

GENERAL MEETING
Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall
7.30 pm, Thursday 17th September
AGENDA

Acknowledgement of country, and Welcome to members and visitors

Attendance and Apologies

Please ensure you have your ticket scanned on entry or have written contact details in the register for Covid safety purposes.

Confirmation of Acting Executive Officers' and Acting Committee Members' positions and Continuance *pro tem*. ("for the time being")

Special Resolution: Notice of award of Life Membership to a long-standing and long-serving BCA member

Confirmation of Minutes – BCA General Meeting, 21st February 2020

[Attached]

Matters arising from the Minutes

President's Report

Correspondence

Business arising from the Correspondence

Report of Committee's Decisions

[Attached]

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements

[Attached]

Convenors' Reports on Subcommittee activities

[Attached]

Any Other Business

Next meeting:

Thursday 15th October 2020 at 7.30pm
in the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

BUNDANOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of General Meeting

7.30 pm February 20th 2020

President Peter Gray declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and following acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land, welcomed members and guests.

Attendance: 37 members present, and 3 visitors

Apologies: Pam Davies, Ralph Clark, Anton Baggerman, Christine Rowell-Miller, Jeremy Tonks and Christine Janssen.

Minutes of BCA General Meeting December 19th, 2019 – tabled

Motion		
That the minutes of December 19th, 2019 be confirmed	Moved	Ann McCarter
	Seconded	Joy Brown
The motion is carried		

Matters Arising:

Burgess Street – Ann Rocca will continue to have meetings with Council as a compliance issue that BCA was not aware of has arisen. Only the BCA planned development is on hold, at this time. Not the Men's Shed or Brigadoon.

Moss Vale Storage – planned move postponed from mid-January to a date to be determined.

Rear to Kerb signs – to be decided.

President's Report:

On behalf of the BCA I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all the people involved in keeping our village safe from the recent fires: the RFS, New South Wales Fire and Rescue, Police Services, Ambulance Services and anybody involved in the most destructive event in the recent history of the village.

Our annual accounts have passed the audit and been signed off. They are in good shape and this is all thanks to Peter Brown who has worked tirelessly throughout the year. I will let him give you the details in his Treasurer's Report

The Pipes and Drums and Bundanoon has reached an agreement with Bundanoon Highland Gathering for them to play in the main street at Brigadoon. BCA has been advised that there are International Rules which Brigadoon must follow.

The Pipes and Drums of Bundanoon are a new band and this is their inaugural year. Please give them your support and encouragement.

At an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Wingecarribee Shire Council, the matter of the Commonwealth Government Disaster Recovery Grant of \$1 million was discussed. A motion was passed on how to divide the grant between the various communities.

Bundanoon was included and it has been granted:

- \$25 000 for Glow Worm Glen
- \$25 000 for mountain bike tracks at Wingello and Bundanoon.

- \$25 000 for the roadside entrance into Bundanoon. (I presume that is a clean-up of verges and over-hanging trees).

The BCA was responsive to the needs of those affected by the recent bushfires and has made a number of donations to assist. These include:

- Cash payments to Dimmock's Retreat Wildlife for immediate food. \$1K
- John Creighton of Wombat Care, for immediate provision of food for the animals. \$1K
- Cinema Rex provided free admission to RFS members and family to be continued throughout the year.
- Melting Pot are staging a SOLD OUT magnificent show on Saturday Feb 23 with all proceeds going to the fire affected community. The BCA has supported the cost of production and all proceeds to those fire affected, RFS, wildlife.
- Bundanoon's coffee shops assisted by offering to provide free drinks and refreshments to the fire services involved in the protection of Bundanoon, funded by the BCA. A big thank you must go to:
 - James of Potters Pantry
 - Peter of the Primula
 - Byren of Delilicious
 - Rhett of Jumping Rock Café
 - Donna of the Bicycle Café

approximately \$820 in all - thank you everyone for your assistance.

