



# BUNDANOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (BCA INC.)

## GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm, Thursday 18th August 2016

Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

## MINUTES

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm

1. **Attendance** There were 40 members who signed the register, and there were 11 apologies.
2. **Welcome** The President acknowledged the traditional owners of this land, and welcomed members and visitor.
3. **Confirmation of Minutes (tabled)** The Secretary pointed out an error with the name of Duncan Gair (Item 11 [a] [v]) in the tabled form of the Minutes. With this correction, G. Slater/G. McCubbin moved and seconded that the Minutes of the General Meeting on 21st July 2016 be confirmed.  
Carried.
4. **Business arising from the Minutes**
  - (a) Lessons on smart phones and digital tablets in Bundanoon: Christine Miller reported that the classes went well, with 6-7 in each group, and that WSC were thinking of repeating them in Bundanoon and elsewhere in the Shire; Rosemary Page commented that the high school students present to assist were a great help.
  - (b) *Canary Island date palm* : The President reported on the meeting at the hotel area with a number of local residents and Anne Mackay, WSC Heritage Officer; Endeavour Energy's preference is to relocate the electricity pole across the street; WSC is trying on our behalf to secure plans of the proposal from Endeavour Energy.
  - (c) DA for 50 Erith St: A copy of BCA's submission was attached to the tabled papers.
5. **Correspondence**

The Secretary listed only one item of correspondence out (apart from much other email 'traffic'):  
18.08.16: email to BCA Committee members listing 'bounced' cheques
6. **President's Report**

The President announced that there would be a 'Meet the Council Candidates' forum on the evening of Friday 26th August in the Hall, and that arrangements for it were well in hand.

The President also reminded members of the Gala Concert on 27th August to officially inaugurate the new Yamaha grand piano, with Gerard Willems as the guest artist. Greg Slater reported that tickets sales were going well, with about half the tickets sold already; there would be a short introduction to thank donors before the Concert starts, and a light supper would be served after the Concert.

The President mentioned that Kerith Fowles was recovering in hospital from illness, and that a 'get well' card was available for members to sign.

The President delivered an apology for a number of dishonoured cheques, but the problem had been dealt with expeditiously; it was not the result of the unavailability of funds, just problems resulting from the time taken to transfer the BCA account from one bank to another.
7. **Treasurer's Report (tabled)**

The Treasurer spoke to her report. It mentioned that acceptable arrangements have been made for Convenors to be regularly informed by the Treasurer of bank transactions relevant to their Sub-Committee's activities, if requested.

Two questions were asked with regard to the 'Profit and Loss' statement: what did the artists fees for concerts cover, and what did the hire and rental costs cover? The Treasurer replied that the first might be a misallocation, and she would need to get back about the second question.

#### **8. Matters referred on by Committee**

- (a) Progress on replacement of website: The Secretary reported that work had started on the construction of the new website the previous Monday (15th September); it is expected to be switched on in early October.

