

Bundanoon Community Association Inc.
GENERAL MEETING
Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall
7.30 pm, Thursday 19th November 2020
AGENDA

Acknowledgement of country, and Welcome to members and visitors

Attendance and Apologies

Entry to the Meeting is to be made via TryBooking.

Confirmation of Minutes – BCA General Meeting, 15th October 2020

Sent out

Business arising from the Minutes

President's Report

Correspondence

Business arising from the Correspondence

Report of Committee's Decisions

Sent out

Treasurer's Report

Sent out

Convenors' Reports on Subcommittee Activities

Sent out

Any Other Business

Next meeting:

Thursday 17th December 2020 at 7.30pm
in the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

BUNDANOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

General Meeting

Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall

7.30 pm, Thursday 15th October

Minutes

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

Attendance: 30 members present. **New members**..... (name)

Apologies were received from Andrea Ward, Joy Brown, Pam Davies, Allan & Lyn Morehen.

Special Resolution – Award of Life Membership to Christine Rowell-Miller.

Addendum to these Minutes attached.

R. Clark spoke on behalf of the community of Christine's significant contribution to the Bundanoon community.

The President Peter Gray commented:

Christine Miller was made a Life Member after the Special Resolution was passed unanimously. Christine has served the Bundanoon Community since 2003 and has been a member of the Bundanoon Community Association Inc. since 2006. She has held numerous positions, too numerous to mention here, within the BCA on Subcommittees such as Leaver Park, Bundanoon on Tap, Hall Willing Workers and has held the position of President. She was instrumental in initiatives such as Earth Fest, purchasing the new grand piano and initiating the sesquicentenary of Bundanoon celebrations. In all her positions, Christine has been active in the community, attends most events and has good relationships with other organisations. She has been a vigorous supporter of our community and has been influential in creating our reputation as one of the most active villages in the Southern Highlands. She is respected by other communities in the Southern Highlands and Local Government alike.

Christine Rowell-Miller responded:

Thank you.

This is an honour, I am touched and most appreciative. I have enjoyed very much all that I have been part of. I have learnt a great deal.

Although 'measured' in population as a town some time back, Bundanoon has managed to hold on to being and is often described as 'a village'.

A village is usually from 800 to 3000 people (the next census will take us past this – maybe regrettably) Often it is a community in rural areas.

Clustered around a central point – this beautiful Hall, and we have the oval and the Morton National Park to name a few thoughts.

A village is a small community.

There is a consciousness, awareness, that larger places simply can't have; there are conventions in the environment, customs that visitors often notice – those who live within

don't see it after a while – it is often commented on by visitors. It would be an interesting discussion to talk about the conventions that make Bundanoon 'special' still.

But it is quickly moving from a village to a town in some ways, but I hope it is always a place where people stop and say hello; smile as you walk by; put their hands up to help out; notice when you haven't been seen around for a bit; rally and support as we witnessed and participated in these last number of many months.

Barry and I came to be members of BCA following the purchase in 2000 of our spot in Greasons Road and we would receive JCG and bits and pieces about BCA in the mail, before we left Sydney.

We became 'involved' when our neighbour, Bev Tyler walked up the driveway one day and said something along the lines of – 'they want to take water out of the escarpment' and so we met Pat and Malcolm Guy and I think the first thing I did with/for our community was drive in to Moss Vale and get some photocopying done at Council.

And so it continued.

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank those who have guided me, challenged me, educated and informed me and worked beside me and been important in many different ways. In no particular order, mainly along a timeline of when we met and worked together –

Ralph Clark, John Desmond, Alan Olsen, Ben Mawston, Huw Kingston, Stuart Reid, Thomas-Andrew Baxter, Peter Brown, John Brock, Danien Beets, Peter Stewart, Patrick Fitzgerald, Pat Guy, Pam Davies, Elizabeth Cranny, Joy Brown, Sue Reid, Elizabeth Ellis, Pat Hall, Rosemary Page, Lisa Stuart, Ann Rocca, Dawn Jonas, Pru Goward and Ian Scandrett

Thank you for bestowing this honour on me.

