

Free Beach Action NSW

Group Meeting

Wednesday 15 October 2008

St George Rowers

In attendance: Mark, Katina, Juan, Warren, Martin, Luke, Stuart, Linda, Graham, Karen, Trea, and Chris.

Apologies: Gerald, Mark, Jose, Ikumi, Pete (hope you feel better soon!)

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Our third meeting at our third venue was opened at 7:20pm

Chris apologized for being late and for the lack of preparation, short notice due to Pete being unwell. Handouts were passed around.

The minutes from the last meeting were adopted by Mark and seconded by Juan.

The discussion started re the 4 Criminal Infringement notices that were issued on Thursday 02/10/2008. The group focused on the impact of 'regular' beach goers and how so many are staying away due to the severity of this. We decided that now is the time to stay united and become more focused as a group and encourage people not to stay away.

Chris thanked Mark for his commitment in the long drawn out process of collecting signatures.

Chris suggested that signatures aside, and not very encouraging support of everyone's 'letter writing to the newspapers, that maybe the media in the form of radio was maybe worthwhile. I think everyone was responsive to this.

Stuart suggested a local radio station in which he possibly had a contact would be a good start. Pete suggested Peter Berner from Triple M as his views have always been positive as far as our cause goes. Katina and Karen have decided to contact him. Chris will send an email to Kyle Sandilands, as he is very well known and very controversial.

Pete will organize for all the petitions that have been signed to be copied and then delivered to the appropriate people including Carmel Tebbutt.

Chris talked about a gay website called 'squirt' which were advertising Little Congwong as a great gay pick up place. The negative publicity is certainly not going to help our cause. Chris will make an effort to contact them regarding this.

Meeting closed at 8:20

Next meeting will be held at the same venue on Wednesday 12th of November 2008 at 7:00pm

Christine Efstathiou