



BUNDANOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (BCA INC.)

GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm, Thursday 15th December 2016

Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

MINUTES

The Meeting opened at 7.35 pm

1. **Attendance** 36 members signed the register, and there were 7 apologies.
2. **Welcome** The President acknowledged the traditional owners of this land, and welcomed members.
3. **Confirmation of Minutes (tabled)** R. Page/J. Garland moved and seconded that the Minutes of the General Meeting on 24th November 2016 be confirmed. Carried.
4. **Business arising from the Minutes**
 - (a) 'Bundy on Tap' – search for new Convenor. The President reported that the search was continuing, and it will be mentioned in the next Newsletter; he re-iterated the importance of 'Bundy on Tap' as a village achievement.
 - (b) Development of Rochester Estate. John Desmond reported on the on-site meeting on Wednesday 23rd November with the Commissioner of the Land and Environment Court, representatives from WSC, and the developers.

4. Correspondence

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

- 22.11.16: Letter from President to General Manager WSC, (1) supporting application from Lisa Stuart for variation to allow marquees outside the Hall of 2.4 m width, and (2) enquiring about making available Crown Land at the end of Burgess St for a BCA storage shed
- 06.11.16: Letter from Southern Highlands Community Hospice offering to give a presentation about the Hospice to a BCA meeting
- 28.11.16: Covering letter to Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences with form giving permission to continue 'Bundy on Tap' display, with further information about the 'BoT' campaign
- 29.11.16: Letter from Southern Highlands Community Transport containing update of its terms and conditions
- 30.11.16 Email invitation to attend unveiling of permanent memorial to the original soldiers of the Kangaroo March on 15th December at the Civic Centre in Moss Vale [see also 10 (c) (i) below]
- 04.12.16 Letter from Secretary to Andrew Sinnett thanking him for the work done on the new BCA website
- 06.12.12 Letter from Ray Delaney seeking the installation of more lighting along Erith St
- 08.12.16 Letter from Principal of Bundanoon Public School requesting financial support for a mathematics learning enhancement program
- 11.12.16 Letter from WSC explaining the procedure for the transfer of Crown Land

- 12.12.16 Letters to Eloise Sedger and Oscar Piper-Hudson congratulating them on being duxes of the School (to go with their book voucher prizes donated by BCA)
- 14.12.16 Email from President to WSC requesting information about further plans for marking the widened section of Railway Ave opposite the new service station

Business arising from the correspondence:

- (a) Christine Miller expanded on the request for more footpath space for market stall covers.
- (b) Christine Hanssen reported that ot os planned to have one large gathering for the 2018 Remembrance Day ceremony.
- (c) The President indicated that he would seek further information from the School about the mathematics learning enhancement program.

5. President's Report

The President commented on the continuing search for an Editor for *JCG*; in the meantime, while the Sub-Committee's preference is for a regular Editor, the production is continuing with a series of Guest Editors, Helen Clark for next year's March issue and Christine Miller for the June issue.

6. Treasurer's Report (tabled)

The Treasurer spoke to his report; there were no questions.

7. Matters referred on, or being considered by, Committee

- (a) Further discussion of the Committee's decision to waive Hall hire costs for 'Bundanoon Sings!' choir. This matter arose following queries by several members about the process by which the decision was made and communicated to members. The President explained the stages by which the decision was made; the Vice President commented that the Committee thought it an appropriate way to support the choir as it became more established. A motion was moved to endorse the Committee's decision, but the motion was withdrawn when it was pointed out that there was no need for endorsement of the decision, as it had already been properly made. There was a request, however, for the Committee to consider re-instating a Grants Committee to deal with such matters in future.
- (b) A recommendation made to the Committee by the Bundanoon Garden Ramble Sub-Committee for an amount of \$750 from the surplus of the 2016 Ramble to be donated to the Bundanoon Public School to assist with the development of a vegetable garden was approved by the Committee. A number of members spoke in favour of the donation, since it fell within the objectives of the BCA.
- (c) Recent financial decisions by Committee (for information):
 - (i) \$100 to the Bundanoon Public School for the 2016 Dux Prizes (joint winners)
 - (ii) \$30 (approx.) to pay for new hosting of the re-activated 'Bundy on Tap' website
- (d) Future of Winterfest: The President reported on a recent constructive conversation with the former Convenor, Lisa Stuart, who was of the opinion (shared by some members of the Winterfest Sub-Committee) that a break from Winterfest in 2017 may be beneficial, allowing among other things consideration of ways of dealing with bad behaviour by some young persons attending.
- (e) The Secretary had undertaken some investigation of the proposal for a sewerage dump point in Bundanoon, but had little to report at this stage; enquiries will continue.
- (f) Renewal of Business Names: *JCG Travel*, *Jordans Crossing Gazette*, and *Jordans Crossing Gazette Travel*. It was agreed that some rationalisation was needed, and the matter was referred to the Committee.