I hope the magic of Bundanoon can continue and be celebrated and continue to reward the members of our community for many years to come.

Confirmation of Minutes – BCA General Meeting, 17th Sept 2020 -sent out.

Moved: Ann Rocca, Seconded: Peter Brown, that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

None

President's Report

We are coming to terms with the restrictions governing the use of the Hall. Groups are returning, aided by an increase in numbers allowed for the main hall, plus the reopening of the stage and the supper room. Cinema Rex screened a popular film (sold out), Melting Pot Theatre is back in business with round 4 of Crash Test Drama (sold out) and Arts Bundanoon makes its return mid-November with Music at Ten. Based on the popularity of the previous two, I recommend you secure tickets early.

Tickets, that's new! We need to carefully manage the number of people allowed into each area to be able to comply with the current restrictions, but more importantly, to provide a safe environment for our patrons. Tickets are obtained through our preferred booking agent, Trybooking. To make this easy we provide a direct link to the event where you can reserve your place. Trybooking will only issue tickets up to the maximum number permitted

then it will show as “sold out”. This helps us fulfill the Covid tracing information required and control the numbers.

The new calendars have arrived and the first print run has sold out, the second and last print run is in production now, so don't miss out.

The BCA acknowledge the contribution of Steve Douglas for his text and corrections with congratulations to Lyndell Giuliano for pulling all elements of the calendar together to achieve its success. The artist, Sonja Bowden, is a local, living just outside of Bundanoon and has won many awards. She has won at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and People's Choice at the Inglis Equine Art Prize.

The team at the JCG have provided us with another information packed high quality edition and, like all busy magazines, planning for the next edition is well under way and deadlines already set.

Glow Worm Glen is taking too long to reopen. Red tape, multi-agency responsibility – WSC and NP&WS, Consultants' reports and budgets when mixed together become a nightmare to manage. The GWG Subcommittee have done excellent work, especially their review of the Consultants' report. The Main Committee is working with them to expedite the reopening of one of our villages' most valuable assets.

The BCA are in the final stage of establishing a BCA credit card. This will be used for purchases transacted online, a method which is becoming more common for all type of purchases. This will reduce the need for our Sub Committees using their own private facilities and remove the associated financial risks.

Bundanoon Sings has news, but I will stop there and ask Geoff McCubbin to tell you all shortly. The news that broke is that Danielle and Josh are leaving Bundanoon to pursue opportunities in Canberra. They will both be missed and the work they have done for the community will not be forgotten. Good wishes to you both.

Correspondence:

- Special Resolution for October General Meeting (sent out)
- To Bundanoon History Group regarding the signage for Morton National Park.
- Letter from SVG proposing to establish the SHH; no development as yet.
- John Holland letter to impose a weight limit on the Quarry Rd bridge; AC spoke with the Bundanoon Quarry on Oct 2nd regarding the weight allowance. Also made reference to other bridges in the village in general.
- Email from Dawn Jonas (SVG) regarding the letter from McDonalds on the litter situation. Please photograph and date any McDonalds litter and send to BM.
- Letter on augmentation work on sewerage.
- Oct 12, BCA Business Bulletin sent out.
- Oct 12, BCA President sent a letter to WSC containing submission on Glow Worm Glen Track.

Business Arising:

- Rail crossing – response received from C Rowell-Miller recommending a meeting with President PG to review previous information.
- McDonald's is keen to manage rubbish in communities.

- Glow Worm Glen – information from Stephen Douglas that NP&WS now have cameras at GWG and difficult to obtain information. Is there a Glow Worm expert to obtain more evidence?
- Overbridges: BCA will hold further meeting with the relevant authorities, as there are three to four involved. John Holland is the contractor for the main bridges and state they are not responsible: Transport NSW, State Rail and WSC state the same. C Rowell-Miller had had discussions with Pru Goward.

Report of Committee's Decisions

Committee Update No 4 – October 2020 sent out.

Treasurer's Report:

Profit and Loss for ten months to date submitted by the Treasurer.

