

South Coast Pigeon Federation Committee Report

Toss Points and Accommodation

North Road 2018

9.1.18

SCF Committee Members Jeff Sheppard and David Miller, accompanied by Truck Driver Bill, spent over 15 hours, travelled well over a 1000 k's doing research on all toss points up to Harrington (Taree).

The SCF Committee allocated \$300 for expenses and \$50 was returned as not used.

Their time was generously given and they should be applauded for their due diligence shown.

The SCF Comm is trying to achieve a framework of early race points that are workable, logistically and are practical for the early education of young birds and eases all race birds into health and fitness during these first few challenging months of the race program.

The matter of collection of strays up the North Coast especially from the Newcastle Area is a very real issue that the SCF Comm hopes to address promptly.

Berowra Race point was described as a busy working truck stop with clear areas that is uncongested around mid-morning to lunch time in winter 100k.

Redhead is now preferred over Stockton, closer to the coastline, clear outlook, close accommodation 170k.

Karuah now back on the program with several reasonable liberation options checked out. Bill had previously taken issue with this race point however a few options have been alleviated at this race point with the opening of areas capable of liberating SCF liberations of 2000+ birds. 225k

Harrington a brilliant liberation point with the major challenge being that it is a holiday destination and the two race dates coincide with School Holidays. However, a spacious area behind the accommodation is outside of general public areas plus with early morning liberations most activities would low key at that time of day 320k.

As you can see these guys dedicated a whole day starting very early in the morning, getting home well after 10 pm and came away with many great options to help formulate the SCF 2018 Race Program, all with respect to our racing pigeons' welfare to the forefront.

A big thanks to the fanciers in Newcastle for their input on the day.

Neil Cavill

SCF Secretary/ Treasurer.