

## **Bundanoon Community Association Inc.**

### **Minutes of General Meeting 7.30 pm Thursday 21 November 2013**

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

The meeting honoured the memory of Bundanoon identity Ned Ward who died on Monday 18 November. President Christine reported that the funeral would be in Sydney on Wednesday 27 November, with a function to celebrate Ned's life to be held in Bundanoon at a later date [subsequently set for 2 pm on Saturday 11 January 2014 in the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall].

President Christine reported that member and Hall Convenor Peter Goulding had been injured in a fall while in New Zealand, fortunately wife Kerri was with him.

Kerith Fowles, Convenor of Serendipity: the choir joined the meeting for a moment to introduce Jo De Ligt as choir treasurer.

#### **Attendance and Apologies**

36 members and three visitors signed the attendance register, there were ten apologies.

#### **Minutes of BCA General Meeting 17 October 2013**

The minutes were confirmed.

<b>Motion</b>		
That the minutes of 17 October 2013 be confirmed	Moved	Pat Guy
	Seconded	Carol GreyTownsend
<b>The motion is carried</b>		

#### **Matters Arising**

Patrick Fitzgerald reported on replacement of the **bus shelter**, that essentially nothing is happening, that he is frustrated that the project continues to be passed around Council staff.

On the **containers** in Penrose Road, it is understood that Council has a written commitment from the owner to remove the containers by the deadline at the end of December.

The item on **train and bus timetables** was dealt with later in the meeting, along with the *paused* works at Bundanoon Railway Station.

The mayor had opened the **new toilet block**, on 22 October. With recent rain, there were leaks in the toilet block, this had been reported to Council.

President Christine reported on the change of name to **Community Kids** for the BCA sub-committee established earlier this year with the aim of bringing together younger members of our community.

There was nothing further to report on the **Erith Street development**.

On the **priority to involve young people** initiative, Harvey Grennan reported on a presentation to young rugby league players that took place at the Bundanoon Club and which attracted positive publicity.

On the **communications tower**, Alan Olsen is to do further research on claims that it is when they are working hard to pick up signals (as is always the case in Bundanoon) that mobile telephones do the most damage.

## **President's Report**

President Christine provided an update on the **paused works at Bundanoon Railway Station**. Effectively, the works are now paused.

Following the town meeting on 24 October, President Christine had attended a meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> at Parliament House in Sydney. The representatives at the meeting from Transport for NSW and from the Minister for Transport's Office committed to be in touch with us on Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>, or Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Despite regular follow ups, as noted in a broadcast email to BCA members, nothing yet, still.

We were led to believe (as shared at the Town Meeting) that the southern side of the railway line, as per the original plan, had been approved by Heritage, but the northern side assessment was not completed. We now are of the opinion that the northern side, as per the original plan, has not been approved by Heritage, but we do need confirmation on this point.

Meanwhile President Christine has set up a subcommittee to work with the BCA Committee to continue developing input, ideas, facts and possibilities to share with Transport for NSW, to reach a better outcome for all. The work at the station has ceased meanwhile. With December around the corner, President Christine suggested that we may be able to reasonably assume that nothing will now commence in 2013.

Patrick Fitzgerald is heading up the working group. Members of the community who have agreed to assist in one way or another, some by advising, some by writing, some by investigating and enquiring and reporting back, are Trevor Brown, Peter Fenn, Pat Guy, Liz Moore, Rod Moore, Ben Sandilands and Philip Walker. President Christine thanked these people for their willingness.

At the same time, in the broadcast email, President Christine encouraged BCA members to be in touch with Minister Berijikian to encourage the Minister's office to continue to work with us to reach a compromise position as soon as possible. Christine suggested copying correspondence to the Member for Goulburn, Pru Goward.

Christine speculated on the future of rail services at Bundanoon Railway Station, following discussion at the Southern Villages Group and conversations with Berrima Buslines. We may be looking at the prospect of buses between Bundanoon and Moss Vale, and express buses between Moss Vale and Campbelltown, with Bundanoon Railway Station used only for explorer type rail services between Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. Christine will continue dialogue with Berrima Buslines.