#### **9. Sub-Committee Reports (tabled)**

- (a) Membership: The Convenor explained that he would consult with the Treasurer about a procedure for sending out reminders of membership renewals and acknowledging receipt of them.
- (b) Soldiers' Memorial Hall: Christine Miller reported that it had been difficult to find a replacement for the previous Hall Manager, Peter Goulding; a small, but willing, group of volunteers had continued the routine tasks. Pat Guy had now agreed to be Convenor of the Hall Sub-Committee, and she would co-ordinate the tasks of the volunteer group via emails; Brian Wright would have responsibility for the Hall loft.
- (c) The following further comments by Convenors or Sub-Committee members were made:
  - (i) Christine Miller reported on presentation ceremonies by major donors to the purchase of the new grand piano: WSC on 5th August in the Civic Centre, Moss Vale, and Veolia Mulwaree Trust in Goulburn on 18th August (with a 'big' cheque, and a placard to be displayed with the piano when used). Payment of three-quarters would be made by the latter, and the balance later. Interesting was the report of the amounts and range of funding which the Veolia Mulwaree Trust gives out each year.
  - (ii) With regard to the Leaver Park Group, Christine Miller reported that the computerised system which WSC was using for bush regeneration schedules was being further adjusted.
  - (iii) John Desmond, Convenor of The Green Team, spoke further about the plan for a low sandstone embankment (which had been under consideration for three years); \$7000 from a Garden Ramble had been committed to it at that time, which would allow The Green Team to approach WSC to seek their financial support; a ball-park figure for the project is now \$11,000. The matter was referred to the Committee for further consideration.  
John also reported that people had been seen picking the daffodils from the gardens at each end of the village. He suggested that signs be erected, and that locals could take photographs on their mobile phones and publish them on, say, the website 'Lovely Bundanoon' as a means of shaming the pickers.
  - (iv) Bundanoon Swimming Centre. Christine Miller reported on behalf of the Convenor on a recent meeting with a representative of an engineering company which manufactures pool coverings; he had said that the pool surrounds are in good condition, and equipment could get in; an example of a cover could be viewed at Randwick Pool. A ball-park figure for putting a roof over the pool was \$700,000; possible funding sources would be Veolia Mulwaree Trust, and federal, state and local governments.

#### **10. Information from WSC papers and press releases**

The President drew attention to these items which were listed on the Agenda (tabled)

- (a) WSC has \$106,243,000 invested in mainly term deposits with reputable Australian banks.
- (b) WSC is still referring to "Southern Villages Memorial" as "Bundanoon Cenotaph and Memorial Garden"; the Bundanoon War Memorial Gates" are subject to the same curtilage restrictions as all war memorials in the Shire.
- (c) WSC has determined that residents will continue to be able to participate in truffle hunts at a farm in Robertson.
- (d) Bundanoon Oval and Ferndale Reserve Management AGM is due to be held on Tuesday 4th October at 7.00 pm at the Bundanoon Hotel.
- (e) The DA for 50 Erith St will be considered by the full Council and not delegated; over 240 submissions had been received.

- (f) There is a WSC Delivery Program which states: “Retain and make more distinctive the special qualities that make each town and village unique.” [BCA could bear this in mind when considering Development Applications.]
- (g) “No Parking” signs are to be placed along the frontage of the Bundanoon Fire Station, and the Bus Zone on Railway Ave is to be relocated from 40m west of Osborne St to just west of Osborne St and shortened to 15m long.

## 11. Any Other Business

- (a) Announcements
  - (i) Nick Westerley made announcements about actions being undertaken to prepare for the bushfire season, and handed out flyers about them. WSC is conducting a six-week ‘Challenge’ on the web, starting on 25th August, and Rural Fire Service and Fire and Rescue NSW will be conducting an information afternoon on Tuesday 13th September in the Hall. There will also be a stall at the School on Council election day.  
A question was asked about what to do about a neighbour who was stacking a large amount of flammable material next to a common fence; John Brock said that WSC should be asked to send out a ranger.
  - (ii) Inaugural performances by the ‘Bundanoon Sings’ choir would take place in the Hall on Saturday 3rd September at 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm.
  - (iii) Geoff McCubbin announced that he had drafted a brief brochure about the NBN and it would be available after the Committee had reviewed it.
  - (iv) Pat Guy said that the BHG Book Sale was a great success, and that she was now also taking bookings for the *JCG Food & Wine* trip to Mudgee in October.
  - (v) Pat Hall announced that seedlings of *allocasuarina litoralis* trees would be available for distribution at an event at 11.00 at the Bundanoon Club on Saturday 19th November. This is one of the ‘sesquicentenary legacies’: the planting of these trees is aimed at encouraging the return of the glossy-black cockatoo.
- (b) Denise Sydenham asked whether anything had been done with the notes she had forwarded from her comments to the last General Meeting. The Secretary explained that he was in the process of condensing the notes and suggesting to whom it could be appropriately sent.
- (c) Tony Ward drew attention to the poor state of the ‘Bundanoon: Our Village’ sign at the north-eastern end of the village, and asked the Committee to arrange to have it replaced.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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