

Bundanoon Community Association Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting 7.30 pm Thursday 20 February 2014

The President, Christine Miller, declared the meeting open at 7.30 pm and welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

Attendance and Apologies

49 members and five visitors signed the attendance register, there were six apologies.

Minutes of BCA General Meeting 19 December 2013

The minutes were confirmed.

Motion		
That the minutes of 19 December 2013 be confirmed	Moved	Greg Slater
	Seconded	Ann McCarter
The motion is carried		

Matters Arising

President Christine reported that Council has provided a concept plan for the replacement **bus shelter**, for review and comment by the Bundanoon Community Association and the Bundanoon History Group. This followed a meeting in January with Council involving representation from BCA and BHG. This process has taken time, but it is important that the replacement bus shelter appearance is not inconsistent with that of the Old Goods Shed.

President Christine also reported that a derelict, obsolete bus shelter in Penrose Road is to be removed.

On **2-4 Church Street: change of use from church to funeral home and chapel**, member Geoff McCubbin reported that the planned lease of the building for use as a funeral chapel did not take place, and is no longer seen as an option.

The Moss Vale Uniting Church Council, which has local responsibility for the site, decided on 30 January 2014 to formally cease church services in the building, but also to continue to ensure the maintenance of the memorial garden. It still intends that a suitable lease should be arranged, and discussions are continuing. If they do not succeed within a reasonable period, other options will be considered, keeping in mind the heritage considerations in the area.

The Bundanoon Uniting Church congregation will continue through home meetings, with the support of the Minister from Moss Vale.

On **Bundanoon Community Garden**, President Christine reported that finalisation was being delayed as BCA is waiting for final grant monies to be deposited, to enable resolution of accounts, ahead of signing a deed of release.

On **Communications Tower**, Alan Olsen reported that he had spoken again to Joshua Patterson at Council. The Plan of Management for Bundanoon Oval and Jordans Crossing

covers both crown land and community land, which makes the plan of management complicated. The plan of management is being finalised by Council and is yet to be signed off by Crown Lands Office in Goulburn. After it goes to Council, it will be on exhibition for 60 days. Included in the plan is a telecommunications tower, for a single user, with one dish.

President's Report

President Christine provided an update on the **paused works at Bundanoon Railway Station**. Simply we are waiting for Transport for NSW, we are ready and waiting. We think we may be given just two weeks for consultation.

There had been publicity about Mittagong and Burradoo Railway Stations, including, in respect of Mittagong, an empty statement that suggestions received from the community regarding additional improvements that could be made to the station will be considered in the ongoing development of the transport access program.

Christine commented, again, that there are questions on how TfNSW will fit in any works between Brigadoon (April), Winterfest (July), Garden Ramble (October), Highland Fling (November).

On **Bundanoon Sesquicentenary 2015**, President Christine reported on behalf of Convenor Andrea Ward that an initial calendar of events is evolving and this is a necessary step in ensuring that each event receives optimum promotion and that there are no clashes of events. Indications from the local school about participation in the 2015 celebrations have been positive, and the Kangaroo March in September is generating some very exciting possibilities.

It is anticipated that a meeting of all Convenors will soon be scheduled to co-ordinate the year. The position of secretary of the Bundanoon 2015 group has become vacant, and interested persons are invited to contact Andrea Ward in relation to this matter.

President Christine introduced Ray Binns and Pieter Kwint from **Friends of Bundanoon Park**, a group that was seeking to become a subcommittee within Bundanoon Community Association. A copy of the Friends of Bundanoon Park flyer accompanies these minutes. An informal steering group for the proposed Friends of Bundanoon Park had met with Council to explore ways in which the community learns of plans for Bundanoon Park and Council gains a sounding board in the community specific to Park developments. President Christine indicated that the leadership of FoBP would meet with the BCA committee on Tuesday 25 February.

President Christine introduced Jeremy Tonks from the Anglican Parish of Sutton Forest to speak on the **Exeter Rail Disaster Centenary Commemoration** set down for Thursday 13 March 2014, with a service at St Aidan's Anglican Church, Exeter, at 10 am, to be followed by the unveiling of a memorial plaque at Exeter Railway Station.

President Christine reported that the **Annual General Meeting** was set down for Thursday 20 March 2014 in the Hall. At the AGM, a special; resolution would be moved to adopt a **Proposed New Constitution** for Bundanoon Community Association.

