

recognised the voice and refused to open the door, however Gates kicked it open. A man was also in the home and Gates grabbed an ice-cream out of his hand and rubbed it in his face, before pouring beer over a lounge while verbally abusing the woman.

Police were called and stopped Gates as he drove along Illaroo Road. When asked his identity he told police he was Stephen Clarke, a flatmate of Kevin Gates.

The claim was repeated when Gates was taken to Nowra Police Station, where a breath test revealed he had a blood alcohol level of 0.180.

Police checks revealed Gates' true identity and that he had been disqualified from driving.

Police also realised Gates was wanted for an earlier incident involving the same woman, when he walked into her home on December 30, breaching an apprehended violence order.

Magistrate Doug Dick noted Gates had 27 offences on his record, many of them involving violence or major traffic offences.

Mr Dick also said Gates had been given positive reports after attending rehabilitation at Oolong House.

He sentenced Gates to 200 hours of unpaid

OFF AND BASHING: The Shoalhaven's nine Variety Club Bash teams left Nowra on Saturday to take part in the event's 25th run. Money raised from the event helps Australian children. Getting ready to set off on another worthwhile journey were Kevin Carter, Helen and Darren Woods, Ben and Brian Muller, Garry Arnold, Ian Jorgensen, Kate, Lucy and Jasper Leung, George Sikora, John and Bruce McDonald, Phillip Brown, David Hughes, Ron James, Leanne Wilson, Les White, Noel Kennedy, General Manager of Manildra, a major sponsor, Ming Leung, Sharon James, Sue Taylor, Bill Betts and Ross Stuart.

Estate owners threaten to stock land with goats

By **DAMIAN MCGILL**

HERITAGE Estate landowners feel the Federal Government is just "waiting for them to die or lose interest" as another chapter of the saga starts to unfold.

Spokesperson for the Heritage Estate landowners, June Esposito, said because of the Federal Government's decision not to allow them to build homes on the estate owners would be looking at using the land to run stock, like goats.

Mrs Esposito said running stock on the land was not a mere threat and landowners would be meeting soon to discuss this latest option.

She said the landowners realise they cannot clear the land but they were getting legal advice as to whether or not they could take up the land's rural option.

Mrs Esposito and her fellow landowners are still upset with the Federal Government's Environment Minister Peter Garrett.

Mr Garrett evoked his overriding powers, preventing the rezoning of

land on the Heritage Estate near Vincentia to allow for the construction of homes and left the landowners in financial limbo.

Landowners are still looking at legal avenues to fight the minister's decision and are waiting on further advice.

Mrs Esposito said it was wrong that the minister made his decision without having a plan to help the landowners.

"We do not accept his findings and think he should not have taken advantage of his power," she said.

Landowners wanted the right to build on their lots and if this was not forthcoming they wanted compensation.

Mrs Esposito said if the land was so environmentally precious, the government should have brought the land into public ownership.

"They are waiting for us to die or lose interest so council can buy the land for some piddling amount," she said.

A spokesperson for the Environment Minister recently confirmed the Federal Government would not be buying the land, saying it was now a State and local government matter.

legal requirements.

He also called for council to develop a policy for funding community radio stations in the future, requiring them to demonstrate how they provided education and training for young people, catered to communities in need, and supported a diverse range of genre.

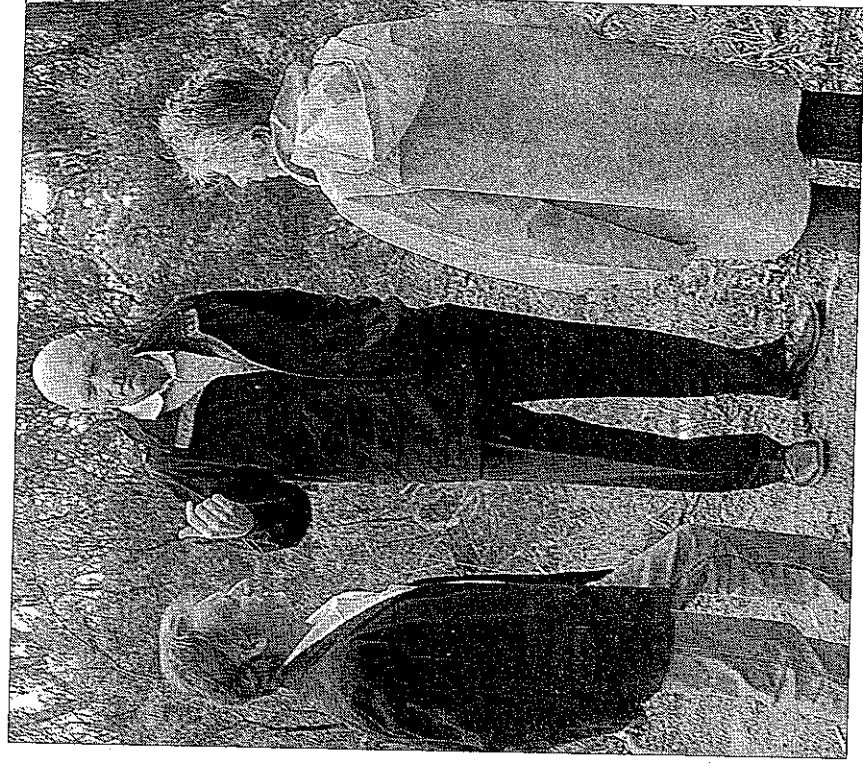
The motion was carried unanimously.

SHOALHAVEN City Council has softened its headline approach to funding community radio stations.

At its previous meeting on July 28 council voted to suspend all subsidies to community radio stations and ask them to demonstrate how they provided education and training for young people, catered to communities in need, and supported a diverse

Radio station gets reprieve on rent subsidy

ON SITE: Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett made a surprise visit to Heritage Estate this year.



outside the three Rs of council operations - roads, rates and rubbish - you need to ask how we provide those funds," Cr Ward said.

"In we want to provide funding or support, it will only be under these three criteria."

However Cr Ward came under attack during the debate, with Cr Bob Proudfoot suggesting the con-

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