As at reporting date, BCA has incurred an operating loss of \$10,738. There is a cash balance of \$16,9910. Since September an amount of \$37,000 has been transferred to a 6 months term deposit, leaving \$33,531 in the working account.

The Covid virus has had a great impact on BCA activities. There has been minimal or no activity by the various Subcommittees except for the JCG which has continued with its publications.

Revenue for the year to date has decreased by \$67,000 45% from \$121,000 in 2019 to \$54,000 in the current year to date.

With the decrease in activity accordingly expenses also went down \$55,000 - 45% from \$120,000 in 2019 to \$65,000 in the current year to date.

Certain additional expenses have been incurred as a direct consequence of Covid 19. These were for the hall cleaning, signage, sanitisation and cost for the development of point of sale processing to be implemented fully in the future.

Myself and the President explored the possibility of gaining government covid financial assistance grants however as BCA is a not for profit entity and not an employer our attempted application where unsuccessful.

In summary BCA was very fortunate to have a substantial cash balance at the time of covid restrictions and therefore has been able to meet all of its financial commitments as and when they fall due.

I anticipate the reported loss will increase over the next financial quarter while covid restrictions are still in place. Submitted for BCA member acceptance.

No questions asked.

Moved: C Rowell-Miller, Seconded: J Tonks, that Treasurer's Report be received: Carried.

Convenors' Report on Subcommittee activities – sent out

Additional notes to the above from the General Meeting.

- Bundanoon on Tap – The bottles are currently in transit.
- Question from the floor (R Roberts) – How the loss of income in 2020 will impact 2021 activities? Response – Winterfest has a neutral budget; Garden Ramble contributes \$20,000 and our spend is very low. The BCA is supporting Subcommittees.

- Music at Ten – Convener Pamela Jane – There is a full program in place and our break-even point is eighty people, at fifty people we are losing revenue. The performers are prepared to play for less. Consider underwriting the concerts, PG and PJ to discuss.
- A late Report from Welcome to Bundanoon received by BCA Secretary.

Any Other Business:

- Ralph Clark spoke on behalf of the Bundanoon Lions Bridge to Bridge Walk proposal. We are all aware of the lack of pathways and the issues it causes for residents; although WSC has repaired some paths. Lions recognise it will be a substantial project and a costly one. Lions are putting the concept out to the village and seeking support from the BCA via endorsement not monetary.
- Move a motion that this meeting recommend the proposal to the community and endorse the plan. A show of hands by members in favour.
- Membership: PG, only 1% of the BCA membership attends BCA meetings, how do we appeal to the younger members of the village for a broader representation?
- BHG has considerable archival information on the Hall and its heritage. RC spoke of the BHG activities and permission given to reprint an article on GWG for the JCG.
- JT spoke of the passing of Bundanoon resident Audrey Petersen. The funeral will be on Friday at 11am. Audrey was also a Life Member of the BCA.
- Mel Morris, Principal of Bundanoon Public School spoke of the consequences of Covid 19 to the school community and how the teachers had pivoted in their teaching methods. There have been technology challenges for students and parents. Year 6 aren't able to have their traditional farewell celebration, but something special is planned.

Meeting Closed: 8.41 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 19th November 2020

COMMITTEE UPDATE No 5 – November 2020

The BCA Committee is required by the Constitution to report to a General Meeting its various discussions and decisions. So this fifth “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 November Meeting.

This Committee Update will be an item on the Agenda for the next BCA General Meeting on Thursday 19th November.