Andrew Rumsey Concert on Sunday April 26th from 4pm-6pm with Andrew and Friend's to support RFS and Wombat Care Bundanoon.

Don't miss it! BCA has donated the Hall and piano hire to ensure as much of the money raised on the day as possible reaches the community.

Emergency Services Advisory meeting was held in the Hall on the 28th December when an estimated 600 + attended. The meeting provided the village with some invaluable and practical information on what to do in the event of a fire. Thank you to Huw Kingston for conceiving the event and Lyndell and Andy for making it happen.

The following week, 4 January, Andy and Lyndell organised a further fire preparedness meeting. Senior members of the RFS and F&R NSW were on hand to answer all questions and provide further information. Buckets were made freely available for the residents to store extra water. Ironically this was the night the catastrophic fire hit Bundanoon.

Fire Readiness Expo was held on the 9 January. This brought together emergency services, welfare organisations, the Red Cross and animal rescue groups. Advice on when to leave or defend your home along with discussions on dealing with the aftermath of a fire along with numerous queries were addressed. It has been recommended that this become an annual event, ready for fires, cleaning up yards, fuel load etc.

Xero and Subcommittees

At the beginning of the year we stated that one of our objectives was to work more closely with the sub-committees to help with their financial procedures and reduce their workload.

To achieve this Xero was reviewed and tidied up to ensure it was operating efficiently. The next and most significant change was to provide treasury help to the sub-committees, initially to the larger sub-committees and eventually to all as applicable. This will be achieved by embedding the

sub-committees' treasurers, which will allow them to operate directly in Xero thus eliminating the need for duplication, reducing the risk of errors and we anticipate will bring a reduced workload.

We have made good progress with Xero now doing a majority of the 'heavy lifting'. A start has been made in providing help to the sub-committees with potentially 4 sub-committee treasurers already working with Xero.

Leash Free Area/Park – Jordan's Crossing

The good news for the village regarding Jordan's Crossing requires awareness of and adherence to rules and guidelines to leash-free areas as follow:

- Dogs are to be under effective control by a competent person at all times. Ensure when your dog is off-lead it is not a nuisance or a threat to other dogs or park users.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Dog faeces must be collected immediately and disposed of in a proper manner.
- Female dogs on heat should be left at home.
- Leash-free areas are not to be used by dangerous dogs or restricted breeds.
- Dog owners need to be aware that the parks are to be shared and enjoyed with other persons and dogs.
- No more than four dogs should be under the control of any one person at any time.
- All dogs apart from genuine assistance dogs are not allowed within 10 metres of a children's play area.

A map is available on-line from Council showing the applicable area.

AGM- will be held at the time of the March 19th meeting. A Mailchimp has gone out regarding nominations and procedures.

Treasurer's Report: The year-end report (as at December 31st) has been submitted to the printer, with little activity year to date.

Motion		
That the Treasurer's Report of December 19 th , 2019 be accepted	Moved	Gillian Brennan
	Seconded	Ann Rocca
The motion is carried		

Ann McCarter, President of The Good Yarn, brought to the meeting an oversight she discovered. Cheque received from WSC reference the Good Yarn was discussed. Ann Rocca is to follow up with Council.

Friends of Wingecarribee: Rhondda Vanzella and Eric Savage

This group has been in place since December 2019. Their purpose is to support and mentor those in the community who are considering standing for Council and to assist them with all the organisation involved to be a candidate. The voting system in place is quite complex. Friends are available to explain how the voting preferences work. Potential candidates Friends will assist are not to be affiliated with any political party, developers and so on. They encourage voting – it makes a difference. They can be found on Facebook and have a website.

Membership report: 382 members. Must hold a current membership to vote at the AGM, renewal forms were available. New members this evening – Mary and Stan Donelly, a warm welcome.

Sub-Committee Reports – hand out available for most, with verbal reports from Winterfest and Garden Ramble.

