

## **Bundanoon Community Association Inc.**

### **Minutes of General Meeting 7.30 pm Thursday 19 December 2013**

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

#### **Attendance and Apologies**

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

#### **Minutes of BCA General Meeting 21 November 2013**

The minutes were confirmed.

<b>Motion</b>		
That the minutes of 21 November 2013 be confirmed	Moved	Ann McCarter
	Seconded	John Brock
<b>The motion is carried</b>		

#### **Matters Arising**

President Christine reported advice from Patrick Fitzgerald on replacement of the **bus shelter**, that Council has agreed to a meeting with BCA early in January, tentatively Tuesday 14 January 2014, with a view to helping design the shelter, and that input from Bundanoon History Group would be welcomed too.

On the **containers** in Penrose Road, President Christine reported advice from Patrick Fitzgerald that all is done and dusted and that, as mentioned at the last meeting, the owner is moving everything and has been ordered to pay costs to Council.

On **Governor's Walk**, President Christine mentioned that Council had spoken to individual residents over infringements on the Governor's Walk boardwalk to Panorama Road, several members reported their own experiences.

On **communications tower**, ongoing, Alan Olsen reported that he had spoken to Joshua Patterson at Council, the proposed communications tower is part of the Plan of Management of Bundanoon Oval and Jordans Crossing. There is involvement from the Crown Lands Office of NSW Department of Trade and Industry. The proposed Plan of Management will go on public exhibition in the new year, and at the request of NSW DTI, the plan will be on exhibition for 60 days. We are still months away from a result.

Christine reported on **2-4 Church Street: change of use from church to funeral home and chapel**. This is Council LUA 13/0756, which had been withdrawn. There is no real change of use, with the church now to be used as a funeral chapel.

#### **President's Report**

President Christine provided an update on the **paused works at Bundanoon Railway Station**.

Transport for NSW will present to BCA, after Australia Day, in 2014, a ‘number’ of options for consideration and feedback, regarding the intention to change the ramps at the railway station to meet better the needs of those travelling with mobility limitations. The BCA sub-committee has met again and a number of areas of investigation are arming us for well-informed dialogue ahead.

Christine commented that communication from TfNSW had been very poor. Despite constant emails and telephone calls requesting feedback, TfNSW “thought Minister Goward’s office was liaising with you”.

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

Under the item **2014**, President Christine reported that Bundanoon Community Garden had advised that, from 2014, it wished to become a stand-alone, not-for-profit, incorporated body, no longer a sub-committee of BCA, ideally from 31 December 2013. The BCA Committee unanimously supported BCG’s request. Following receipt of membership details, BCA wrote to members of BCG and concluded that there was support for disaffiliation. This development is unable to be finalised by end December, as there are grant monies payable in February 2014.

There was discussion at the general meeting about the question of use of BCA funds by BCG, and whether BCG would leave owing money to the BCA federation. Treasurer Sandra’s view was that there would be no debt.

In the context of discussion of sub-committees of BCA, President Christine reminded the general meeting that members of sub-committees of BCA must be members of BCA.

<b>Motion</b>		
That this meeting supports the decision the BCA Committee has made on dissolution of the BCG as a sub-committee of BCA, following the request received from the Bundanoon Community Garden to become a separate legal entity and therefore be disaffiliated from BCA. The meeting supports the BCA Committee finalising financial arrangements, including assessment of assets, prior to the execution of a formal Deed of Release.	Moved	John Desmond
	Seconded	Greg Slater
<b>The motion is carried</b>		

President Christine opened discussion on **Bundanoon Sesquicentenary 2015**. Further to the written report in the agenda papers, Andrea Ward and Philip Walker reported on the meeting and function in the Hall on Sunday 1 December, the wide distribution of a flyer with the message ***Bundanoon: A Community ... Since 1865*** and invitations to the community to submit ideas on what are the best things about Bundanoon. Activity will resume in the new year.

In other matters in her President’s Report, Christine mentioned

The Mayor of Wingecarribee had visited Bundanoon on 4 December

As Kerrie Conant-Brown and Trevor Brown are moving from Bundanoon to Vincentia, Kerrie will not be able to continue her great work as Convenor of Garden Ramble

Tourism Southern Highlands won the Destination Marketing Award in the NSW Tourism Awards

In respect of the Land Use Application (LUA, formerly known as DA) for the Bundanoon Markets, the LUA is likely to be for a period of ten years, but this will not in any way affect the duration of the current contract between BCA and the convenor of the Bundanoon Markets, Bernadette Blake.

