

**BUNDANOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.**

**Minutes of General Meeting 7.30 pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**1: Opening:** The president Christine Miller opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed Members and visitors.

**2: Attendance:** 29 Members signed the register; there were 5 apologies and 2 visitors.

**3. Minutes** of BCA General Meeting 18 September, 2014:

The minutes were confirmed.

<b>Motion</b>		
That the minutes of the meeting 18 September 2014 be confirmed.	Moved	Greg Slater
	Seconded	Danien Beets
<b>The motion is carried</b>		

**4. Matters Arising:**

- a. **Bus Shelter:** Patrick Fitzgerald reported that the project was complete. The Garden Ramble sign would in place temporarily and the National Parks signs were due to go up shortly.
- b. **2 – 4 Church Street:** Ralph Clark advised that a satisfactory Building Report has been received regarding the property. A sign explaining the building's history was being prepared, to be located at the front of the property. The building will be open with its traditional floral display during the Garden Ramble. Work has begun to bring together a committee with wide community representation to work to secure the building as a community resource. Greg Slater gave notice of a chamber group concert to be held there on 7 December, as fundraiser for the project.
- c. **Bundanoon Community Garden (BCG):** Final arrangements are continuing.
- d. **Communications Tower:** No current report.
- e. **Friends of Bundanoon Park:** No specific report. Concerning the Section 355 Committee recent AGM - two members of the Friends have been successfully nominated to that group. Since all 9 positions on the Committee have been filled, a change to the Constitution will be sought by WSC so all 11 elected can be actively involved.
- f. **NBN:** no further report

- g. **Accident:** With reference to the addendum to the minutes concerning Sue Davison's accident following the meeting, Geoff McCubbin advised WSC is assessing the safety of the site.

## 5. President's Report

President Christine reported as follows:

**Cockatoos:** She had followed up last meeting's correspondence about sulphurcrested cockatoos with residents concerned and WSC.

**Cycle Paths:** Support by MP Pru Goward and Cr Ian Scandrett for village issues was appreciated, and Christine had been informed that WSC was looking seriously at bike path development on tracks in the rail corridor to Exeter, with a view to both improving safety and enhancing the tourist potential of the area.

**Website:** A BCA website problem with multiple imaging was being corrected.

**Parking:** WSC Traffic Committee (Frank Perger) has advised it intends to install wheel stops and lines in Railway Avenue, (where it meets Church Street) to prevent cars blocking the footpath by reversing too far. Following a conversation with Frank Perger, where concern was shared in regard to the hazards and feasibility of the recommendations, it was agreed that a group from the village through BCA work with Frank Perger (and the Traffic Committee) to bring about a satisfactory outcome for all. Peter Goulding, Joy Brown and Bill Whitting volunteered to take on this role.

**Railway Avenue Service Station:** Businesses and residents had become aware a Land Use Application (LUA, previously DA) had been submitted to WSC pending sale of the premises. The LUA proposed continuing fuel sales 15 hours a day 7 days a week, and replacement of the existing mechanical service area with a convenience store. The Council is not permitted to take into account competition considerations when assessing LUAs, although it can refer to the local Development Control Plan, residents' concerns, access, signage, and relevant submissions on village priorities. The bottled water question would also need to be addressed.

**DISCUSSION:** The following issues were raised: Grant McIntosh as proprietor of the supermarket and general store immediately next to the site said that a convenience store at the service station would be fatal to his business. To lose the extra sales accompanying people buying petrol would make it unviable, and his family would not be able to stay there. Members referred to the uncertain viability of a 15 hour a day fuel outlet; the existing problem of fuel not being available in Bundanoon on weekends and Public Holidays; the lack of communication and the short time available for submissions on the issue (Oct 28<sup>th</sup>); uncertainty as to who the potential purchaser actually was - with speculation that it could be a national oil company intending a franchise; informal help from BCA on the range and kind of arguments that could be included in submission on an LUA; pressure on WSC to be more prodevelopment; access changes and possible increased use of the site by heavy vehicles; the potential effect on the vendors' family of a failure to sell their business because of perceived community opposition; diesel sales and the doubtful viability of a fuel-only business; the possibility of expanding the present supermarket; and the overall values important to Bundanoon village life.

**Railway Pedestrian Crossing:** Advice had been received that the ARTC had responded to our submission to upgrade the crossing and planned to do the work on the weekend of October 25/26 - Garden Ramble weekend. Following representations to ARTC from BCA, ARTC agreed to reschedule. Work will take place on October 27/28.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Sandra Nicholls tabled the full Balance Sheet for September 2014, together with the draft Summary BCA Financial Position document which was circulated in the meeting. The result showed normal increased expenditure by some sub-committees for the time of the year. It was suggested the loss shown against the Gala Concert was too low, and it will be checked. Work is almost complete on the preparation in a straightforward way of the Summary Document on MYOB.

Motion		
That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.	Moved	Pam Davies
	Seconded	Elizabeth Cranny
<b>The motion is carried</b>		

## 7. Correspondence

Tabled as follows, including:

**IN:** From WSC enclosing \$500 for BCA's expenses as a community organisation; WSC asking that its Access Committee be kept informed of any future developments with regard to Railway Station upgrades.

**OUT:** To Angus Taylor MP thanking him for his recent meeting in Bundanoon. The new WSC Mayor Duncan Gair, Deputy Mayor Graham McLaughlin, and General Manager Ann Prendergast congratulating them on their respective appointments; and to former Mayor Juliet Arkwright expressing appreciation for her service. An invitation to the official launch of the Bundanoon 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on 25 February 2015 was extended to the Mayor, Depute Mayor and GM.

## 8. Membership

Ann McCarter's report showed an active membership of 443, down in number since the last meeting because un-financial members were removed from the data base following final reminders.

## 9: Bundanoon 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Good progress as described in the sub-committee report. (Christine Janssen was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.)

## 10: Highlights

President Christine commented on the useful visit by *Angus Taylor MP*, and on several recent successful events: the *Small Hall Theatre Group*, *Cinema Rex's* "Italian Job" screening, the *Arts Bundanoon Gala Concert*, and the *Spice it Up* Dinner. The dinner had been an important celebration of volunteer work in Bundanoon, with 18 BCA Sub- Committees and 12 other groups represented. She expressed appreciation to Pam Davies her team for this successful achievement.

## 11: Sub-Committee Reports:

Written reports from Sub-Committees were tabled.

**Arts Bundanoon:** Convenor Greg Slater drew attention to the fact that the SubCommittee has concluded that since most recent Gala Concerts made a loss the 2015 Gala Concert would be the last of the series.

**JCG Food and Wine:** Pam Davies advised the *Spice it Up* Dinner had realised a surplus of about \$2,600, and acknowledged the team which had made it such a good way to value people in the community.

**Garden Ramble:** Sandy Weir stressed the importance of the Ramble in community fund raising, noted that the market was fully booked, outlined ticketing and other arrangements, and asked for volunteers to help: 2 in the Hall and 3 to help with parking.

## 12: General Business

**Cenotaph:** Correspondence on cenotaph policy was received from Lee Borradale. This discussion will take place at a later date.

**Publicity:** Ron Shead outlined 2015 Seniors' Week activities, including a Ball on 18 April, which President Christine was invited to open.

**History Group:** Ralph Clark gave a reminder of the History Group Garage Sale on 19 October.

**13: The Next Meeting** will be held on Thursday 20 November at 7.30 p.m. and the December meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed at 8.41 p.m.

**Confirmed:** .....(President)  
20 November 2014.