



## **Regulatory Working Group – Revised Final Minutes**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Ocean Shores Country Club, Orana Rd, Ocean Shores NSW 2483 (02) 6680 1008

### **Present:**

Peter Ryan (Chair, Regulatory Working Group)

Mat Morris (General Manager, North Byron Parklands)

Elise Huntley (GM SITG)

Rob Doolan (Planner, North Byron Parklands)

Annette Perkins (Manager, FFB)

Neil Johnson (Community Manager, North Byron Parklands)

Laurel Cohn (Community Representative)

Ray Darney (Community Representative)

John Perkins (RMS)

Cr. Alan Hunter (BSC)

Chris Larkin (BSC)

Alan Bawden (RFS)

## Agenda Items

### 1. Introductions

The meeting opened at 2.10pm. Peter Ryan (Chair, RWG) welcomed all members of the RWG. Members went around the room introducing themselves.

### 2. Apologies

Inspector Matt Inwood (RFS), Brandon Saul (Event Manager, FFB), Peter Mair, SES, Daniel Wills, RMS, Cr Basil Cameron (BSC), Cr. Mayor Simon Richardson (BSC), Sargent Peter Miller (NSW Police), Chad Ellis (SES), Matt Kehoe (NSW Police).

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The draft minutes of the May 2018 meeting were revised following minor edits and were subsequently posted on the Parklands website. This meeting confirmed these revised minutes. There were no action items that formed part of these minutes.

### 4. SITG18 Summary

Elise Huntley and Mat Morris presented a snapshot of the SITG18 performance. The 35,000 patrons (including approximately 19,265 campers) enjoyed fine weather for the duration of the event. The allowable 35,000 tickets sold quickly. No major crowd or patron issues were experienced, and NSW Police expressed satisfaction with overall performance and behaviour.

Laurel Cohn and Ray Darney reported that there were no community issues reported to them arising from SITG18.

There was a 50% decrease in caseloads to the Emergency Centre (similar to SITG17) likely as a result of patron education programmes and the instigation of self-care for very minor presentations (e.g. blisters, head ache).

LC asked about total numbers at SITG18 including works, etc. EH responded about 37,500, including workers, community tickets and volunteers. Regarding waste, EH advised the events staff had worked with Social Futures to encourage patrons to package unwanted, complete camping gear for donation and to clean up camping areas prior to departure. This was a successful initiative with some free tickets to future events awarded to the best sites.

## Traffic

Traffic performance was well managed. LC asked EH how buses performed at this event. The system of increased availability of buses and those on standby worked well. There was a growth in patron numbers from the north and in Tweed Shire. EH advised the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce noticed a slight drop in visitors (mostly breakfast and lunch diners).

John Perkins, RMS, asked about parking. MM advised SITG18 reduced the number of available carparks for purchase slightly to encourage carpooling at this event. Police and Council rangers patrolled the surrounds to discourage illegal parking.

## Noise Management

Despite a range of mitigation measures implemented, there were 25 calls to the community hotline regarding noise related issues during the event. Attended monitoring was undertaken for all calls received (regardless of whether the caller requested monitoring or not). One non-compliant noise reading was identified during a sample at an elevated residence in Crabbes Creek. Per the requirements of the NMP, frequency and volume adjustments were immediately made, and the subsequent 10 minute sample taken 3 minutes after the end of the first sample confirmed that noise levels were compliant.

Mat advised details of the noise related calls as follows:

North Ocean Shores - 11/25 complaints

South Golden Beach – 2/25

Yelgun 2/25

Crabbes creek - 9/25

Middle Pocket – 1 /25

## Wastewater

Well managed. Improved relations with BSC. Very positive.

## Police

LC asked a question about assault and drug numbers. SITG18 waiting for information from NSW Police regarding these metrics.

## Compliance

Five DP&E officers attended SITG18 including the Director, Industry and Major Projects and the Manager, Industry and Major Projects. No non-compliances or opportunities for improvements were issued by these officers.

## RFS

Alan Bawden suggested a record be kept event-by-event of confiscated items such as gas bottles and to develop a statistically-driven approach to managing such banned items. The idea of managed kitchens and hot water stations was discussed, possibly for future events once the site has been approved permanently. SITG18 did confiscate a large number of stand alone gas bottles. These were collected by a gas bottle supplier.