Bruce Marshall
BCA Secretary

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- 1. Audio equipment** as next part of Hall upgrade: The President has been communicating with Luminous (the company which installed the new performance lights) to secure a quotation from them. Andy Carnahan is continuing to examine what is required to install a hearing loop.
- 2. Bridge-to-Bridge Walk proposal from Lions Club:** Ralph Clark had spoken on behalf of the Lions Club at the last General Meeting about their subcommittee looking at the development of this Walk. The BCA Committee *will consider* providing some funding towards the cost of a drafted plan, when the cost for that is known. Andy Carnahan has volunteered to serve on this Lions Club subcommittee.
- 3. Glow Worm Glen Track:** In response to the WSC call for comments on its Walking Track Strategy 2020, and the contractor’s Report on Glow Worm Glen prepared by Tredwell Management, the BCA President has written to WSC emphasising the need to give Glow Worm Glen a high priority as a major tourist attraction in Bundanoon and the Southern Highlands generally, and urging the Council to immediately set about using the amount of \$25,000 set aside from Commonwealth bushfire recovery money for the restoration of its part of the Track.
- 4. Treasurer’s Reports:** It was decided that copies of Profit and Loss Accounts and Balance Sheets would be presented at each month’s Committee Meeting, and that the Treasurer’s Report would be presented at each month’s General Meeting. The full accounts for the year will be included in the Booklet prepared for the Annual General Meeting.
- 5. Membership Matters:** Endorsement was given to Andy Carnahan’s application for a grant under a scheme entitled “Supporting Communities in Recovery” to arrange some First Aid training, to be conducted by St John’s Ambulance.

There was also discussion of the format of General Meetings. One suggested change was to have a 10-minute “guest spot” at each Meeting; another was to encourage members to submit items under “Any Other Business” before a Meeting (matters raised without notice from the floor may have to be referred to the Committee for further deliberation); and a regular slot for “Announcements” at the end of each Meeting.

The President presented a paper on “Expanding Membership”. Discussion of some of the suggestions contained in the paper will continue.

6. Heritage and Planning Matters: Ann Rocca offered to write submissions to WSC concerning the Planning Statement currently on exhibition to support the section on future improvements for Bundanoon, and the DA for Lynbrook (susequently YHA Hostel, and now Highball House) to note that a variety of housing types would be welcome in Bundanoon but the heritage values of Lynbrook guest house and its curtilage should be respected in any development.

7. Committee Email Consultations:

In order to expedite Committee business between Meetings, we have been using Email Consultations to make decisions on straightforward matters. The following four Consultations were conducted in October and early November:

- (a) Retention of 2020 Hall Hire Rates until 30th June 2021. Agreed.
- (b) Setting up a scoping group to consider establishing a “Traffic and Pedestrian Safety” Subcommittee, particularly to look at the railway overbridges in Bundanoon. Agreed.
- (c) Setting up a scoping group to consider establishing a joint “Heritage and Planning” Committee with the Bundanoon History Group. Agreed.
- (d) Purchase of 10 of the new 2021 BCA calendars to send to the two local Parliamentary members and the eight Shire Councillors. Agreed and implemented.

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Convenors' Reports – November 2020

These Reports are regularly sent out digitally now. As with other documents, they will be considered at the next BCA General Meeting, to be held on Thursday 19th November, 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 can be provided at the Meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Bruce Marshall
BCA Secretary

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Arts Bundanoon

Arts Bundanoon staged its November concert in celebratory spirit. At time of writing this report the concert was about to be staged so attendance numbers and assessment as to how well the team operated in the Covid-19 environment are unknowns. The increase in allowable numbers days before was very welcome news.

Pamela M Jane (Convenor)

Bundanoon Garden Ramble

While we were sad October 24th and 25th came and went with no Ramble the awful weather that weekend would have been challenging.

A Persian media network reached out with a request to film some of the gardens to promote the Ramble for next year. We spent the day dodging the rain and shouting over the cicadas with a film crew. We couldn't fit all the gardens in one day so it's a selective teaser for next year. Maybe Bundanoon will become a holiday destination for Persians!

Sandy Weir (Convenor)

Bundanoon on Tap

The new Bundanoon on Tap water bottles arrived on November 6th! They'd been COVID delayed on the high seas for some time. They look fabulous. Most businesses in Bundanoon are taking the opportunity to sell them and it is very pleasing to have such support from our business community.

Sunday November 15th, this new product will be officially launched as part of the event previewing the documentary **"NOW" climate change emergency. What we CAN all DO about it.**" A young member of our community interviewed experts across Australia covering a number of areas of interest.