Winterfest - Kaz Williams : Theme this year is Rebirth, Regeneration. Four new members on the committee, however more able-bodied people needed. There will be fewer children's events as there is more on offer elsewhere. Sponsorship programs and grants are being looked into. A possible major sponsor before the end of March is anticipated.

Garden Ramble - Sandy Weir: Will have on-line booking, entertainment in some gardens, still need gardens – dates for 2020 are Oct 25-26.

General Business:

Hall lights have been left on and the piano left unlocked. It is important that all hirers ensure all is secure and safe in the Hall when they leave.

Welcome Packs: Lyn is seeking help to assist with delivering the new format Welcome Packs to end the backlog. Please sign up to assist.

Com Com: Lyndell Giuliani is the new Convenor. The direction for ComCom has been reviewed to now include more opportunities and help for people to connect.

Wildlife Station Bundanoon: maintained by volunteers, now has a donated garage space for deployment of food. A food donation barrel is at the Village Grocer.

Check **Hall** booking email address in JCG (has been checked and is correct – hallbookings@aapt.net.au)

Tree regeneration: only on private properties through the Bundanoon Bloomery and appropriate to the area.

Rachel Russell: put forward a proposal for a street parade and dance party for the village and all involved in the fires. Will need to liaise with the BCA.

Discussion on the flyers, advertising etc on the notice board in the foyer of the Hall - cleared at the beginning of each month by John & Rosemary.

Garden Club – celebrating the 50th anniversary. To be held at Kaye and John Hines Sat 21st March, \$45 for members \$50 for guests. String trio, food and a lone piper.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 19th March 2020, AGM and March General Meeting

COMMITTEE UPDATE No 4 – 13 September 2020

The BCA Committee is required by the Constitution to report to a General Meeting its various discussions and decisions. So this fourth “Update” is being sent to let you all know the main matters which the Committee has been discussing, and in some cases implementing, from its August and September Meetings, when we actually met in person in the Hall (with appropriate distancing, of course).

This Committee Report will be considered at the next BCA General Meeting on Thursday 17th September, so if you plan to attend the Meeting and wish to refer to the details, we ask you to download and print them off yourselves, as no hard copies will be available at the Meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Bruce Marshall
BCA Secretary

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1. Burgess Street Storage Facility. Ann Rocca reported a setback to plans for the storage shed: Council officers have decided that the land has to be re-classified and the encroachment removed, before a DA can be accepted, despite a DA having been approved for the Men’s Shed, and despite Ann Rocca’s attempts at persuasion. This setback could mean a delay of up to 18 months.
2. Hall Upgrade. The next component being considered is audio equipment to improve the quality of sound reception. The President, Secretary and some BCA members met with representatives from Luminous to consider what is needed. It will likely be four new speakers placed around the Hall. The Committee is waiting on a quotation from Luminous.
3. AED (automatic external defibrillator). One AED has now been installed in the vestibule area of the Hall. The Committee endeavoured to answer the concerns, expressed by some, on heritage grounds about attaching it, including the Bundanoon History Group. Consideration is being given to installing a second AED at the Bundanoon Hotel.
6. New Equipment. EFTPOS Square Readers and mobile phones to operate with them: the two which were purchased have now been set up, and the one which Winterfest had already purchased, will be managed by Andy Carnahan.
Arrangements are being made by the Secretary for the purchase of six 2-way radios with the grant successfully obtained from WSC, for use in communication during performances in the Hall between the stage area and the Loft.
7. Storage units in Moss Vale. Ann Rocca had undertaken a survey of the items in storage in conjunction with Peter Brown, and some excess items had been removed. Ann also offered to liaise with Convenors to remove further unwanted items. The acting Treasurer, Peter Brown, pointed out the disparity that BCA is paying \$3,500 per year in storage charges for goods insured for only \$2,500. There is no register of BCA assets, and the Committee is investigating the appointment of an Assets Manager.
8. Refurbishing of some signs around the village. The Committee is making arrangements for the refurbishing of various signs: (a) the sign above the Supper Room doors, which is in poor condition, belongs to NP&WS and we have been told that they will take responsibility for renewing it; and (b) Andy Carnahan is arranging for updating the panels on the sign near

the railway station. We had consulted generally on this matter with the Bundanoon History Group, with the aim of preserving the original character of the signs.

