

***Vincentia Matters Inc. Inaugural Meeting,
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Vincentia Golf Club, 7.30pm***

Welcome – the Chairman, Bruce McKenzie, opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the Inaugural Meeting of Vincentia Matters, with a special welcome to the Mayor Clr Joanna Gash, and Clr Patricia White.

Present: Bob Clark, Julie Clark, Liz Tooley, Clr Patricia White, Ken Jones, Gina Jones, Helen McKenzie, Mark Corrigan, Nikki Stahl, Brian Saunders, Clr Jo Gash, Leith Clayton-Brandt, Les Clayton, Judy Gjedsted, Ron Steele, David Cash, Heather Moorcroft, Gillian Lejsek, Keith Pinkard, Liz Pinkard, John Fergusson, Anna Everts, Bruce McKenzie.

Introduction of Vincentia Matters by the Chairman:

Research, Debate, Learn and Advocate

Motivation and Rationale

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- The short and longer term value, compromises and threats of new proposals will be explored through open and thoughtful **debate** between residents, invited experts and responsible decision makers.
- The knowledge capital of Vincentia will be enhanced through the intentional, reflective **learning** of residents from their research and debating of new ideas and initiatives.
- Vincentia residents will act to improve their common good through **advocacy** that is based on well-reasoned judgments drawn from their learning and experience of issues that affect their corporate well being.

Providing a social and collegiate environment for residents wanting to celebrate their community, their neighbours and their shared future will reinforce Vincentia Matters aspirations.

General Meetings of members will promote conversations about issues with the objective of enhancing residents' knowledge and understanding of the complexity and opportunities associated with any proposed initiative.

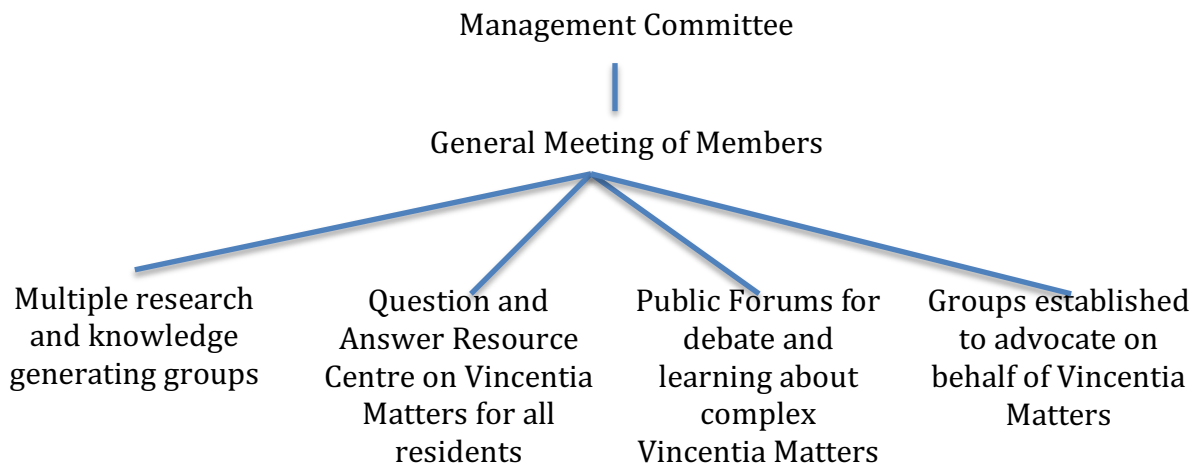
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Vincentia Matter will, as members suggest, invite and collaborate with single interest and regional groups whose objectives are focussed on achieving benefits for all residents.

Vincentia Matters is an invited members' association in which all members will actively engage in working to achieve the Associations purpose of enhancing the common good of Vincentia residents.

Organisational Structure

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Value adding activities

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- Articulate alternative frameworks for identifying first steps to initiate change – to be an instigator rather than a responder.
- Ensure our fingerprints are all over changes to policy that affect Vincentia.
- Respond to crisis issues with well-reasoned judgments based on quality local research.
- Promote quality debate within the community on divisive issues that helps residents to better understand each other.
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Conclusion

If exploring and sharing ideas about improving Vincentia matter, then Vincentia Matters is needed and has a role to play in our community.

Housekeeping matters: explained the secretary – why the numbers appear to be small; need for referrals to widen the base of membership; calendar to find a suitable time for meetings; working with council; website set up; incorporation completed.

Questions were invited from the floor – the democratic nature of the organisation was questioned and also the decision to include only residents.

Address by the Mayor: Woolworths will open on December 11, Burton Street mall’s future is an issue for Vincentia, large motel complex is coming to Vincentia for coach groups, Bayswood is at Stage 8, and Hyams Beach over Christmas may be closed to non-resident traffic. She also wished Vincentia Matters well for the future.