In addition, following the documentary preview, Huw Kingston will MC and moderate a panel discussing "What can we all do to reduce climate change?" Energy Finance Studies, Moss Vale Community Garden, and Wingecarribee Zero Emissions will all be part of the discussion.

Our goal to have a permanent statement in Bundanoon regarding the momentum in the village in 2009 to not sell single-use bottled water is progressing well.

Christine Rowell-Miller (Convenor)

Bundanoon Sings!

The Choir is still constrained by the Statewide ban on communal singing, which will probably remain in place for a while yet. Still, we are arranging an outdoor social catchup in December to keep in touch with our members. However, as reported at our last General Meeting, our much loved Director Danielle Hewitt is leaving Bundanoon. Danielle's work building up the Choir and arranging our sold-out concerts has been outstanding, and she will be greatly missed. However, through BCA contacts we have met another person who also has very substantial experience, skills and gifts in Choir work, who is prepared to take us on. For the moment, she will have to be Director-in-Waiting, but we look forward to be able to start singing again as soon as it is safe for everyone.

Geoff McCubbin (Convenor)

Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

Covid protocols are being adhered to by most Hall users.

The Hall has had an extra booking for an exercise class on a Monday morning – this helps the coffers somewhat!

Good news – we are now allowed 70-seated (up from 50) for entertainment events – musical concerts, movies, and theatrical performances. However, the 50-seated rule still applies to meetings.

With news of the virus spreading to the Southern Highlands, the Hall Willing Workers are making extra efforts to keep the building sanitised and safe.

I would like to thank them all for their willingness and hard work.

Rosemary Page (Convenor)

Bundanoon Ukesters

Business as usual for the Ukesters except to say we took a night off from our regular practice a week ago to see how the Moss Vale Covid-19 incident developed. We have also been asked to play at the City & Sticks pop-up shop opening in Bowral on 18th November in the afternoon. Provided all goes well and we have enough interested ukesters that should be a fun outing.

Anton Baggerman (Convenor)

The Green Team

The Green Team have been very busy the last couple of months but it is hard to see the results of our labours because of the rampant weed growth after uncharacteristic rain fall. Hopefully we will get on top of the problem before Christmas. Numbers of volunteers at our Working Bees have been good and it is very encouraging to get so many turning up to do often fairly mundane work. We always end our sessions with a coffee and a chat in Picnic Park and plan our next meeting. We all get along well and enjoy the friendship in this difficult time.

John White (Convenor)

Leaver Park

Our second get together following the COVID-19 'break' took place on Thursday November 12th.

A good turn out used the time to cover the whole area to check the site for species we'd worked on eradicating – and the evidence is we've been pretty effective in those many days of scraping and poisoning and removing. And to see how the area looks after such a break. Many weeds were pulled and many very beautiful orchids and other flowering plants were there to be enjoyed.

It is a beautiful area to be part of.

Christine Rowell-Miller (Convenor)

Melting Pot Theatre

As you all know on 17th October, we held Round 4 of Crash Test Drama in the Bundanoon Soldier's Memorial hall. We staged eight original 10-minute plays with 25 local actors. We had first time playwrights, international playwrights, regular and returning playwrights. All writing about a diverse range of topics and ideas from many different perspectives. We had light-hearted comedies, romantic tragedy, commentary on contemporary family life, zoom

meetings and social groups, as well as some rather edgy looks at the real-world consequences of our actions. We had an impressive range of actors both young and old, we welcomed back regular fan-favourite CTD performers and saw the debut of more than one actor and director.

We were very lucky to have BCA Life Member and long-time friend of Melting Pot Theatre, Christine Rowell-Miller, as our Judge for this round of Crash Test Drama. After viewing all eight plays she was able to select her choices for Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Director and Best Play. The calibre of the writing, directing and performance did not make this an easy task by any means – I did not envy her this role.