9. Overflowing bins in the village shopping area and in Picnic Park. Ann Rocca had been following up on this with the relevant Council officer, and some progress has been made with getting the bins cleared more regularly. Some more bins have been placed by the Council in the shopping area, and new lidded bins put in Picnic Park to stop the crows from raiding them.

10. Display of 150th anniversary photographs. This was a request from the History Group, and the Committee agreed to their being displayed in the Bundanoon Club, with some provisos.

11. Two matters discussed by the Southern Villages Group. There was a lengthy discussion at the September Committee Meeting, to which Christine Rowell-Miller, BCA's SVG Representative, had been invited. One was a request for endorsement of a letter from a group called "Save Highlands Heritage"; this request was supported, but no action as yet has been taken.

The second matter was a request for endorsement of a letter from "The Friends of Wingecarribee" to the Minister of Local Government concerning the dysfunction of councillors of WSC. After careful consideration, the Committee declined to sign the letter, though nine other Southern Villages' representatives did.

[Note: There had been an address by representatives of "Friends of Wingecarribee" at the February BCA General Meeting – see Minutes, available on the link for the September General Meeting.]

12. Increase in numbers allowed in the Hall. Following clarification from Services NSW (who administer Covid-19 restrictions), the Committee agreed that the Hall could be opened for up to a maximum of 50 for a seated event, and arrangements were discussed for implementing this with appropriate Covid rules.

13. Proposal for a BCA "Fix the Bridges" Subcommittee. Seriously needed, but because of the amount of business (the September Meeting was three and a quarter hours long), it was deferred to the next Committee Meeting.

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Treasurer's Report for 17/09/2020

The first eight months of financial activity has been a difficult period for both the community and BCA. The deferral of the Annual General Meeting and monthly General Meetings has delayed the normal reporting of financial results to members.

Normally I would report on major income receipts and expenditure, however, given the elapsed time since last reporting it is impractical to report in such detail as I have in the past.

Covid restrictions have impacted on BCA's finances. Garden Ramble, Winterfest, Hall hire and convenor activities that make use of the Hall have been cancelled. As a consequence of Covid restrictions income has decreased compared to the same period last year from \$52,167 to \$45,803, expenditure decreased from \$56,111 to \$52,864 resulting in a loss of \$7061 for the current year-to-date reporting period.

This result should be considered satisfactory considering the restrictions imposed on our activities.

Not all is doom and gloom: Christine Janssen has received strong support from JCG advertisers and has provided some normality by continuing to publish the JCG magazine during this difficult time.

Prior to Covid BCA entered into contractual arrangements to upgrade the Hall facilities. A grant application to cover this expense was unsuccessful, the plans were scaled back to only cover the lighting.

A defibrillator has also been purchased and after Council approval, installed in the entrance vestibule of the Hall.

The lighting upgrade cost of \$21,000 and the defibrillator cost of \$3,000 were paid from BCA's cash working account. Both items were capitalised and are shown as an increase in the value of Equipment at Cost in the fixed asset section of the balance sheet.

In summary, the BCA will sustain a loss this financial year. Fortunately the BCA went into this financial year with a healthy working cash balance of \$63,221 which allowed it to meet all ongoing fixed costs (ie insurance, utilities, power etc) and to pay for previously mentioned capital acquisitions. The working account now has a balance of \$38,394.

A Commonwealth Bank Bush Fire Grant of \$37,000 has been awarded to the Winterfest Subcommittee to initiate a Winterfest recovery event next winter.

The amount of \$37,000 is not included in this Report, as the amount was received after the reporting date and will appear in a future Treasurer's Report.

