

Lot 107 revisited

Veronica Guy (Letters, March 28) was 100% correct, Jenny Coman (Letters, April 4). Lot 107 Shara Boulevarde, North Ocean Shores, was originally earmarked for sportsfields for the fast growing Greater Ocean Shores area, and original meeting minutes and solicitors' letters back and forth between Council and Chum Vidgen quite clearly state the intention and the reason why Council negotiated the purchase of 18 acres of high, dry degraded farmland and 4kms of bitumen roadway, known as Shara Boulevarde, for a meagre \$167,500 in 1996. I'm sure we would all have appreciated that bargain had we been given the opportunity way back then.

Now we have the Mayor and radical political groups determined to seek changes in Ocean Shores history only to accommodate their political agendas.

Tina Petroff
Ocean Shores

■ I have no wish to get caught up in the cat-fight between Veronica Guy and

Jenny Coman but I do need to record my own observations on the contentious issue of Lot 107. I was a Byron Shire Councillor back in 1995-96 when the decision was made to purchase Lot 107; Jenny Coman was also a Councillor at that time.

My clear recollection is that in all background briefings, onsite inspections, staff recommendations, Council papers and debate in the Chamber, Lot 107 was always designated as 'future sporting facilities for the north of the Shire'. I recall the debate as quite short and the decision to purchase as unanimous.

I do not recall any unhappiness about the decision from any councillor or community group. The general mood seemed to be one of relief that the need for desperately required sporting facilities in the north of the Shire had finally been recognised and acted on by Council.

I have not been back to Lot 107 since that time but recall it as a rather barren, degraded plot of land. If it has since turned into some form of environmental paradise, then Jenny Coman is perfectly entitled to change her mind on future usage of the land.

What she is not, however,

entitled to do is to seek to rewrite history to justify her fluctuating position in relation to Lot 107.

I voted for the purchase of Lot 107 as a sporting facility because I believed then (and still do now) that the people (especially the young people) of that area deserved such a facility and the site was suitable. If the current Council thinks otherwise that is their prerogative.

But at the very least they should ensure that their foot soldiers out in the trenches stick to telling the truth.

Michael Malloy
Bangalow

Rescued

I was hoping to use your forum as a means to pass on my thanks to three young surfers who saved my life last month.

I would like to pass on my thanks to Bjorn, Jessica and Nick rescued us from the rip at Broken Head on March 18. My partner Amy and I were swimming with family at Broken Head and got quickly caught in the rip. After struggling for 20 minutes to swim across it to no avail we signaled for help and Bjorn paddled out to help us float and then was joined by Jessica and Nick who spent considerable effort and risk to themselves in getting the two of us back to shore. And