Peter Wearing-Smith had initiated the beginnings of a Bundanoon Events promotion group

Angus Taylor, newly elected member for the federal electorate of Hume, has provided material to guide a petition to obtain an ATM for Bundanoon should we wish to proceed.

### **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.

<b>Motion</b>		
That the Treasurer's report be accepted	Moved	Pamela Bennett
	Seconded	Ann McCarter
<b>The motion is carried</b>		

### **Correspondence**

Letter from NSW Office of Environment and Heritage 11 November: planned works at Bundanoon Railway Station

Letter from Council 19 November: Bundanoon Sesquicentenary Celebration 2015

Letter from Council 20 November: Draft Section 94 Developer Contributions Plan

Email from Penny Sharpe, NSW Shadow Minister for Transport: responses from Minister Berejiklian

Card from Joyce Garland 14 December: thank you to President and BCA

Letter to Veolia Mulwaree Community Grants Scheme 26 November: support for grant application by Bundanoon Public School

Letter to Destination Marketing NSW 30 November: support for application for marketing funding by Brigadoon

Letter to Ron Dartnell of Bundanoon 9 December: acknowledgment of letter of thanks to President Christine

Letter to Grace Middleton of Bundanoon 9 December: acknowledgment of letter of thanks

## **Membership**

Ann McCarter in her written report for the meeting reported that Financial Membership of BCA stands at 469. Renewal date for membership is 1 July each year, currently there are 63 unfinancial members who have had a number of reminders about their annual fee.

There have been 32 new members join BCA since the end of September 2013.

## **Highlights**

President Christine reported as a highlight her presentation of the **Dux of the School Award** at Bundanoon Public School.

Christine also mentioned as a highlight the **Bundanoon Country Christmas** event including street decorations and Christmas tree and the performance by Serendipity: the choir, with the Bundanoon community turning out in support. Events such as Bundanoon Country Christmas, the responsiveness of the Rural Fire Service and volunteers taking Warrigal residents out and about all capture the community spirit of Bundanoon.

## **Sub-Committees**

Written reports were circulated from Convenors of Arts Bundanoon, Bundanoon 150, Catering, Cinema Rex, Community Kids, Green Team, Soldiers' Memorial Hall, JCG Travel, Membership, Roy Terry Reserve and Serendipity: the choir.

John Brock also provided a written report on the Festive Lights, with purchase and installation of new lights coming in slightly under budget.

The report from Bundanoon Community Garden, received too late for printing, would be placed on the BCA noticeboard.

John Wood spoke to the Green Team report and introduced Arthur & Rosemary Lathouris, Landscape Designers to the Green Team. The Landscape Plan for the Embankment (opposite Bundanoon Hotel) was on display at the meeting. John gave an outline of the proposed work, with Arthur responding to questions from members at the end of the meeting. The Green Team Sub-Committee is to meet with Council on 6 February to discuss some financial commitment from WSC for this project.

## **General Business**

Alan Olsen reported that the BCA committee had given the go ahead for some work on two initiatives. **Broadband for Seniors** would aim to facilitate internet access for seniors in Bundanoon. **Bundy Xpat** would aim to keep Bundanoon's young people in touch with the Bundanoon community while these young people are away from Bundanoon (expatriated from Bundanoon) during study and early careers.

Danien Beets reported that Bundanoon's Nick Smith would represent Australia in Cyclocross in The Netherlands in February, some fundraising initiatives were under way.

John Brock mentioned the need for the community to observe total fire bans when in operation.

## **Q&A**

Instead of the regular Q&A, Thomas-Andrew Baxter previewed some findings for Bundanoon from his research on Volunteering in Wingecarribee. A briefing note was available with the agenda papers.

Thomas-Andrew focused on the statistics for Bundanoon.

Altogether 57 activities and community organisations were contacted and of these 51 involved the use of volunteers. I am staggered by the annual hours of volunteering that take place in our village. My tally is just a tad over 75,000 hours a year - the equivalent of 43 full person years working full time!! Surely Bundanoon must be the volunteer capital of Australia.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Next meeting Thursday 20 February 2014 7.30pm (note that there is no general meeting in January 2014)

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