I submit this Report to our members for acceptance as a true and fair view of the financial status of BCA.

Peter W Brown CPA

Treasurer

Profit and Loss

Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated For the 8 months ended 31 August 2020

JAN-AUG 2020

Trading Income

Bundy on Tap	108.00
Cinema Bundanoon	740.24
Donations Received	7,066.40
grants received	552.00
Hall Hire - External	4,701.95
Hall Hire - Internal	332.25
Jordans Crossing Gazette	18,491.15
Melting Pot Theatre	5,602.51
Membership Fees	1,027.25
Sundry Income	4,800.72
Ticket Sales - Music at @ 10	1,855.90
Total Trading Income	45,278.37

Gross Profit

45,278.37

Other Income

Interest Income	525.34
Total Other Income	525.34

Operating Expenses

Artists Fees - Piano/Music @10	2,272.73
Business Insurance	4,012.58
Catering - Food Supplies	216.00
Cleaning	2,204.50
Computer Costs	654.30
Consumables	127.81
Distribution Costs	868.64
Donations	9,608.75
Equipment	290.73
Film Rentals	500.85
Hall Hire	2,275.48
Hall Hire - Sub-Groups	(1,504.50)
Hire & Rental Costs	2,922.68
License fees	1,135.05
Meeting Expenses	362.46
Mobile Phone Expenses	72.73
Other Expense	865.09
Postage	489.13
Power & Energy	2,611.94
Printing	18,528.71
Purchases	3,283.39
Repairs & Maintenance	113.20

Profit and Loss

JAN-AUG 2020

Signage	50.00
Stationery	342.92
Sundries	(57.38)
Waste Removal	616.96
Total Operating Expenses	52,864.75

Net Profit	(7,061.04)
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Balance Sheet

Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated As at 31 August 2020

31 AUG 2020

Assets

Bank

BDCU Account	38,394.24
BDCU Burgess St Storage Fund	37,330.86
BDCU Online Saver	62,002.69
Total Bank	137,727.79

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	(749.98)
Cash Floats	1,150.00
Petty Cash Floats	200.00
Total Current Assets	600.02

Fixed Assets

Accum. Depreciation: Computers	(2,936.00)
Accum. Depreciation: Equipment	(21,417.00)
Accum. Depreciation: Furniture	(19,736.00)
Computers at Cost	7,925.25
Equipment at Cost	61,948.18
Furniture at Cost	55,540.55
Total Fixed Assets	81,324.98

Non-current Assets

Deposits to Suppliers	600.00
Prepayments	50.00
Total Non-current Assets	650.00

Total Assets 220,302.79

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	2,835.43
GST	79.26
Hall Bonds Held	2,090.00
Total Current Liabilities	5,004.69

Total Liabilities 5,004.69

Net Assets 215,298.10

Equity

Current Year Earnings	(7,061.04)
Prior Year's Surplus/Deficit	222,359.14
Total Equity	215,298.10

BCA Convenors' Reports – September 2020

These Reports are being sent out digitally, as so much is at this time. They will be considered at the next BCA General Meeting, to be held on Thursday 17th September, so if you plan to attend the Meeting and wish to refer to the details, we ask you to download and print them off yourselves, as no hard copies will be available at the Meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Bruce Marshall
BCA Secretary

Arts Bundanoon

As you will be aware, and certainly from the BCA Newsletter, Greg Slater has moved to Tasmania, leaving “big shoes to fill”. The Arts Bundanoon Committee wishes to acknowledge and appreciate the vast amount of work Greg did to sustain such a high-standard program for so many years. In fact, artists are booked right through to the end of 2021, of course with the understanding that we will have to work within whatever Covid-19 conditions apply at the time. Greg has also offered to assist with continuing contact with the artists over the period.

The Subcommittee is in the process of sharing around the many responsibilities which Greg assumed himself. Discussions are taking place with the BCA Committee about how this will work, including the appointment of an interim or ongoing Convenor.

