



Meeting of 'We Can Ride Together' Community Group 1st July 2021

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VENUE:

Condong Bowling Club.

MEETING OPENED:

6.25 pm on 1st July 2021

ATTENDEES:

Tom Rayner (Chair), Brad Clinch, Irene Dove, Jo Heighes, Toni Hood, Peter Kus, Chris Lazenby, Marie Luxford, Kitty McMahon, Kris Parke, Wayne Parsons, Jahman Smith, John Watson.

APOLOGIES:

Casey Balk, Leah Sheldon and Graham Smith.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

10th June 2021

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:

1. Injunction against NSW State Government: Another party is pursuing an injunction. Because WCRT is not a legal entity it must remain at 'arm's length'. Jahman suggested approaching Al Oshlack, Nimbin to ascertain if he could assist us.
2. Adjacent land owners Survey: held over.
3. NSW Government Letter Campaign: Toni will compile information and contact details for tiers of government.
4. Local Government Act 1993: held over.
5. Letterbox drop: held over.
6. NSW Ombudsman: not to be pursued
7. Tweed Shire Council Poll: not to be pursued.
8. Letter Writing:
9. Class Action: not to be pursued at this juncture.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Council Elections: Tom intends to run for Council. He needs four 'running mates'. NRG has offered to assist.
11. Disability Sector: Jo works in the disability sector. A letter she sent to the TV Weekly was published today.
12. Potential Entrepreneurs as Sponsors: It was suggested we research and approach entrepreneurs in the region who may be interested in establishing a light rail commuter service. Tom noted that there are a lot of people who work in Mullum but can no longer afford to rent in Byron. Regular commuters could fund the service, which could then transport tourists to Destination Murbah. Current funding for school buses etc could be diverted to the commuter service. It was noted that due to lack of public transport
13. TSC Rail Trail contract: It is highly likely that government would extend the funding deadline if project is not completed before March? 2022. As it is a Design and Construct project there are many tasks eg safety management, which must be completed before construction can commence. It was noted that a Councillor could have a conflict of interest, which should have precluded him from voting.
14. Light rail vehicles: Brad drew attention to rail explorer bikes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhGhE9i8FOc>
"all tours have trained guides at the front and rear. Tours depart on a set schedule but riders are spread out approx 150 m apart." (see photos above) <https://www.railexplorers.net/>
15. Change.org: Brad suggested contacting change.org. Toni will follow up.
16. Canberra Light Rail Near Misses: Toni will provide link for video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9aEw0G5fzs>
17. Donations: Toni gave Tom \$150 for T-shirts and donations. Marie gave Tom \$172 donations.

Meeting closed: 8.00 pm

Next Meeting: 8th July 2021