# Presiding Members Annual Report 2024

### **Dear Lot Holders**

As we approach another Annual General Meeting, I will take the opportunity to provide you with the latest Point Boston news. The Management Committee have had another busy and proactive year.

## Community Hub

The Council have provided planning approval to repurpose what was an industrial precinct to a community hub with approval for a community workshop and community hall.

The community Hall is taking shape. Most of the work has been managed and completed by committee members. The meeting room and kitchen are nearly complete and a new ceiling in the main hall is awaiting installation. We aim to have everything completed before the end of the year.

The community workshop will be constructed behind the community hall and involves the repurposing of existing infrastructure (an old concrete block gas bunker) with the addition of a roof and doors.

The community garden is located at the east side of the compound accessible through a new pedestrian gate next to the community hall. The existing redundant infrastructure has either been repurposed or sold. Initially two "wicking beds" will be installed for community use.

#### **Residential Development Lots**

The process to remove the Development Lots from the Point Boston Scheme Description remains incomplete with developer Scott Rowlands still aiming to obtain approval in the next few months.

#### New Houses

It's fair to say that the community is growing. A significant number of blocks changed hands last year and several new homes were completed. To date 36 houses are complete, 2 are under construction and several are in the planning phase or awaiting commencement.

In other news –

- the expansion of our walking trails is continuing.
- there is ongoing native vegetation management with both weed removal and revegetation using native species.
- the "absorbs beds" (waste water system) are performing as expected. The bamboo we planted failed to grow and additional bamboo will be planted this year.

• The whole East Bay precinct looks great and is well maintained thanks to our groundskeeper Michael and caretaker (and Mr. Fix it) Neil.

#### Annual General Meeting

Please take time to vote at the upcoming meeting. It will take only a couple of minutes. If you have any questions please contact the committee. Our email is <u>communityeastbay@gmail.com</u>

Thank you to all committee members and residents that attended working bees. The ongoing volunteering is appreciated.

Regards

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