It is uncertain whether any further concerts will be possible in 2020, but as soon as we can go ahead, the plans are already in place. The Subcommittee wants to make sure we do not lose this important part of Bundanoon's community life.

Geoff McCubbin on behalf of the Arts Bundanoon Subcommittee

BCA Website

The website is updated as changes are notified. Of interest is the page listing the Subcommittees and Convenors. This is the ‘master list’ of the Subcommittees for the BCA.

The new Welcome Booklet is also available as a downloadable document. Those involved in its updating to a Booklet are proud of the quality and information provided to new residents.

The *JCG* page now has the title of each issue to assist with locating back copies. There are 10 years of *JCG* available online and for new residents they make for valuable reading on Bundanoon and the people who make the village. There is no search capability within the website to search within issues; however, the Google search engine being what it is, the content can be found using that. At some point I may explore setting up search within the site so that all documents can be searched. But not just yet . . .

If there are items incorrect, please notify me at membership@bca.asn.au, so I can update. If you notice incorrect items, it is most helpful if you can also supply the correct information.

Andy Carnahan (Website Manager)

Bundanoon Garden Ramble

The Garden Ramble Subcommittee has nothing new to report. We met for a coffee this week, it was lovely to catch up. We have some ideas for Ramble 2021, all depending, as everything is, on the restrictions in NSW.

Sandy Weir (Convenor)

Bundanoon on Tap

Work continues on the development of the planned permanent story and message, following the decision made in 2009 by residents of Bundanoon, supported by the applicable businesses of Bundanoon, to sell single-use bottled water no longer.

Following the tenth anniversary celebrations last year, feedback to the Subcommittee suggested the re-introduction of a bottle being made available for purchase in Bundanoon that reflects the decision continuing.

All art work and requirements for the bottles have been forwarded to the producers, and we anticipate hearing any day now about the expected arrival date of the new bottles.

Christine Miller (Convenor)

Bundanoon Sings!

The choir is still unable to meet for rehearsals because of Covid-19 restrictions, although the Sub-Committee and members are keeping in contact with one another. In the meantime, the licence which allows us to perform and photocopy music has been renewed. The BCA pays for the licence, usually \$290 a year, but we are still waiting on the final figure since a large discount is being given because of the effects of COVID 19 limitations.

Geoff McCubbin (Convenor)

Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

The Hall is continuing to function with Covid restraints, and with limited usage.

The exercise and dance classes have the maximum capacity of 20 for most sessions. The Ukesters and Bundanoon Pipes and Drums meet weekly, while NSW Ambulance meet monthly on a Thursday night for ongoing training for the First Responders from Bundanoon NSW Fire and Rescue and the SES Canyonleigh. They are full of admiration for our Hall!

We have recently had a representative from Wormald to assess the fire safety aspects of the Hall and to make recommendations to Council, and also a visit from Chubb Fire Services, who replaced most of our exit lights and signs. We are now “current” according to their specifications.

We have reported (again) the difficulty in closing the Supper Room doors – we hope that the four side doors will be replaced by Council sooner rather than later! As reported in May, a Fire Safety Inspection had been carried out just before then, and some changes suggested to Council for action. The Council called for quotations to replace the Supper Room and Hall exit doors on the Church Street side, in a heritage-compatible design, and to provide a more user-friendly locking system. They do not seem to be moving ahead with this. The BCA has done its best to get this problem solved.

Our thanks to the groups using the Hall for complying with our Covid regulations, and to the Hall Willing Workers for their patience and for doing such a great job.

Rosemary Page

Bundanoon Ukesters

The Bundanoon Ukesters have been getting together in the Hall on Tuesday nights for a few months now, and we have been enjoying ourselves very much given the limited opportunities for other entertainment. We are starting to see increased interest with some new members joining, and others coming out of the woodwork again.

