

Norah Head Ratepayers, Residents & Coastcare Association Inc.

eNEWSLETTER

Association Meeting 6th September 2021 - **CANCELLED**

Location Norah Head Hockey Club Building

Time 7.30pm

Secretary Gary Dean | 0408 021 990

THE LOCKDOWN AS IT AFFECTS THE CENTRAL COAST HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL 10TH SEPTEMBER 2021

AS SUCH THE ASSOCIATION CANNOT HOLD ITS SEPTEMBER MEETING

Reclassification and Sale of Norah Head Community Centre

The last two editions of the eNewsletter have included details on this issue. Last month it was reported that the long awaited report to Council (the Administrator) on the planned asset sales was listed on the agenda for the meeting of 27th July 2021.

In relation to the Norah Head Community Centre the Officers recommendation was:

"That Council reclassify 75 Bungary Road, Norah Head (Lot 1 DP 860696) and 75 Bungary Road, Norah Head (Lot 5 Sec 24 DP 758779) from community to operational land and sell for not less than the market value as determined by an independent valuer once construction has commenced on a new community facility."

Just prior to that Council meeting the Association made representations directly to the Administrator pointing out what appeared to be an inconsistency between the recommendation above and the supporting documentation in the Officers report.

The Officer's recommendation just states "*a new community facility*" whereas the supporting document stated "*...a new community facility in a new location within Norah Head*"

The Administrator also received representations from another interested party regarding the future of the existing playground equipment at the Community Centre.

At the Council meeting the Administrator referred to both representations received. The decision which was subsequently made by the Administrator reflects the issues raised in both submissions.

The Administrator also pointed out at the Council meeting that the existing Community Centre "***has to go***" and that he was "***happy to use some of the funds to build a***

replacement” . “...The community will get a new hall and that there is a need to relocate the playground equipment”

Subsequently the Association was advised by Central Coast Council,

“Thank you for your email to the Administrator, on behalf of the Norah Head Residents, Ratepayers and Coastcare Association regarding the Asset Sales Report and Norah Head Community Centre. The Administrator has asked that I respond on his behalf to provide you an update following the Council Meeting.

At its Ordinary Council Meeting held 27 July 2021, Council resolved the below, part thereof:

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Input from local community groups, such as the Association, will be important to ensure any new facility meets local community needs and is functional and accessible. Council’s Unit Manager Leisure, Beach Safety and Community Facilities, will be in contact once further information becomes available” (BOLD HIGHLIGHT ADDED)

Central Coast Council Officers coordinated an on-line meeting on Wednesday 25th August 2021. The Association President represented the local community. The meeting also included a representative from the Hockey Club.

The Council Officers advised that the meeting was an initial introduction and information sharing on what action Council Officers have taken in regard to moving forward. It was advised:

- The land on which the hockey building is situated was transferred to the Council from the state government mid-2020.
- The relationship between Council and the Hockey Club (lease, licence etc.) is being investigated.
- Funding opportunities are being investigated for the possible construction of a new building adjacent to the hockey field.
- A detailed assessment is being undertaken regarding the condition of the hockey building (possible refurbishment)

A further meeting is planned for later in September 2021.

Minutes of the August 2021 Meeting

The August meeting was cancelled due to the COVID Health Orders.