

**Stockton Community Group Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Venue:** Stockton Surf Club. Pitt St, Stockton

**Chair:** Alison Rigby

**Minutes:** Lindy Nisbett

**1. Meeting Opened:** by Alison Rigby at 7.35 pm with Acknowledgement of Country

**Present:** Ron Boyd, Keith Craig, Garry Cullinane, Lindy Nisbett, Amanda Plumsted, Alison Rigby, Heather Slight, Ian Slight, Ian Taggart

**Apologies :** Carolyn Bailey, Lloyd Davies, Sue Luke, Barbara Whitcher, Julie Wood

**2. Declaration of conflict of interest:** nil declared

**3. Confirmation of previous Annual General Meeting minutes held:** 13th November 2024 Accepted: Lindy Nisbett, Seconded: Gary Cullinane

**4. Presidents' Report:** report circulated with Agenda

Key achievements highlighted:

- Continuation of campaign to improve public toilets at ferry/playground.
- Ward 1 Councillors Forum (February meeting).
- Ferry service disruptions - briefed State Member Tim Crakanthorp
- Beach erosion - submission made to City of Newcastle (CN) on the Draft Extended Coastal Management Plan.
- Worked with CN re increase in free campers/rough sleepers at Ballast Grounds.
- Established a sub-committee to focus on recycling/community garden.
- Promote the work of other community groups on Stockton.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** report circulated with Agenda

Income \$3281.10; EFY balance: \$3943.77; Current balance: \$8445.17

- Primary costs have been the quarterly newsletter and website management.
- Grants received since 30 June -Federal Govt (Sharon Claydon) \$2564 for upgrade of website, Club Stockton \$3,400 for community communications (newsletter)
- Member fees to remain at \$5.00

Report Accepted by: Keith Craig, Seconded by Amanda Plumsted

**6. Election of Executive Committee for 2026**

Call for nominations opened 15th October and closed 29th October, 2025

**Nominees:**

President: Lindy Nisbett

Public Officer: Ian Taggart

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Amanda Plumsted

Executive Members: Carolyn Bailey, Keith Craig, Garry Cullinane, Alison Rigby.

All nominees accepted without challenge.

Lindy Nisbett expressed a sincere thank you for the contribution of Alison Rigby who has stepped down as Co-President. Alison has served as Co-President for four years. and will remain as an Executive member. thanks also to Jo Bastian and Mike Hocking-Gill who are stepping down from the Executive Committee.

## 7. General Business

- **Orica Air Quality** – Keith Craig provided an update on the Prill tower emissions reporting and the process for finding Orica data recorded at the Stockton monitoring station.
- **Recycling Working Group** – Ian Taggart reported that this new group has met twice, in the planning stage, with the hope to engage families to participate. Future meetings will be held 6pm at The Gladdy, first Wednesday evening of the month.
- **Stockton Taskforce Update** - Ron Boyd
  - o New Extended Coastal Management Plan ( ECMP) approved by City of Newcastle (CN) & is now with the NSW Minister for the Environment for approval & gazetting. The ECMP extends to the Port Stephens boundary line.
  - o The ECMP includes
    - Sand Nourishment
    - Sand Maintenance
    - Upgrade of the sea wall
    - Minor works
  - o Budget for the ECMP is yet to be approved and finalised. \$21 million will be spread across four years . This time frame is impractical as the lag time between budget & implementation will not assist erosion prevention.
  - o Group discussed PON future sand dredging (follow on from September meeting) and resolved to lobby NSW Govt (Tim Crackanthorp) re possible options.
- **Lane Naming** – Ian Slight presented a document to the meeting outlining his issues around naming lanes in North Stockton. SCG Inc President(s) agreed to send information to our members who could follow up if they wished, via QR code linking to CN website.

Meeting Closed 8:30pm