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Introduction

A sad year losing Kathy Adams
A bad year, up to September, having to deal with the Watson dominated (SIG) council.
A glad year, from November onwards with the incoming new council under Paul Green

We are now incorporated and financial and have a strong working relationship with the new council

South Coast Independent Review Panel (Dr Refshauge)

A possible 147ha of Crown land was potentially available for development. The land was spread between North Bendalong, Bendalong and Manyana/Cunjurong Point

The outcome was staggering in that the Panel recommended just 8ha be identified for future potential development *when and if needed*. The remainder was to be rezoned under the new LEP template as E2 – environmental conservation

Shoalhaven Water

The Association attempted on several occasions to have SW commit to a 'capped' figure for the northern treatment plant. It was not until June 2007 and with the assistance of the new Group manager – Carmel Krogh, that we were able to finally have an agreed upper limit of 2009 ET established.

To give you some perspective of what this would mean;
Existing/infill and caravan parks = 1309 ET
Proposed developments Malbec/Kylor hall/ Vacenta/ Crown land =607

Leaving spare capacity = 90 ET

In the case of Kylor we would be using these figure to argue a maximum lot number of 316 rather than the last effort seeking some 550lots.

CRSS (Conjola Regional Sewerage Scheme)

CRSS was officially commissioned last year attended by a good sized vocal crowd which was well managed and restrained protesting about unwanted development

Utilities Minister Rees was angry about the protest and appeared to lack any compassion for the environment; he deals in dollar only terms. A great disappointment now that he is Premier

Vacenta P/L

We met with the consultants for Vacenta P/L on 11 June 07. Unlike Malbec these folk appear to be a little more gentle and aware of at least some of the environmental implications.

Their application is still with the DoP but at our meeting the lot number had been reduced from 72 to 56 with a considerable area of reserve being added to the eastern side to abut the current coastal reserve.

A staged development once again with the likelihood of stage 1 being the continuation and joining of Sunset Strip

Hall (Allawah cabins)

Initially an 18 lot proposal seeking waiver in master plan. DoP reduced to proposal to just 8 lots with the residual lot being zoned environmental sensitive; hence the work we put into the South Coast review panel was well worth the effort.

The proposal received consent on 23 December 2007 and it is our understanding that one or two lots (11 and 12) may possibly be developed this year.

There are some follow-up matters to pursue with respect to the remainder of the caravan park, its design etc and also the decommissioning of the stand-alone sewerage system that was installed some years ago

Kylor Rezone

It would appear that there was a rift between the consultants, the developers and Council as to what was expected of them in their report. Instead of supporting the rezoning application as it was designed by Kylor the consultants felt it necessary in their brief to modify this somewhat; both Kylor and the consultants proposals were considered to endanger the environment and ignore the lack of social and community infrastructure.

Regardless they packed their bags and Kylor withdrew the application. Perhaps 2009 will be kinder to them but not before having parted with \$8000 donation to the Watson mayoral bid; this point should negate Cr Watson from participating in any council consideration as this donation would be considered a significant pecuniary monetary interest.

Malbec Berringer Road

After almost 3 years Malbec finally had DoP approve the 182 lot subdivision on Berringer Road.

Our issues for protecting the EEC were given some attention with DoP ordering an increase in buffer zone from 2 to 3 ha Also the public reserve area was increased as well Malbec in its usual style simply reduced the size of the proposed lots so that it could remain with 180 lots. Stage 1 is for 30 lots and is opposite where we sit today. When and if they start any activity this year remains contentious.

Malbec Inyadda Drive

What a mess! Malbec has tried everything for these 2 lots zoned Rural 1d.

Having been granted a single dwelling on rural land less than 40 ha Malbec immediately launched its 330 lots Manyana Township Plan, “the new gateway to Manyana”.

This would have required a rezone and even the Mayor Watson thought this to be an unlikely outcome especially with the new draft LEP template being drawn up.

The switch to a manufactured long term residential park was hardly surprising however your anger and excellent letters of objection and concern expressed at the Community briefing in June were truly magnificent.

To cut to the chase the proposal was rejected by Council and the development Committee 13 votes to 0 without discussion.

In the intervening 2 week period before full council ratification Malbec introduced the latest in its planning fiascos by wanting to have the application withdrawn and an amended application for 75 lot tourist/ mobile park take its place. The amendment was rejected 8 votes to 3 with 2 councillors being absent – interestingly Josie Young being one of them

We now await to see if a sect 82A application will be made in which case the whole issue is once more up for grabs.

LEP Template

The draft LEP template is still with DOP but we expect it to emerge in the first quarter of this year for finalisation. We will be ensuring that all lands identified by the Refshauge Panel are properly zoned

Interestingly enough the new zonings for the Malbec rural land do not permit caravan parks; hence the desperate rush by these developers to get anything through now

Website and Communications

We have an excellent and accessible website no pictures so even if you are on land-line it doesn't take long to connect.

Hot topics will give you any latest news.

There is a forum for asking questions and our new Comms Coord will ensure that you receive answers.

If you are worried by the forum then contact details for each exec officer are provided on the site as well

Please ensure we have your email addresses accurately recorded by us as we want to reduce mail out costs and utilize the Internet.

Voting

Thanks for your support to put in Robert Millar; it was an outstanding success in this area with Robert receiving 93% of the vote.

We now have a good council and one where we are able to approach other councilors in other wards to gain support for our arguments – a totally different story to that experienced over the past 13 years

Thanks

I want on your behalf thank the Exec Committee for their support and endeavors this year. The team has worked well and is worthy of your accolade in representing and supporting the community as a whole.