As well as our Judge, we had a small audience who were lucky enough to watch the plays live and cast their votes on the night. We then uploaded the recorded videos to our YouTube channel for everyone to view and vote for their two favourite plays. All the plays have been available for everyone to watch for one full week and the voting is now closed. The videos themselves will remain available on our channel, so if you missed the voting window you can still head on over to YouTube or Facebook to watch them all at your leisure.

Our crack team of pollsters have gone through all the emails, counted the in-person ballots, crunched the numbers and tallied the votes. I have seen the results and I will say that it was a very tight race up till the very end with a couple of plays vying for top spot. And now I am pleased to announce our winners are as follows:

- **Best Actress:** Hollie Baillieu in *Real* by Glen Hunting
- **Best Actor:** Royston Seers in *Baby Blues* by Andrew Renella
- **Best Director:** Rosemary Gray for *The Crossing of Stars* by Cris Eli Blak
- **Best Play:** *Love on the Road* by Alison Ayers
- **Audience choice:** *Real* by Glen Hunting

I would like to congratulate all our winners. But I would also like to thank all of our writers, directors and performers – it was wonderful to be back and sharing the stage with you all.

The Crash Test Drama final will be held on 12th December when we will showcase eight of the best plays from this year's competition:

1. *The 25th of January* by Geoff McCubbin
2. *The Drive* by Simone Kleeman
3. *Philosophy at the Red Lion* by Andrew Renella
4. *Me Too!* By Gill Brennan
5. *The Three Sisters* by Greg Tome
6. *Homework* by Murray and Kerry Loane and Wynn Beard
7. *Love on the Road* by Alison Ayers
8. *Real* by Glen Hunting

I look forward to working with all our actors, writers and directors over the next six weeks as we work towards what is always a highlight of the Melting Pot calendar. And I promise to keep you all updated about our plans moving forward.

And on behalf of myself and the MPT committee I would like to thank you all for your continuing support throughout this unusual year.

Bronwyn Beard (Convenor)

Membership

We have 391 members. If you have friends who may be interested in joining please print out a membership form and pass it along. Some people may not know what the BCA is but if you ask do they know Winterfest, The Garden Ramble, Music@10, the JCG magazine they may be surprised to learn these are all BCA initiatives. Plus the wonderful groups they can join including Needles and Natter, Bundanoon Sings! Choir, the Ukesters. There are many good reasons to join. If you have any questions please email membership@bca.asn.au

Andy Carnahan (Convenor)

Website

I have finally updated the website so that the listed Subcommittees all have their own page on the BCA site. Where the Subcommittee has their own website (such as Arts Bundanoon), there is link to the external website on the Subcommittee page. The provides a holistic view of the various Subcommittees.

Over the next few months Bruce and I are going to try and turn the website "outside in" to reset the menus to be more accessible to people new to Bundanoon or not familiar with the BCA. For example, "Subcommittee" is not where a new person would expect to find "Winterfest". It would be under a menu "Events". If you have suggestions of how to make the structure better suit people looking in, please let me know. membership@bca.asn.au

Andy Carnahan (Convenor)

Welcome to Bundanoon

The welcome team now includes Catherine Andrews and Carlie Gould. They continue to meet and greet newcomers at the Bundanoon Club. We ask that BCA members continue to give us leads. It is useful if we can have contact details of the newcomers; address and phone number are really useful items for the team.

Please do note that the welcome team does more than deliver a welcome pack. We ensure that the newcomers are really introduced to the community and they get to see the Bundanoon Club, where they are warmly greeted by Club members and board members.

Lyn Morehen (Convenor)

Winterfest

The Winterfest team continue to try to identify the art of the possible for a 2021 event. We are looking at a couple of options in a couple of different places, and will soon be discussing outline plans with the key POC in NSW Police to ensure that whatever we choose to do will have the support of those who need to endorse it.

We must acknowledge that current restrictions would prevent us from having an event on the main street, so have started to try and identify the impact of this on local business owners and understand their concerns.

James Fulford-Talbot (Convenor)

Nothing – or Nothing New – To Report

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

De Meryck Reserve – Sandy Berry (Convenor)

Needles & Natter – Andrea Ward (Convenor)