Update on Collingwood Beach: presented by Mark Corrigan. Community consultation regarding the future of dune vegetation at Collingwood – explanation of the three options.

Discussion of Vincentia 2025 themes: The meeting then broke up into four groups to discuss, and prioritise into five topics, the 22 themes identified from the Vincentia 2035 project.

Topics selected -

Group 1 - David Cash (Ron Steele, Julie Clark, Helen McKenzie, Ken Jones, Gina Jones,)

1. Telecommunications
2. Bayswood access to Vincentia
3. Village social hub
4. Minimum urban development
5. Preservation of natural environment

Group 2 - Rob Dunn (Barbara Liddle, David Wagstaff, Brian Saunders, Anna Everts)

1. Tourism

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2. Preservation of natural environment
3. Minimum urban development
4. Village social hub
5. Telecommunications

Group 3 - Heather Moorcroft (Liz Pinkard, Keith Pinkard, John Fergusson, Marcus Vowels, John Hewitt, Liz Tooley)

1. Village social hub
2. Telecommunications
3. Plantation Point -upgrade
4. Public Transport
5. Preservation of Golf Club

Group 4 - Mark Corrigan (Nikki Stahl, Gillian Lejsek, Judy Gjedsted, Leith Clayton-Brandt, Les Clayton)

1. Telecommunications
2. Public transport
3. Village social hub

Plenary session: each group reported back and then the chairman explained the next step which will **for the Management Committee to formulate a draft research brief for each of the prioritised topics;** to report back to all who attended and to ask for volunteers to work on individual projects, **commencing as soon as practical.**

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

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Inaugural Meeting
10 November 2015

AGENDA

1. Introduction to Vincentia Matters – *Bruce/Liz*
2. Questions from the Meeting attendees
3. The Mayor – *Cr Jo Gash*
4. Collingwood Beach Dunes Future Plan – *Mark*
5. Table discussion and prioritisation of Vincentia 2025 Research Themes to guide Vincentia Matters focus over coming months. - *Everyone*
6. Plenary - *Bruce*
7. Volunteers for Projects
8. Closing

Inaugural Management Committee

Introduction of Inaugural Committee Members

Bruce McKenzie – Chairman

Mark Corrigan – Deputy Chairman

Elizabeth Tooley – Secretary

Bob Clark – Treasurer

Ken Jones - Public Officer

Brian Saunders – Member

Jim Brown-Sarre - Member

Communities band together, proving strength exists in small numbers

SMH Friday 6th November
2015

**Harold
Mitchell**



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How can a town possibly be successful when it doesn't even have a Woolies or a Coles? Charlie has no trouble answering that question. He knows that being big isn't what it's all about.

Mansfield is a strong, close-knit community that worries about itself and looks after itself. This past week, our latest Federal Small Business Minister, Kelly O'Dwyer, swung in behind local small

business owners, and that's what Mansfield is all about - a town where the shopkeepers and business owners know your name when you walk in, like it used to be.

It's a community where they worry about their kids' futures and make sure they can get a job when they come home on university holidays.

And there are things to worry about in every town, not least of which is “ice”, that devastatingly addictive drug which is cheap, well organised in its distribution and so often the cause of random unprovoked violence.

So how did Mansfield handle this threat? Well, they called a community meeting to make plans to ensure that it doesn't get a hold in their town. Some 250 people turned up out of a population of only 4000.

That's the equivalent of around 250,000 rolling up at a town hall meeting in Melbourne or Sydney.

There is plainly a very widespread commitment by the people of Mansfield to look after themselves and not sit back and

wait for anonymous others to do something.

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I reckon that the people of little towns like Mansfield can teach us something about making the best of what we have got.

They can also teach us how to deal with the doubters: as country girl Michelle Payne said of the doubters, they can “get stuffed”.

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Current Status and Boundaries

Size of the Vincentia Matters - Why so few people here tonight? The invitation model has in the first instance been based on people that the establishment group knew and believed would be interested in Vincentia Matters aspirations. In addition to those in the room 19 people have said they want to join but could not attend tonight .A few of the invitees have not yet responded.

We want to expand the base to include different sections of the community - business and young families for example - and we would welcome "referrals" or "leads" from our members. Please contact a committee members with their suggestion of a new member.

Vincentia Matters does not want to a CCB, but we do want to have a good working relationship with Shoalhaven Councillors and our State and Federal Parliamentarians. Several Councillors have responded with supportive comments, and we have asked council for recognition as a residents' group in Vincentia.

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Thank You for your interest are there any question about Vincentia Matters.