Christine reported on **Bundanoon Sesquicentenary 2015** and the proposed formation of a new subcommittee, to be chaired by Andrea Ward with Philip Walker as secretary and **Bruce Marshall** as treasurer. **The Bundanoon Guinea Flower may be an appropriate floral symbol for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration.**

<b>Motion</b>		
That a new Sesquicentenary Subcommittee be formed with initial seed funding of \$1,000	Moved	Ralph Clark
	Seconded	Neil Wright
<b>The motion is carried</b>		

Philip Walker distributed a flyer with the message ***Bundanoon: A Community ... Since 1865***, inviting BCA members and others to a meeting and function in the Hall at 4.30 pm on Sunday 1 December

Christine reported on **2-4 Church Street: Change of Use from Church to Funeral Home and Chapel**. This is Council LUA 13/0756.

A sign outside the Uniting Church had gone up prematurely, but had now come down.

There is correspondence from Council that the application has been withdrawn. Given that “the proponent proposes to use the site to perform funeral services ordinarily incidental to a church building and nor involving a mortuary or chapel, no requirement for Council development consent is triggered.”

There remained confusion on whether the application had been withdrawn because there is “no requirement for Council development consent” or because the proponent no longer “proposes to use the site to perform funeral services ordinarily incidental to a church building”.

New member Geoff McCubbin pointed out to the meeting that decisions by the Uniting Church have been made in Sydney by the Synod on NSW and ACT, rather than locally.

President Christine reported that work continues on updating the **BCA Constitution**.

In respect of a broadcast email on a police matter, President Christine informed the meeting that she had verified the request and had confirmed it as genuine prior to the broadcast.

### **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.

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted.

<b>Motion</b>		
That the Treasurer’s report be accepted	Moved	Patrick Fitzgerald
	Seconded	John Desmond
<b>The motion is carried</b>		

## **Correspondence**

Letter from Council 28 October: Containers in Penrose Road  
Letter from Grace Middleton of Bundanoon 29 October: thanking BCA  
Letter from Council 30 October: 2-4 Church Street Change of Use  
Letter from Australia Post 31 October: Our Community Funding Centre  
Letter from John Wood of Southern Highlands Carriage Club 1 November: Plan for Major Event in 2015  
Letter from Ron Dartnell of Bundanoon: thanking BCA President  
Card from Pam Davies: thank you  
Email broadcast to membership 18 October: planned works at Railway Station  
Letter to Transport for NSW 20 October: Railway Station pause and invite  
Letter to NSW Office of Environment and Heritage 20 October: Railway Station pause  
Email letters to Councillors: Town Meeting invite  
Media Release 24 October: Town Meeting  
Email broadcast to membership 25 October: Town Meeting  
Emails and letters to non-members of BCA 31 October: follow up Town Meeting  
Email to Council GM 31 October: Council media release  
Email broadcast to membership 31 October: Railway Station pause  
Email letters to Councillors: Railway Station pause  
Media Release 3 November: Railway Station pause  
Letter to Council 17 November: thank Catherine Froome re containers in Penrose Road  
Letter to Wild Horizons 17 November: congratulating CamelBak Highland Fling  
Letter to CamelBak 17 November: congratulating CamelBak Highland Fling  
Email broadcast to membership 18 November: Railway Station update

## **Membership**

Ann McCarter reported that membership totalled 526.

## **Highlights**

President Christine highlighted as achievements Remembrance Day, involving the RSL and Bundanoon Public School, the Garden Ramble on 26 and 27 October and the Highland Fling on 9 and 10 November.

On the Garden Ramble, Kerrie Conant-Brown referred to her written report, with the 2013 Ramble a resounding success despite the lack of rain, the horrendous winds and the bushfires which deterred a number of attendees.

On the Highland Fling, Danien Beets mentioned the support for the Fling from Serendipity; the choir, Men's Shed, Bundanoon Community Garden and Rural Fire Service among others.

## **Sub-Committees**

In a document that should have been dated 21 November, written reports were circulated from Convenors of Arts Bundanoon, Community Garden, Catering, Community Kids, Garden Ramble, Soldiers' Memorial Hall, JCG, JCG Travel, Membership, Needles and Natter and Serendipity: the choir.

## **General Business**

President Christine mentioned senior staff changes at Council.

President Christine will take up the question of extension of Governor's Walk.

John Brock sought and was granted a budget for repair of Festive Lights.

## **Q&A**

Jacki Sinnett reported on the Bundanoon Country Christmas initiative to shop locally for Christmas 2013, with a brochure to be distributed throughout Bundanoon. Many shops in the village will open until 7.30 pm on the three Fridays before Christmas, Santa will be in attendance, there will be buskers, with the Post Office open specifically for Letters to Santa.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Next meeting Thursday 19 December 7.30pm.

**Signed as a true record of the meeting ..... (President) .. /.. / 2013**