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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The committee have decided to move the Annual General Meeting to August 30, 2015 and notices will be issued immediately after the meeting of August 16. This decision was because of the importance of Angus Jackson's plan and we wanted to get as good a coverage as possible with all interested parties. We have sent out many invitations to persons and coastal communities who are concerned and, like us, are suffering beach erosion.

MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions are coming in. To vote at the Annual General Meeting members must be financial. We have a good working committee, but we can always use more workers, especially as our Feasibility Study Account is running low and the thermometer on my gate needs to be raised. If you are able to help we would welcome you at our Working committee meetings.

FINAL "NO" TO FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR OFF-SHORE REEF

Needless to say we (and I feel the whole community) are extremely disappointed at the NSW State government's rejection of our Off-shore reef plan, but more disappointing is that despite all their studies, (and there have been many) they do not seem to be able to come up with some definite form of protection from erosion. Countries around the world are fronting up to the problem and producing positive methods of protection of their beaches and restoration of sand to that precious asset, our beaches.

ANGUS JACKSON'S "PRACTICAL LONG TERM SOLUTIONS FOR PRESERVING THE OLD BAR BEACHES AND BEACHFRONT COMMUNITY"

We are progressing well with our upcoming meeting. I had hoped for some inkling of the plan before this newsletter, but it wasn't possible and as soon as I get an outline of the plan from Angus I will forward it on to members.

STOP PRESS: It has just come through – in his own words from Angus Jackson "**You have been very patient but the impossible takes a bit longer - Update summary attached.**" – his attached 3 page summary is now an attachment to your newsletter.

Page 1: explains the challenges, the effects on our economy and the fact that **our community** is seeking solutions. His comment that the council's latest Coastal Zone Management Plan

encourages innovative methods is positive and refreshing.

Page 2: refers to the key features of a site specific, innovative solution and sets out the key features and the benefits of working with nature

Page 3: was prepared by Robert Petroni, a person who has worked with Angus Jackson on obtaining funding for projects. Robert has agreed to give a presentation at our meeting, showing a way forward with funding for the protection of our beaches.

I am having this prepared as a

POSTER TO BE ERECTED Tuesday August 4, on the front fence of 30 Old Bar Road, OLD BAR

where the fine details and print will be more legible.

RESPONSE TO OUR AUGUST 16 MEETING INVITATIONS

We have been very disappointed in that two of our councillors are unable to attend our meeting, but more disappointing is that we have received an apology from the General Manager. I responded to the General Manager's secretary, who advised the GM's apology

"will you please convey to the General Manager my hope that someone at council is sufficiently concerned with the protection from erosion of their responsibility, our beach, to make the effort to hear this well respected, experienced, "hands on" Coastal Engineer deliver his carefully considered plan."

Councillor David West has advised that he "looks forward to the presentation" and "will see you there". Our Federal Member, David Gillespie is very supportive of our efforts to save the beach and is interested in the plans we offer. Because of his parliamentary commitments he has requested a meeting with Angus Jackson on August 16 before the meeting. This has been arranged.

OUR CONSTANT SEARCH FOR BEACH PROTECTION – Dune Fencing and Sand Trapping

As previously advised in December last year we were introduced to "hands on" methods that can be employed by interested community members to protect and hold the sand on our beaches – it has been quite a battle getting through the maze of government departments and etc. but we look like we are getting there. We are hoping to commence our "Dune Fencing Programme" in the near future. It will be very exciting to see some definite protection activity on the beach, but it is our deepest hope that it will ***stop the very dangerous habit of youngsters (sometimes even watched by parents who are not aware of the danger)*** climbing up and sliding down the eroded dunes – several fatalities have been recorded from this practice.

OLD BAR SURF CLUB

It is pleasing to note that the surf club has now been released from "Administration" into the hands of some young members of the community who have families growing up and into the ranks of surf lifesavers. Since preparing for our forthcoming meeting of August 16 we are having considerable contact with this group and we are all working together to make the meeting a success.

GARAGE SALE

It is that time again and we have absolutely nothing ready – we need all that stuff you have been wanting to get rid of – old furniture is always a good seller to those starting out in life. Have you any plants which can be potted into attractive pot plants. Time to clean out the garage. It is amazing that indeed "one man's trash is another man's treasure" - It is also a great start to the "Old Bar Festival" – and our funds are running low. Please search hard and

bring out those treasures. We can also use a hand on the day to assist with the sales.

REMEMBER THE DATE – SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5 -
OLD BAR'S "GARAGE SALES 'R' US"

All goods can be left at Villa 3/30 Old Bar Road, Old Bar. Funds raised will replenish our sadly depleted Feasibility Fund.

NEXT MARKETS

The next markets at Old Bar are on August 23 – we will hopefully have great news and a "***BRAND NEW PLAN OF PROTECTION OF OLD BAR BEACH***" to discuss with the community.

WE MUST KEEP TRYING AND THANK YOU,
OLD BAR SAND REPLENISHMENT GROUP
MEMBERS, FOR SUPPORTING US

ELAINE PEARCE, PRESIDENT