Option 1

Banksias maintained at different densities in different areas:

- 0%, 30% 70% and 100% density banksias
- Low, medium and tall shrubs in between

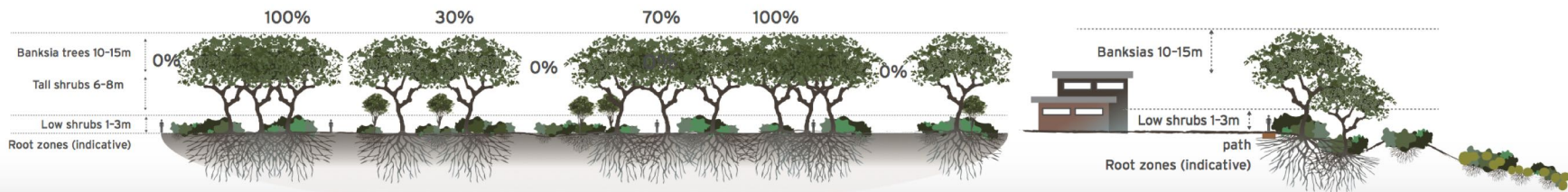


Searching for a compromise at
Collingwood Beach



This provides views in certain areas as well as areas with greater plant root protection where this is needed more.

Year 20 Elevation



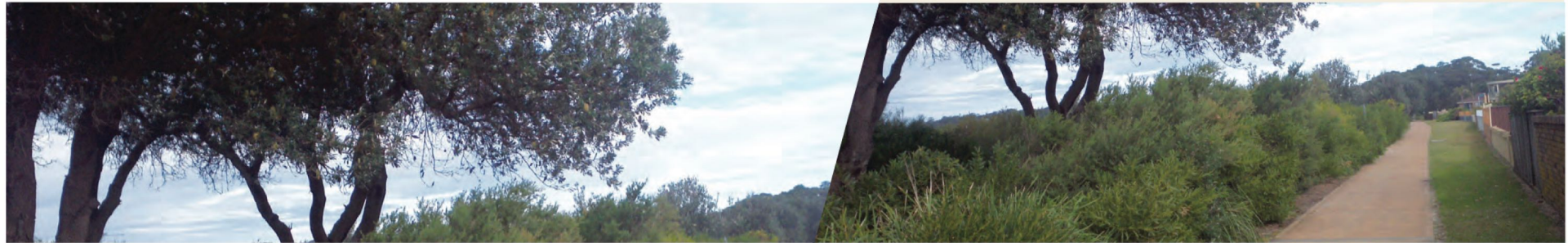
Option 2

Lift the canopy of existing and naturally regenerating Banksias. Remove tall shrubs.

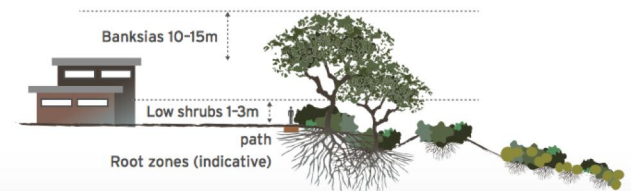
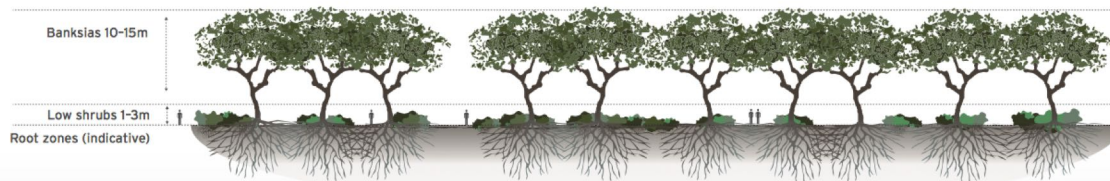
Provides good dune stability across a broad area while providing filtered lower level views. *(Note: image portrays less tree density than desirable or than will regenerate naturally)*

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Searching for a compromise at Collingwood Beach



Year 20 Elevation



Option 3

Restrict the height of naturally occurring Banksia trees and tall shrubs (shrubs up to 3 m).

Provides reasonably good dune stability across a broad area while providing for higher level views.

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Searching for a compromise at Collingwood Beach



Year 20 Elevation

Low shrubs 1-3m
Banksias and tall shrubs
maintained at 1.5-2m

Root zones (indicative)



Low shrubs 1-3m
path
Root zones (indicative)



Vincentia 2025 Plan Themes

Village Social Hub

Public Transport

Links to the World - Telecommunications

Regional and Local Roads

Personal Security and Wellbeing

Plantation Point

Linking the Villages around the Bay

Vincentia 2025 Plan Themes

Preservation of Natural Environment

Round the Bay Pathway portrays Vincentia's soul

Beachfront Amenities

Minimal Urban Development

Recreational Marine Activities

Tourism

Elizabeth Drive

Vincentia 2025 Plan Themes

Upgraded Utilities

Infrastructure Design

Bayswood, Leisure Centre and Foreshore Pathway Network.

Recreational Amenities

Maximising views of the Bay

Coastline and user interaction

Moving beyond Conflict

<http://www.vincentia.org.au/>

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