## 5. Falls Festival Byron 2018/19 Update

Mat Morris presented details of the upcoming FFB18/19:

- Tickets went on sale 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018;
- Approved capacity is 25k (no patron increase from last year);
- Approximately 19.5k campers;
- Both the draft AMP and draft BEEP have been prepared (and issued to members of the RWG for comment);
- The Transport Management Plan has been prepared and issued to the LTC for approved by Local Traffic Committee (no objections from TSC. Waiting on BSC);
- Taxi, shuttles, Ubers and pick up/drop off in southern car park to be implemented again;
- Working again with BSC regarding wastewater management.
- Initial planning meeting with Police has taken place;
- The Galaxy stage was a big hit last year and provided additional shade for patrons. This stage will be replicated again this year.

## 6. AMP and BEEP

Mat M discussed a number of changes to the BEEP and thanked Laurel C for her comments. Changes included:

- Event Management Centre changed to Event Control Centre;
- Potable water tanks now referenced in Section 2.5.2;
- Event and bump in/bump out days included in S2.5.4;
- SITG event specific details removed and replaced with FFB on p16.

There were no additional comments regarding the BEEP provided by the RWG members.

Mat discussed the FFB18/19 Draft AMP. There were no comments regarding this plan.

## 6. Regulatory Update

MM updated the group on the status of the permanent approval application. DP&E advised they have nearly completed their assessment report. Parklands is hoping to receive recommendations from DP&E shortly, in parallel with DP&E sending their documentation to the Independent Planning Commission for determination. MM has also recently met with Byron Shire Council with respect to a voluntary, on-going annual fund agreement to offset potential community impacts. This would occur via a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) and would be in addition to the Section 94 contributions that normally attach to an approved DA. Council are still considering the matter. In addition to these contributions, the events allocate \$1 per ticket sold to a Community Grants Fund which is separate to the annual community grants run by SITG and Falls.

The 2018 Performance Report is scheduled for distribution to the RWG shortly for comment.

## 7. Other Business

### Community Representative

The Chairman advised the group of the recent resignation of Community Rep, Derek Harper, from the RWG, and thanked Derek for his voluntary spirit and input to the RWG. The Chairman also took the opportunity to also thank the two other Community Reps, Laurel Cohn and Ray Darney for their input to the RWG and in representing their community.

While the term of these Community Reps officially runs out on 31 December 2018, it would be hoped DP&E would agree to extending their terms until 31 August 2019 should this be necessary to maintain consistency and input to the RWG roles. The reason for this, the Chairman explained, was the August date was the termination date for the current Modification and would be the relevant date for site activities should the application for permanent events not be determined by then.

### Voluntary Jones Road Bushfire Management Agreement

An email from Jones Rd residents (V and S Scanlon) was tabled by Laurel Cohn addressing fire management concerns along Jones Rd. The specific issue raised in the email was thought by Alan Bawden (RFS) and Rob Doolan at this RWG meeting to be an operational matter, not an RWG matter as it related to a fire management issue 365 days a year, falling in the general category of on-going fire management and collective responsibility of all residents in fire prone areas. AB advised all residents and owners bore collective responsibilities to proactively prepare for fires and evacuation. AB advised he had discussed the email with the residents, and he further advised any ongoing operational matters should be raised with Insp. Matt Inwood of RFS.

The Chairman advised, notwithstanding, he and Parklands would discuss the email and the specific Jones Rd matter raised in the email.

Fire management on Jones Rd, specifically egress in the event of a fire, has been the subject of considerable consultation and in April 2018 culminated in the distribution of a final Voluntary Jones Rd Fire Management Agreement, following site meetings between all stakeholders during 2018. This agreement was spearheaded by Parklands who invited a range of government agencies and residents to a number of meeting to draft the agreement.

The specific matter highlighted in the email related to fuel loads along the Parklands boundary with Jones Rd and the residents' belief they needed reducing by Parklands.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding fire management in bushfire prone areas, and the RFS and NPWS recommendations was for each resident to have an Evacuation Plan as well as a Fire Management Plan. RFS actively assist landowners with the preparation of such plans. AB mentioned that Parklands represented a significant local refuge area in the case of bushfire for residents adjacent to the venue.

All agreed that the fire prevention and management measures currently employed for event times are appropriate.

It was the RFS (Insp Matt Inwood, April 2018) on-site position that this specific section of roadside vegetation was not a significant issue and the wide fire break voluntarily maintained by Parklands behind the Jones Rd scrub in question was far and above the most significant fire management tool that could be provided by Parklands. Mat Morris advised the meeting they would not be conducting specific works along the road and instead, would voluntarily maintain the wide firebreak behind the road (despite sections of the land being shortly handed to NPWS) at a cost of approximately \$4,000 per annum.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked the group and the meeting ended at approximately 4pm.