical purposes.

Mary Williams said she spoke to Jason from Coopernook Police Station. He said he lives at the back of the station, call him anytime.

Glen said that is great and goes on to explain more of the urban designs.

Chris makes a point that council said they have a limited budget to plan developments and asked the committee to come up with some for feedback.

Tom asks why we need a roundabout at the junction of Thomas st and hwy

Glen answers that we don't this can be erased. Remember, this is just a concept idea to get the ball rolling.

Chris makes a point that the reason we did not have a roundabout before is because it was a highway.

Kerri points out that the round about on the concept urban design at Thomas st and the highway blocks the access of Sue Lee's property.

Glen acknowledges this and once again points out that it was only an idea.

Tony brings up that on this map it appears that the garage only has access one-way, this wont work.

David answers, No, it just appears that way. He then goes on to explain that this map was only for research of feasibility, wether council and RTA will come to the party and what they will in fact give us.

He then spoke of traffic calming, which were the reasons for the roundabout, etc, of the plans. This was all to get the idea ball rolling and then consolidate the ideas that have the least negatives to then vote upon.

He wants everyone to have the opportunity to have their say before we run out of time.

Tony points out on this map that the proposal for the toilets near the bus bay are not feasible and just wont fit there. He then proposed that the rest area be at the hall.

Robyn agreed with Tony, saying it is our only option as it can not go in the other place.

Glen agrees.

Kerri addresses her concerns of the lack of car spaces appointed for rest area. When you put a car with a caravan in the car park, out of four car spaces half is gone.

David agrees and tried different things.

Tony asked what RTA can give us? I.e., concrete, ash-fault.

In front of the school has the worst draining problem, can we ask the RTA to fix it and get a car park and turning bay. Could we please ask them, or we wont get it.

Chris says this issue is not for RTA, but for council.

Tony agrees.

David clarifies what Tony wants.

Tony agrees and adds a proposal to approach

Alliance for the old pipes that will be pulled,
wether we could have those to recycle its use.

Malcolm asks, what about the railway bridge and
water run off, when will these problems be fixed?

Glen says these items need to be addressed.

Tony proposes the idea we send a letter to the
State Rail Department for a hydrologist.

Glen asks Tony to do this.

Tony agrees.

Tom asks who owns Timberline?

Glen answers.....

Tom addresses his concerns with the lantana and
weed problem.

Glen said we can send a letter.

Tom asks about the lantana problem at.....

Chris said he has sent a letter and photos of
Timberline to ask for them to maintain the
premises.

Tony mentions that along some parts of the hwy, a
slasher cant get access to.

Glen said these issues will also be addressed.

Malcolm expresses his concerns about the towns
drainage problem that runs through his property.

Glen asks for his address and he will find out what
can be done.

Glen hands floor over to Chris.

Chris shows a variety of proposals for the rest area and park, including the options and the problems, I.e., the lack of land for the school parking. He shows a plan which includes nose in parking at school.

Kerri addresses her concerns for safety of nose in parking and lack of sight of children as we are reversing.

Tony backtracks to previous discussions of drainage and recycle of old pipes. He asks for committee to vote.

Glen addresses Tony and tells him that we can after the new plans are submitted to committee.

Subject back on with Chris' proposals for urban designs with more ideas, such as having the rest area at the hall with extra parking on the council land. All this depends on drainage.

Robyn asks will there have to be a fence for safety around the park.

Chris answers, these are still all concept ideas, but all safety issues will be addressed before construction.

Member asks, will council look after all of this?

Chris answers, yes and all these plans are easy care plans.

David makes a point that when the hand over happens there is also funding handed over- a large amount in the 1st year and then funding every five years.

Chris reminds us that we are the only pro-active town in the bypass corridor.

Then goes on to show more urban design options, such as a rest area at Timberline.

Bet Kay asks about accommodation for public transport and access.

Chris said we will look at the accommodation plan.

Wendy makes a point that time is an asset, we should letter drop about issues because we could sit here all day and talk.

Glen agrees as this is already in the plan.

Wendy makes an announcement of thanks for all Glens effort and dedication.

He is applauded.

David takes the floor. Please talk about all of this with each other and then come to us. We will push RTA and council to get a decent plan together. But you have to understand that the conclusion of all of this may not make everybody happy.

Tony says we need to get a flyer out to everybody.

Glen agrees, says it's a great idea. Then mentions the idea Tony had about the convict graves. These turned out to be not convict graves, so the matter is being dropped all in agreement.

Murray mentions that Coopernook still isn't finished.

Glen says his thanks for coming and acknowledges their problems.

Wendy brings up the road proposals and says we should look into who was the first settler in Johns River.

Elsie nominates the roundabout to be named Sid Tiedmen.

Glen thanks everyone for coming and closes meeting at 4:10pm.