

NORTHBANK ENTERPRISE HUB COMMUNITY MEETING – 11 July 2011

Commenced: 3pm Venue: Tomago House

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1 Apologies

Kathy Gresham EJE, Wendy Howell (resident) Toni Heard (resident) Scott Robinson (ADWJ) Scott Day (late arrival ADWJ) NPWS Deon van Rensburg,

2 Present

Margaret Wilkinson (resident), Bev Cotton (resident), Jim Swords (resident) Pauline Swords (resident), David Aspinall (NEH), Kurt Robinson (NEH) Craig Marler (ADWJ), Scott Day (ADWJ), Ian McNicol (ADWJ), Jason Condon (EJE), Rob Lindquist (Abigroup) Jo Erskine (NPWS), Justin Foot (Daracon) Sebastian Farrell (Daracon) Sarah Donnelly (Ausmaid).

3 Previous minutes

Previous minutes for May 2011 were discussed. The minutes were accepted subject to an addition to the second paragraph of item 4 as follows:

The events leading to the stoppage were heavy April rain, inundation of the lower area of Wilkinson's property then contact Margaret Wilkinson to Jo Erskine (NPWS). As NPWS were unsure why the drains were high the detention basin outflow was stopped.

4 Site environmental monitoring

Ian McNicol advised that there had been a complaint by Margaret Wilkinson about flooding of the lower areas of her property on 18 June. Outflow from the detention basin was stopped immediately.

The flooded area was inspected on June 19 by Ian McNicol with Margaret. At the time there was inundation of paddocks of up to 30 cm depth, there was no flow in the local drains and no release from the stormwater detention basin.

An investigation into the cause of the flooding is ongoing. Again the flooding coincided with high rainfall, 130mm in the previous week, and a period of very high tides. Investigations have included a meeting with the hydrologist (Dr Will Glaymore) for the salt marsh restoration project on adjoining land who has detailed knowledge of the wetland system and the operation of the local floodgates. Jo Erskine and Deon van Rensburg from NPWS also attended the meeting. Also investigated were survey levels across the wetland system and historical aerial photography.

5 Project progress / upcoming works

Rob Lindquist advised that Abigroup now have over 100 workers on the site.

Building A Westrac Institute roof now 30% complete

Building B Administration - structural steel started

Building C Parts warehouse - half structural steel in place, roofing to commence in 2 weeks

Building D Cafeteria - structural steel erection to commence in one week

Building E Change/amenities - concrete slab laid, .

Generally

Paving preparation works under way

Drainage including gross pollutant traps under way

Intersection works

The major intersection works on Tomago Rd will start mid July. Daracon will be undertaking the works which will take approximately 33 weeks.

Electrical infrastructure relocation

The relocation of power poles to the west of the current building works has commenced. High voltage underground cable has been laid. Concrete power poles to replace the wooden poles and will be erected soon.

6 Northbank project

The project is still in pre-assessment stage and is with NSW DoPI. Additional information requests are being addressed.

7 Matters raised in May 2011 community meeting

Margaret Wilkinson was provided with a drainage plan.

A buildings plan was provided by EJE to all.

An updated set of contact details was provided to all. .

The truck turning problem has not been repeated.

Bev Cotton advised there had been no unauthorised access to her property.

8 Community feedback

Bev Cotton asked if it would be possible to provide another “no airbrakes ” sign.
Rob Lindquist agreed the sign could be provided.

No other matters were raised by the community.

9 Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday 29 August. The preferred venue is Tomago House. Details, including the time are to be advised.

It was mentioned that the 3:00pm timeslot for the meeting was not everyone’s preferred time for meetings. (Meetings were previously at 10:00 am). Feedback on preferred times was to be provided to Ian McNicol.

NB At the conclusion of the meeting Ian McNicol, Scott Day, Jo Erskine and Margaret Wilkinson met to discuss the findings of the investigations into the June 18 flooding complaint.