



BUNDANOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (BCA INC.)

GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm, Thursday 17th November 2016

Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

MINUTES

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm

1. **Attendance** There were 33 members who signed the register, and there were 12 apologies and 1 visitor.
2. **Welcome** The President acknowledged the traditional owners of this land, and welcomed members and visitor.
3. **Confirmation of Minutes (tabled)** J. Tonks/C. Miller moved and seconded that the Minutes of the General Meeting on 20th October 2016 be confirmed. Carried.
4. **Business arising from the Minutes**
 - (a) Lease of Hall by WSC to BCA: The President reported that the lease has been examined by Ann Fieldhouse, and that there does not seem to be anything contentious. Under the terms of the lease, BCA pays a 'peppercorn' rent of \$1.00 per year.
5. **Presentation by Huw Kingston about 'Bundy on Tap'**
 - (a) Huw outlined the history of the campaigns 'Don't Bore Bundanoon' and 'Bundy on Tap'; there were a number of people involved with the committee, with a wide range of skills. The project is still going seven years later, but there is a need to 'rev it up' again: the water dispensers could do with brightening up, the stock of BoT bottles need replenishing, and new businesses need approaching, and there is a need to find a new Convenor.
The President thanked Huw for his presentation.
6. **Correspondence**

The Secretary listed the correspondence (apart from much email 'traffic'):

 - 21.10.16: Copy of letter from ARTC to Bill Whitting, opposing construction of pedestrian rail crossing
 - 31.10.16: Email from President to WSC requesting information about further plans for the widening of Railway Ave opposite the new service station
 - 31.10.16: Email from President to Barbara Griffin about waiving hire costs for Hall and pianos up to the time of the choir's Christmas concert, as a gesture of support
 - 09.11.16: Email from President to Julia Lemercier thanking her for her work as Treasurer
 - 20.11.16 Letter from Council's solicitors confirming BCA representative to speak at onsite LEC meeting about Rochester Estate
7. **President's Report**

The President underlined the importance of 'Don't Bore Bundanoon' and 'Bundy on Tap' as a remarkable achievement by the village.

8. Treasurer's Report

The President explained that a financial report could not be prepared in time for this Meeting, but that full accounts will be presented to the December General Meeting. The new Treasurer commented that he is still getting to understand how the BCA accounts work, but he does have some refinements in mind to suggest, in order to help with presenting a 2017 BCA budget.

9. Matters referred on by Committee

- (a) Developments at Rochester Estate: It was reported that the Committee had nominated a representative to speak on behalf of BCA at an onsite meeting with the Commissioner of the Land and Environment Court on Wednesday 23rd November. Danien Beets pointed out the need to keep in line with WSC's regulations on the three main issues: height of buildings, drainage to the road, and capturing of water on blocks.
- (b) Future of Winterfest: The President reported that, although Lisa Stuart had indicated she did not wish to continue as Convenor, he was planning to have a further discussion with her next week.
- (c) Proposal for a sewerage dump point in Bundanoon: The President outlined the background; Christine Miller pointed out that the proposal had come up before, but had been rejected. There was considerable discussion, both for and against the proposal, and it was decided to refer it to the Committee for its next Meeting and to secure further information.

9. Sub-Committee Reports (tabled)

- (a) The appointment of Robin Coombes as Convenor of the Bundanoon Garden Ramble Sub-Committee, as recommended by the Committee, was confirmed. The President thanked Sue Davison, the out-going Convenor, for her work on the Ramble Sub-Committee.
- (b) Christine Miller, Convenor of the Leaver Park Group Sub-Committee, announced that the Group would not be holding a working session at the Park in December.

10. Information from WSC papers and press releases (tabled, with one addition)

- (a) \$9.5 million recovered from Lehmann Brothers for failed collateralised debt obligations
- (b) Temporary closure of Glow Worm Glen Track
- (c) Council's conservation programs highly commended at second annual *'Keep NSW Beautiful' Regional Blue Star Sustainability Awards* at a ceremony in Orange on Saturday 5th November
- (d) New location signage around the Shire being put up

11. Any Other Business

- (a) Further brief comments about Rochester Estate: Geoff Bignall had asked to address the Meeting, but did not attend. See also above, Item 9 (a).
- (b) Announcements
 - (i) Gala Final of Crash Test Drama, Saturday 19th November at 5.00 pm in the Hall
 - (ii) 'Bundanoon Sings!' Christmas Concert, Friday 16th December at 7.00 pm in the Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Sub-Committee Reports – October 2016

Arts Bundanoon

Saturday 5th November saw the second last 'Music at 10' for 2016. On this occasion, the popular duo, Ben Adler and Alisa Yuko Bernhard, presented a delightful programme that was marked by sensitive musicianship and virtuosity.

For the final 'Music at 10' for this year, Arts Bundanoon will present the Choir of St James – one of Australia's great choirs.

Audience members were reminded that, for most of 2017, 'Music at 10' will move to the second Saturday of the month.

Greg Slater (Convenor)

Bundanoon Garden Ramble

The Bundanoon Garden Ramble is the largest event on the annual calendar in terms of fundraising for the community. It relies heavily on participation and cooperation of community members. As the Convenor I would like to publicly acknowledge those on the Garden Ramble Sub-Committee who worked all year to bring to fruition the 20th Ramble: John Pryce-Jones, Laurel Hones, Lyn Curry, Craig Curry, Helga Burns, Patricia Varley, and Robin Coombes. Everyone had an important role to fulfil and those roles were all executed with dedication and enthusiasm. I am delighted to announce that Robin Coombes will take on the role of Convenor moving forward, as after 5 years of both Convening and Publicity I feel it is time to pass the baton to those with fresh ideas. I have enjoyed my time on the Ramble Sub-Committee and hope to continue in a minor capacity to help in the future. I am also proud to say that the years of my involvement have resulted in record takings and attendance.

