



# BUNDANOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (BCA INC.)

General Meeting  
Thursday 16th June 2016  
Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

## MINUTES

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm

1. **Attendance** There were 35 members who signed the register, and there were 10 apologies.
2. **Welcome** The President acknowledged the traditional owners of this land, and welcomed members and visitor.  
The President also welcomed John Hitchenson who has been appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee.
3. (a) At the invitation of BCA, Lindsay Kelly, a developer, gave a presentation on the DA for 50 Erith St. There was an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions, and comments on the proposed development were put forward by John Desmond. Concerns were expressed about the effect on traffic along Erith St from the proposed development.  
(b) Brief comments were made by Bronwyn Shead about a DA which has been submitted for improvements and beautification to the area around the convenience store in Railway St.
4. **Confirmation of Minutes** A. McCarter/G. Slater moved and seconded that the Minutes of the General Meeting on 19th May 2016 be confirmed. Carried.
5. **Business arising from the Minutes** [other than Item 10 (b) below]
  - (a) **Storage facility, Unit 3, 65 Railway St**  
A Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up and signed by the BCA and BHG, about sharing space in the Unit, and a new lease has been drawn up and signed by BCA; arrangements are being made to remove BCA items from Unit 5, the lease on which is to be terminated, and transfer them to Unit 3.
  - (b) **Lessons on smartphones and digital tablets**  
Christine Miller reported that lessons are being conducted in Bowral on 25-26 July; the teacher involved is keen to run lessons in Bundanoon, but they may not be arranged until September/October.
  - (c) **Management of the Hall**  
Christine Miller reported that two new persons had been recruited to help with the routine tasks of Hall management, which the group had been conducting.
  - (d) **NBN Information Session**  
Geoff McCubbin had been following this up and reported that an NBN representative will be available to come and speak; a lunchtime community meeting in late July is suggested. The matter will be considered further by the Committee.

(e) **Canary Island Date Palm in hotel grounds**

The matter is ongoing and was considered at the last Committee Meeting; BCA is awaiting a proposal from Endeavour Energy via WSC for routing the affected wires. The BHG is totally opposed to cutting the palm down.

**6. Correspondence**

The Secretary listed the small amount of correspondence in and out (apart from much other email “traffic”):

23.05.16: email to WSC with contact details of new BCA officers;

24.05.16: letter to CIPS Real Estate about change of lease for Unit 3, Railway St;

26.05.16: letter from BHG re palm tree;

01.06.16: letter to City of Wollongong Eisteddfod committee confirming their purchase of the Kawai grand piano;

04.06.16: email from Robin Letham on behalf of the City of Wollongong Eisteddfod committee expressing great thanks for the outcome of the purchase of the piano;

06.06.16: copy of letter sent by BHG to WSC re palm tree;

23.05-07.06.16: exchange of emails with Lindsay Kelly about giving a presentation at the June General Meeting in regard to the DA for 50 Erith St.

**7. President’s Report**

**Setting up new website:** This is moving ahead: a list of pages now drawn up, Convenors are to be approached to collect the information they might want on their “page”; and the current website has been temporarily updated in essential parts as an interim measure.

**“Meet the Candidates” forum:** the President reported on the success of the forum, with all five candidates present, and over 90 in attendance.

**NBN information session:** the President re-iterated the plans which Geoff McCubbin has been putting in place. In response to a question from Bob McCarter, it was reported that the Telstra mobile tower on the Oval is proceeding, and is simply waiting for Crown Land to be transferred by WSC. Christine Miller that the NBN tower is Devon Rd is in process of being constructed.

**Convenors’ Meeting:** the President indicated that a Convenors’ Meeting would be held soon to discuss matters of interest to the working of Sub-Committees.

**8. Treasurer’s Report**

Because of the Treasurer’s absence, there was no financial report for June. The President reported that it was expected the transfer of the account from ANZ to BDCU Alliance Bank would be completed next week.

**9. Matters referred on by Committee**

- (a) Confirmation of appointment of John Hitchenson to fill a casual vacancy.
- (b) Update on replacement of website: already covered in President’s report.

**10. Sub-Committee Reports (tabled)**

- (a) Tony Ward, the Membership Convenor, reported seven new memberships and two renewals; membership stands at 476 at 09.06.16.
- (b) Greg Slater (Arts Bundanoon) and Christine Miller gave an update on the raising of funds for the purchase of the new Yamaha piano: around \$26,000 is still needed; \$15,000 had been raised by the sale of the Kawai piano, and \$3260 from “crowd funding”. It has been confirmed that Gerard Willems will be available to formally launch the new piano on Saturday 27th August. Christine Miller wished to thank Greg Slater for all his hard work on this matter.

- (c) Responsibility for grass-cutting of Roy Terry Reserve: John White commented that the reserve is not a “park”, but rather an easement, so WSC will not take responsibility for mowing it. The matter will be followed up.
- (d) Winterfest: Lisa Stuart reported that all the organisation is finished, and everything is set to go. She drew attention to the Winterfest “newspaper” inserted into the latest *JCG*. There is a new event as part of the final festivities – “Doggies Day Out”.

## 11. Information from WSC papers and press releases

- (a) Adoption of Stage 2 Bicycle Strategy for Towns and Villages
- (b) Exhibition of Draft Parks Strategy – Comments called for
- (c) IPART approval for rate increase of 45% over four years (planned to produce \$107.5 million for infrastructure)
- (d) Schedule for replanting trees removed in the sealing of Ellesmore Rd
- (e) “Brigadoon” application for \$10,000 funding for 40th celebration next year

## 12. Any Other Business

- (a) **Follow-up on DA presentation.** Pat Hall asked whether BCA would be putting in a submission; the President said yes, and it would be considered at the next Committee Meeting. John Wood stressed that it was a personal responsibility, not just a joint BCA one, to respond. John Hitchenson pointed out that WSC would take more notice if a large number of individual submissions were made.
- (b) **Announcements:**
  - (i) Call for “volunteers” to help move stuff from present Storage Unit to new one on Saturday 2nd July at 2.30 pm.
  - (ii) Trivia Night at 6.30 pm on Saturday 18th June in the Hall, organised by the local branch of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women.
  - (iii) Concert presenting a musical journey through time, organised by the Bundanoon History Group, in the Old Methodist Church at 2.30 pm on Sunday 19th June.
  - (iv) Photos on wall of piano in new location, Wesley Church, Wollongong Mall.
  - (v) The next event organized by JCG Food & Wine will be a visit to Mudgee in October at a cost of approx. \$500.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.

Next General Meeting: **Thursday 18th August** 2016 at 7.30 pm