Christine pointed out that, at one level the Constitution of an association is paperwork, at another level it is a critically important legal document. But much of what is being proposed in the new constitution involves simplification and common sense, including extending membership to people with a particular interest or connection with Bundanoon, limiting terms of office to a maximum three years and requiring candidates for office to nominate a week before the AGM.

Motion		
That the proposed new Constitution be accepted as a first draft, ahead of formal submission as a special resolution at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 20 March 2014	Moved	Thomas-Andrew Baxter
	Seconded	Bruce Bargon
The motion is carried		

In her President's Report, Christine also reported that, in respect of the Land Use Application (LUA, formerly known as DA) for the Bundanoon Markets, Danien Beets from BCA is working with the convenor of the Bundanoon Markets, Bernadette Blake.

Christine mentioned also that Council's Community Grant Scheme was open for applications, she would be in touch with Convenors.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sandra Nicholls reported on the finances of Bundanoon Community Association, with written copies of the Treasurer's Report distributed to those present at the meeting. Sandra mentioned that, while there had not been a lot of activity in the last month, the accounts showed a small profit.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Motion		
That the Treasurer's report be accepted	Moved	Danien Beets
	Seconded	Neil Wright
The motion is carried		

Correspondence

Feedback on Boxing Day 2013 about lack of services in Bundanoon

Thank you from Marianne Ward following the celebration in January of the life of Ned Ward

Letter from Bundanoon History Group supporting new bus shelter design

Letter from Council about Clean Up Australia Day on 2 March

Flyers from Angus Taylor Member for Hume about Anzac Centenary Grants, Youth 20 Summit and Renewable Energy Targets

Media Releases from Council about Seniors Directory, and Community Assistance Scheme

Canyonleigh Chronicle

Letter from BCA to Trudy McGrath, thank you, in respect of Bundanoon Delicatessen

Letter from BCA to Office of Environment and Heritage regarding the heritage listing of Bundanoon Railway Station

Letter from BCA to Bundanoon Community Garden following December 2013 General Meeting

Email correspondence with Council about the suspension of flow of Media Releases to Bundanoon community

Membership

Ann McCarter in her written report for the meeting reported that Financial Membership of BCA stands at 485. Since the December meeting there have been six new members join BCA and ten members have renewed their membership.

Highlights

President Christine reported as a highlight the participation of Nick Smith in the World Cyclocross Championships in The Netherlands, following funding support from the community. Back in Bundanoon, Nick had emphasised how much he had learnt from his international experience.

President Christine also reported on positive community feedback on improved communication with Bundanoon residents.

Christine also mentioned as a highlight the recognition of Brigadoon's Alaistair Saunders by My Southern Highlands, for an outstanding contribution by an individual that has increased the awareness and exposure of the Southern Highlands during 2013.

Sub-Committees

Written reports were circulated from Convenors of Arts Bundanoon, Bundanoon 150, Bundanoon Community Garden, Catering, Cinema Rex, Community Kids, Garden Ramble, Soldiers' Memorial Hall, JCG Travel, Melting Pot Theatre, Membership, Planning and Serendipity: the choir.

The Planning report mentions a proposal to allow articulated logging trucks to pass through Penrose, Bundanoon and Exeter in order to reach the Illawarra Highway. In discussion, it was noted that there are forestry roads through the Penrose State Forest and these are suitable for logging trucks. There is a section of road connected to the forestry roads that is maintained by Council but which is unsuitable (hence the current proposal). It was noted also that the intersections of Penrose Rd and Anzac Pde, and Anzac Pde and Church Ave were not easy for large trucks, with proximity to a school. "The elbow" also has considerable activity including pedestrians of all ages. It was suggested also that there is a Road Safety Committee (Police, RMS (formerly RTA), and Council) whose advice should be sought. Planning group would be asked to lead on a submission from BCA, by 7 March 2014.

The Hall report mentions the installation of stage open end railing to ensure safety, manufactured and installed by Reid Brothers' Furniture at minimal cost. This is an excellent job and the community thanks Reid Brothers.

The Cinema Rex report mentions that a new digital projector is on trial in the Hall until the general meeting approves the funding for the equipment. The net cost to the BCA is in the region of \$3,600 after a generous donation of \$2,000 by a shire resident.

Motion		
That the expenditure of \$3,600 on a new digital projector for the Hall be endorsed by the General Meeting.	Moved	Barry Miller
	Seconded	Peter Goulding
The motion is carried		

General Business

Pat Hall on behalf of WinterFest distributed flyers about the availability of workshop opportunities during WinterFest.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Next meeting Thursday 20 March 2014 following the Annual General Meeting

Signed as a true record of the meeting (President) .. /.. / 2014