Of course, there would not be a Ramble without the generosity of the garden owners and we, the Sub-Committee and the community thank those people sincerely for their participation. This year's garden owners were: Stefan from Idle-a-Wile; Ken Raffe and Christine Dixon from Coalmines Rd; Christine and Barry Miller of Bonnie Doon; Karen Gray from Fern Creek, Brian Banting from Spinning Hill Farm, Del and Durwood Cooley of Jean Flora; Trish Stafford's Birdsong; and Marie and Paul Klausen of Applegate Cottage. All spectacular gardens.

Also thanks must go to those volunteers who drive the buses, man the gates, set up and dismantle the Hall, catering, and all the other tasks that make up the event.

This year due to inclement weather the numbers were down, but each garden averaged 1000 visitors throughout the weekend and the gross takings were in the vicinity of \$24,000. A good result and one with which we, the Sub-Committee, are pleased. We are also fortunate to have many in the community and surrounds who very generously donate wonderful prizes to be raffled in order to swell our coffers.

A very big thankyou once again – and may the annual Bundanoon Garden Ramble continue to be THE event of the year.

Sue Davison (Convenor)

The Green Team

The Green Team is winding down our peak activities for the year. A weeding working bee was held on 8 November and our final working bee of the year will be on Tuesday 13 December, when we will fertilise the bulb beds ready for planting next autumn. Planning is proceeding on

the upgrade of the embankment in Erith St, with discussions between Council and Bundanoon Sandstone. No early resolution, but we are confident of a good outcome in the long term. We spent \$120 on new potted colour for the pots in the commercial area and will need to purchase fertiliser and some railway sleepers to line the beds near the History Shed before the December working bee.

The Green Team needs new members. Anyone with any interest or who wishes to make enquires about our activities, please contact me: john@desmonds.com.au.

John Desmond (Convenor)

Leaver Park Group

Thursday 10th November was the (second) monthly Leaver Park bush regeneration busy bee and we had three participants and two regular staff from Council, and our WSC supervisor Jenny attended at the beginning to ensure all was on track.

A deal of time was taken up by an unfortunate incident with a landowner of the far boundary of the area known as Leaver Park who was of the impression that a number of 'things' that were unacceptable to her and her partner were taking place and her introduction to our group was to take a photograph of our number plates. We went with her to the area of concern and Jenny (WSC) managed the situation very well. It seems that the fence-line, reasonably concluded as to indicate a boundary, is in fact not the boundary. It appears that the track circle that is walked on and ridden on by many over many years is private property.

Council will now check the location of the actual boundary and we'll go from there. RFS has a planned 'hazard reduction' for Leaver Park and some pink indicators that they have put in place in preparation have been removed. Council will liaise with RFS.

If the boundary as shown to us is accurate, it will reduce the size of the area the group is working in by about 10% which is not too disappointing, as there is considerable mixed vegetation in that area. However, if that is the case, there will need to be consideration given to a soft surface track being prepared along the boundary so there is still a circle walk in place. Some work was nevertheless achieved with Kylie and Lizzie again most supportive and experienced and the routine of the staff in response to a leech on one of the volunteers was excellent.

Contact will be made with the Leaver Park Group list about whether or not to plan 15th December as the final get together for 2016 and to confirm there will be no action in January and that the 2017 work will commence on Thursday 9th February.

Christine Miller (Convenor)

Melting Pot Theatre

The 2016 Gala Final of Crash Test Drama is being held this coming Saturday – 19th November at 5pm in the hall. The eight winning short plays (less than 10 mins each) from this year's heats will be performed as fully rehearsed productions. Please join our guest judge, Jenny Bott AO, currently the Chair at NIDA, as our local actors bring to life the original work of our talented local playwrights. \$10 entry at the door, which includes refreshments at the conclusion of the programme.

Melting Pot Theatre also took 'King Arthur's Socks on-tour in the week following the Bundanoon performances. We ventured as far afield as Penrose and Colo Vale to enrich the lives of the appreciative audiences who came out in their droves to see live theatre. A great shame in many

respects that the actors have a real life to get on with, as we had to turn down a number of requests from other villages – but this augurs well for the future in providing opportunities for our actors.

Pat Brennan (Convenor)

Membership

Welcome to new BCA Members (since October 2016):

Mary Keely

Robin E Coombes

Athol Vernon Cordingley

Membership Renewals received – 5

Current BCA membership – 379 (as at 12/11/2016)

Tony Ward (Convenor)

Soldiers' Memorial Hall

The spotlights have all been cleaned and repositioned by Council's electrical contractors under the direction of Brian Wright – this has given best overall direction of lights on sections of the stage. The Hall Sub-Committee has decided that no-one is to attempt to move the spotlights without the approval of Brian and without thought for OH&S issues. To this end, the extra long ladder has been secured, with only Brian having a key.

Approval has been given for the purchase of a new DVD player (for use by The Rex Cinema and other groups). December is very busy and bookings for 2017 are filling fast.

Pat Guy (Convenor)

The following Convenors indicated that there was nothing to report from their Sub-Committees for the last month:

De Meyrick Reserve (Peter Papps)

Needles & Natter (Andrea Ward)

Roy Terry Reserve (John White)

Welcome Packs (Jennifer and John White)