Life memberships

Under the BCA Constitution, the Association may grant "by Special Resolution, Life Membership to a member in recognition of long and outstanding service to BCA and the Bundanoon community."

The Committee has considered the contributions of three members John White, Andy Carnahan and Christine Janssen and endorses this special resolution for their life membership to the BCA. There is a separate resolution for each member.

The resolution requires 21 days written notice and will be voted on at the July 17th General Meeting.

The Committee hopes members will be able to attend the meeting to celebrate this important occasion.

John White

John is an example of a "quiet volunteer" who provides much to his community.

John moved to Bundanoon with his wife Jennifer in 2008 and joined the BCA in 2009.

In 2009, BCA President Ralph Clark recruited John to the BCA Committee. John agreed, only to be told that the only position available was Vice President. And furthermore, Ralph was going on holiday in a month so John would be acting President! It was an introduction to both Ralph and the BCA.

John and Jennifer were very involved in the Carriage Club for the 2011 Festival of Driving so he stepped back from taking any other positions. But not for long.

In 2013 or so John and Jennifer took on the Welcome Packs which they did for three years. In that time, they visited 150 households and physically handed each new resident a Welcome Pack and a warm welcome. Many people still remember that welcoming visit.

In 2017 John Desmond was stepping down as Convenor for the Green Team. John had just joined so in true community spirit he put his hands up and took on the position as convenor. The Green Team maintains, among other things, the entrance garden to Bundanoon at the Information Bay with its wonderful display of daffodils, the railway embankment opposite the Bundanoon Hotel and the free-standing planter boxes in the main street.

John has been convenor for eight years and through the Green Team has made many friends.

The Committee is pleased to recommend life membership of the BCA for John for his many years of quiet community service in making Bundanoon a better place for us all.

THAT the Bundanoon Community Association endorse life membership to John White in recognition of his long and outstanding service to BCA and the Bundanoon community.

Andy Carnahan

Andy has been involved in the Bundanoon community and BCA since 2015. He was invited onto the committee by then President Geoff Duncan after organising a meeting to discuss and suggest constructive objections to the first plan of 112 units at 78 Erith Street.

He became membership convenor in 2017 and continues in the role having introduced an online membership system.

Andy has managed the BCA website since 2017 and migrated it to an onshore host and provides updates and backup. It also includes the BCA having permanent email addresses (@bca.asn.au) so that positions and subcommittees have continuity and history of activities.

In 2019 he organised the first BCA fire readiness expo and then after the terrible fires he organised the resilience expo along with Lyndell Giuliano and Jeff Appleton.

He became President in 2021 and served the full three year as President. During that time, he lobbied Council for new footpaths, which had fallen off the Shire budget and Council subsequently completed the loop path past the Oval then later the footpath from the top of Erith Street to provide a safer path to the village shops.

In 2023 he organised the subcommittee Expo to show the community all of the rich offerings of the BCA and with grant funding arranged the Resilience Readiness Expo which provided exposure to CPR training, a hi-vis vest, a snake bandage and a readiness “Go Bag” for preparedness.

Andy also lobbied the BCA to fund the first AED installed in the Hall external vestibule and then the second AED at the Hotel vestibule. He also obtained grant funding for a training AED and training CPR manikin. Exposure sessions were provided to interested people.

While President, Andy was also involved in the Hall maintenance and applied for grants for safer loft access, eventually finding a much safer access with the current pull out ladder that meets Australian Standards.

He is also co-convenor of the Bundanoon Ukesters, an involvement that provides him much joy.

Andy has contributed and continues to contribute a lot to Bundanoon and the Committee is pleased to recommend life membership.

THAT the Bundanoon Community Association endorse life membership to Andy Carnahan in recognition of his long and outstanding service to BCA and the Bundanoon community.

Christine Janssen

After retiring and moving to Bundanoon in 2014, Christine attended her first BCA General Meeting in June. There was a request for people to help with the Sesquicentenary in 2015 and Christine 'put up her hand'. The next week became Sesquicentenary Convenor.

2014 – 2015. The KANGAROO MARCH occurred during the Sesquicentenary. And Christine became the Point of Contact & Events Organiser for 2015.

In 2016- 2017 she was a BCA Committee Member, and in Sept. 2017 Pam Davies asked her to take over as JCG Convenor. The JCG Editor moved just as Covid hit and Christine took on the role in March 2020. Covid changed the way the magazine was put together, but not an issue was missed, and in 2022 JCG won the Connecting Communities Award at the NSW/ACT Community Achievement Awards.

In 2018, Christine was BCA President, and then Secretary 2020 – 2023. She stepped back up in 2024 and was President for that year.

Along with her husband Henk, she was involved in the Swim All Year campaign to add a cover to the Bundanoon Pool

Christine has been actively involved in other community organisations and activities. She was a public speaker for the Sydney 2000 Paralympics and a Charter Member of St George Lions. She joined Bundanoon Lions and is a member of the Bundanoon History Group. She was a Foundation Member and then President of the Bundanoon Branch of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women, which raised funds to provide a one-year university scholarship for a young Southern Highlands woman. Christine also volunteered for a number of years at the Youth Off The Street shop in Bowral.

For her volunteering in positions of significant responsibility and benefit to Bundanoon, the Committee is please to endorse life membership for Christine.

THAT the Bundanoon Community Association endorse life membership to Christine Janssen in recognition of her long and outstanding service to BCA and the Bundanoon community.