Sadly, we will miss our annual concert this year which would have been on 12th September, but on the positive side we are now entertaining the crowds in Bundanoon at the local Markets on the first Sunday of every month, playing in the “Soundpit”. The Bundanoon Ukesters gratefully acknowledge the efforts of the Hall cleaning and disinfecting team.

Anton Baggerman (Convener)

COMpassionate COMMunities

ComCom intends to continue the ‘Dying to Know Day’ held nationally on 8 August (2020 cancelled due to Covid-19) to be held in the Solders Memorial Hall. This is an annual day of engagement dedicated to activating conversations and community actions around death, dying and bereavement. On this day the Bundanoon community can gather in a safe and compassionate place and learn about what is important at end of life and be introduced to services that can help them.

Also trained volunteers in advance care directives are available (Covid-19 distancing currently not permitting) to help people fill out their Advance Care Directive and other necessary documents regarding life choices such as funerals and emotional wills.

ComCom will act as a ComComHub, that is when someone is in need, feeling isolated and lonely, they could contact either the convener or a subcommittee member, who would introduce them to a service or organisation such as CWA, Men’s Shed, Needles and Natter, Photography Club, Bundanoon Sings, the Ukesters, Quest for Life workshops etc depending on the needs of the individual person.

The “Hello how are you?” new initiative will continue and anyone is welcome to register for a daily or ‘every other day’ call from a ComCom volunteer. Forms are now available on the BCA website to download from the Compassionate Communities Bundanoon page.

Lyndell Giuliano (Convenor) Comcom@bca.asn.au

Jordan’s Crossing Gazette

The spring edition of *JCG* is bright and colourful and includes articles from new and ‘old’ contributors. I am pleased to report we are attracting interest from a much wider age group (starting at 9 y.o.!). Our new sections are proving popular, and we hope everyone likes the new look with more photos.

We are a small core group, with new people who are interested in writing attending our planning meetings – we’re always ready to welcome new ideas.

Bella Gnecci Ruscone, our layout designer, makes my job a lot easier, constantly suggesting improvements and providing fantastic photography skills.

Annie Goodridge is the one who calls and reminds the many contributors of the deadline (which most seem to forget). We will be sending out all the deadlines for the next 12 months in a notice via Mailchimp, which we hope people will adhere to.

We hope you enjoy “Hope Springs Eternal”, and please contact me by email (JCG.editor@bca.asn.au) if you would like to be involved in *JCG*.

Christine Janssen (Convenor)

Leaver Park

The group is awaiting advice from the Council staff who are responsible for bush regeneration work, when they and our group will be able to return to work at Leaver Park. The group usually undertakes bush regeneration work at the Park on the third Thursday of each month.

Christine Miller (Convenor)

Melting Pot Theatre

Last time, MPT reported the results of CTD 3 (see now also page 5 of the latest *JCG*). Since then, on 1st August we conducted an Acting and Production Workshop for some of the younger members of our theatrical community.

Then on 22nd August MPT held our first ever “Poetry Slam”. We had two COVID-safe sessions, capped at 20 participants for each. This gave local poets the opportunity to share their work with the group.

And remember – there are a few more events scheduled for the rest of the year (pestilence permitting). See the details in the recent *JCG*.

Rosie Gray on behalf of the Melting Pot Theatre Subcommittee

Membership

As of 9 September, the BCA has 363 current members. There are 49 members not included in this number as their membership expired on 1 July 2020. Emails have been sent to them notifying of this and inviting renewal. Under our Constitution once a membership has expired over three months, a new membership application is required. I hope we get some renewals.

New residents to Bundanoon receive one year free membership, if they wish, after they are visited by the Welcome to Bundanoon volunteers. This is being taken up by many new residents.

The membership form has been changed slightly to ask members to visit the web site to join Subcommittees. I think this is a better way to engage people and let them see details of the Subcommittees before they join.

Hindmarsh and Walsh now have their new office at 6/65 Railway Avenue and are still happy to accept membership forms and payment.

