

# BUNDANOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Minutes of General Meeting, Thursday – 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm.

**Opening:** President Christine Miller opened the meeting by Welcome to Country and welcoming guests.

<b>Attendance:</b>	Members signed the register:	34
	Apologies:	8
	Visitors:	3

Those attending the meeting stood for a moment's silence in memory of Phillip Hitchcock, Pat Lewis and Carolyn Banting, members of our community who, sadly, have recently passed away.

Details of the five year Bush Fire Risk Regional Management Plan were provided by David Bartlett from Fire Control, complimented by National Park representatives Chris Keyzer and Damien Dubrowin. Detail of the Plan is available on WSC site.

**Minutes** of BCA General Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

That the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 be confirmed.

Moved: Ann McCarter. Seconded: Pat Guy. Carried.

## **Matters Arising:**

**Leaver Park:** Bushcare Regeneration Group is being formed. Future monitoring of koala numbers by WSC, will utilise sniffer dogs, satellite tracking and Fujitsu drones.

**Servo:** Agreement reached on extended slip lane; tree protection; extension of awning. Increased size of awning and logo/servo location sign will be as the developer indicated. Writing for signage will require a DA to Council.

**Bundanoon Swimming Pool** issue discussed at recent Southern Villages Group meeting; a December village representatives meeting is proposed if possible, or early in 2016.

Additional **Hall chairs** expected to arrive in December.

**Traffic** (speeding) issue: WSC advised they are unable to assist very much. As this is a personal behavioural issue, should the use of signage, posters, letterbox drop be considered by the community?

Pat Hall advised the meeting funding for 700 **She Oak seedlings** has been approved and stock will be available to local residents at \$2.00 each during March 2016. Purchasers will be encouraged to join Habitat for Wildlife, membership form available at <http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/services/environment/get-involved/habitat-for-wildlife> or WSC offices.

Certificate of Appreciation received from Bundanoon's Rebels Football Club.

Acknowledgement of expression of sympathy from Schultz family following the death of Alby Schultz, Member of Parliament and a great supporter of Bundanoon.

## President's Report

- **Bridge** (southern), upgrade by John Holland engineering is progressing earlier than anticipated. At a recent impromptu on-site meeting it was acknowledged the bridge is to be upgraded sooner than previously advised. The question of providing pedestrian access was highlighted again as essential.
- **Grand piano** replacement - Greg Slater advised letter to Yamaha favourably received, replacement cost of \$30,000 - \$35,000 we hope will be positively affected by trade-in amount of existing piano. Decision about the possible replacement of our Kwai will depend on the generosity of Yamaha.
- **ATM** – BDCU Alliance Bank seeking to use the area of the unused door at the Good Yarn. Support for proposal coming from members of Southern Villages Group, a number of WSC Councillors. Awaiting approval of DA by WSC.
- **Australian Electoral Commission** proposed boundary changes affecting Hume and Throsby (likely to be re-named Whitlam), BCA submission requesting Bundanoon, Exeter and Penrose remain in Hume electorate.
- **Brigadoon** Committee has advised their intention to offer 25% ticket discount to local residents; tickets able to be purchased in advance; pipers to perform in Railway Avenue; town banner & anticipated installation of a sculpture relating to Brigadoon as part of the Sesquicentenary.
- **OMC**, recent discussion with local Uniting Church personnel – policy to continue regular dialogue.
- **Don't Bore Bundanoon / Bundy on Tap**, intend to install a storyboard re these campaigns, in vicinity of shops. Part of the Sesquicentenary year, extending into 2016.
- Meeting advised the recent **Garden Ramble & Fling** were very successful and brought big crowds and good retail sales to Bundanoon businesses.

- Advised the accounting record of Sub-Committee newsagency purchases was working, thanks to all for following the new procedures.
- Advised **Robyn Versluis** will end her 14-year tenure as Principal of the Bundanoon Public School in December.

President's Report, continued

- BHG's **Reflections** of the Past DVD was launched 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015.

### **Treasury**

- A recent meeting of Christine Miller, Danien Beets and Kathy Wade with Auditor discussed recent changes and arrangements for the yearly Audit as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
- As advised Kathy Wade is unable to continue as Treasurer as she is seeking full-time employment in Canberra. The Committee is looking for a replacement as a priority and is investigating some restructuring of the treasury function. Anton Baggerman has become a signatory to the BCA account. Committee decision enabled by Section 4.3 – Special General Meetings of the BCA Constitution. Following discussion it was moved:

This meeting supports the decision of the BCA Committee to appoint Anton Baggerman as a signatory to the BCA account.

Moved: Danien Beets. Seconded: Neil Wright. Carried.

- Danien Beets advised of the move towards the electronic platform, the continued need to require two signatories for payments. Investigating the move away from MYOB accounting system to the XERO online business software; this proposal is supported by the BCA auditor and may commence January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Kathy Wade has advised she will continue to assist with the changeover, as she is able.
- No **Treasurer's Report** available at this time, members were requested to provide email address to receive the report, when available.

John Wood asked whether the BCA banking accounts should be moved to BDCU Alliance Bank.

Regarding the question of additional storage facilities, inquiry continuing.

**150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Dinner** – special thanks and congratulations by applause to Pam Davies and Ralph Clark, including Pat Brennan and his team.

**150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations.** Christine Janssen spoke of the final 150<sup>th</sup> event a Street Party on 4<sup>th</sup> December, the focus will be the children of the village and the event will include an adults only Santa Dash.

**Membership Report.** As tabled, Ann McCarter requested that all be aware of the continuing use of the old membership application forms – please use only the current form.

**Garden Ramble.** Sue Davison reported the recent Ramble was very successful, the weather was kind. Thanks go to all involved including those who set up the Hall, gazebos and the bus drivers.

Sue Davison asked that the Bundanoon Garden Ramble be considered as “a community service”, the addition of show new gardens will support this concept.

### **General Business.**

Meeting advised a preview of the National Gallery upcoming Tom Roberts exhibition will be conducted in the Supper Room, 3.00PM – 4.00PM Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Greg Slater advised of the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 meeting in the Hall, for those wishing to join a choral group to be set up for 2016.

Christine Miller asked all to remember the personal distress caused by circulation of unfounded and often malicious rumours. If you do not know the facts ask someone who knows or simply request the information by sending an email to any Committee member – details are on constant display in the foyer of the Hall.

Meeting Closed: 9:05 pm.

Next Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015