Online membership software was trialled recently; however, we are not proceeding with this. The software, Join-it, was excellent and reasonably priced, but there are some limitations created by our membership requirements in the Constitution that would negate the major benefits.

Andy Carnahan (Convenor)

Needles & Natter

It has been with regret that we are going to cancel the proposed Exhibition of Needlework and Craft planned for November 2020. We have tentatively re-booked the exhibition for late March 2021. It will all be dependant on the status of the virus at that time. Closer to the new date, more information will be provided.

Needles & Natter is continuing to meet at The Bundanoon Club each Thursday, albeit with reduced participants at this time.

Andrea Ward (Convenor)

The Rex Cinema

The good news that the Hall is to be opened up to a larger number has led the Rex Cinema Subcommittee to look at putting on a film showing in the near future. We just have to work out with the main Committee a few details of how the Covid-19 Safety Plan for the Hall will work with a movie presentation (no drinks or nibbles!). Watch this space!

Stuart Reid (Convenor)

Welcome to Bundanoon (formerly Welcome Packs)

The times are really challenging for us all, and especially so for newcomers. I often think how I would feel arriving in our beautiful village and so many organisations are closed. It is now difficult to meet people and find out what is going on. This is where the welcome group is so important, meeting and greeting new residents to our village.

The use of the Bundanoon club as our meeting venue has proven to be most appropriate. The very friendly club members show the newcomers round the club and grounds. Various gifts are offered along with a welcome drink. We then sit down with our new residents and welcome them. This includes revealing the contents of the welcome pack and answering questions about Bundanoon. We have been using this venue since the beginning of July and it works very well. Covid-19 regulations are followed and we can sit in or out, depending on weather and preferences. So far we seem to greet one family a week.

Please do contact me (0423 723 430, email – Welcome@bca.asn.au) if you are aware of new residents who may need a Bundanoon welcome.

Lyn Morehen (Convenor)

Winterfest

The Bundanoon Community Association and the Winterfest Organising Committee are delighted to announce that Winterfest is the recipient of a \$37,000 grant from the Commonwealth Bank Bush Fire Recovery Fund.

The Fund has been set up to support bushfire affected communities, to help them recover from the horrors of the Black Summer by strengthening social connectedness and promoting emotional well-being. The existence of this grant was included in a summary of all available grants which the event may benefit from, prepared by Subcommittee member Claire Wiltshire (and which has been now shared with the BCA Committee). With only two working days before applications closed, there was some rapid writing to do and a couple of conversations to be had with the BCA President to clear the way for a submission. It got exciting when we were asked to provide (in just two days) financial summaries from previous years to support the application. It is a testament to the diligence of Kaz Williams, the previous Convenor, and the members of the Subcommittee that great records were immediately available. It obviously worked as the final grant sum was \$7,000 more than the application asked for!

The grant will be used to help stage Winterfest in 2021 (scheduled for the week of 10-18 July) in whatever form Covid restrictions allow it to take. The Subcommittee is starting to consider how best to utilise this great financial opportunity to stage an event that is a great experience for all Bundanoon's residents, and also gives back to the local business that have been great supporters of the event in easier times.

The Winterfest Organising Committee are so grateful to the Commonwealth Bank for this support. This very generous grant will ensure we can stage a truly memorable festival next time – including the much-loved Street party and a *Learn! Play! Eat! Stay!* week of workshops and events that will also be a brilliant opportunity to keep the town buzzing for the whole period.

This really is great news to brighten a rather difficult time!

James Fulford-Talbot (Convenor)

Nil Reports

In view of the COVID-19 and other restrictions, a number of Subcommittees are not meeting or carrying out activities, and so have nothing to report at this stage:

De Meyrick Reserve Subcommittee – Sandy Berry (Convenor)

Glow Worm Glen Track – Liz Norrie (Convenor)

The Green Team – John White (Convenor)

Regards

Bundanoon Community Association Committee

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