8. Sub-Committees: Reports (tabled) and Other Sub-Committee Matters

- (a) Jan Kenny was confirmed as the new Convenor of the 'Melting Pot Theatre' Sub-Committee. The Meeting also expressed its thanks to Pat Brennan for the enthusiastic and energetic way he had set up and guided Melting Pot Theatre since its inception.
- (b) Other comments by Convenors or Sub-Committee members:
 - (i) John Desmond reported that The Green Team was looking for new members.
 - (ii) Ralph Clark urged that a Convenor be found for JCG, to provide a link between the editorial group and the BCA and BCA Committee.
 - (iii) Stuart Reid announced the exciting news that a remake of the film *Whisky Galore* would be shown on 18th March as part of a Brigadoon Scottish film festival.

9. Information from WSC papers and press releases

- (a) Southern Highlands Welcome Centre (Mittagong) won first prize in the annual *NSW Tourism Awards for Visitor Information Services*
- (b) DA for Woolworths proposal in Moss Vale rejected by WSC
- (c) Bundanoon swimmer David Rumsey presented with a gold pass to the Moss Vale Aquatic Centre in recognition of his achievements
- (d) Draft Parks Strategy formally adopted by Council
- (e) Call for community representatives on various Advisory Committees and Reference Groups

10. Any Other Business

- (a) With regard to a new design for BCA letterhead by the Secretary (sample provided), Christine Janssen questioned the need for change, while Ralph Clark expressed dislike for the use of small caps and the word "Incorporated" being spelt in full.
- (b) Applications under a Volunteer Grants Scheme in the Hume Electorate were being prepared for a new DVD player and associated storage in the Hall, and assistance with the distribution of *allocasuarina* seedlings.
- (c) The following announcements, listed in the agenda, were made:
 - (i) Ceremony to unveil a permanent memorial to the 1915 Kangaroo Marchers, 12.00 noon, Thursday 15th December, WSC Council Chambers, pathway leading to the Library (cnr Kirkham and Elizabeth Streets)
 - (ii) 'Bundanoon Sings!' Christmas Concert, Friday 16th December at 7.00 pm in the Hall
 - (iii) Melting Pot Theatre's 'Christmas Variety Show', Saturday 17th December at 7.00 pm in the Hall, cabaret-style
 - (iv) The Committee will be meeting next Tuesday (not Thursday, as usual)
 - (v) Peter Gray announced the Photographic Competition as part of 2017 Brigadoon festivities
 - (vi) It was pointed out that next year will see the 40th Brigadoon Highland Gathering; it is not the 40th anniversary (which will be the following year, 2018).

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Sub-Committee Reports – December 2016

Arts Bundanoon

Arts Bundanoon ended its 2016 programme with a sensational performance of choral music by the Choir of St James'. Justly regarded as one of Australia's best church choirs, this choir received a typically warm and enthusiastic response by the capacity audience. For Arts Bundanoon, this year has been a succession of high quality musical events and the 2017 programme promises no less.

Arts Bundanoon is still seeking an enthusiastic person willing to be trained as an assistant to its current Convenor. Interested persons should contact me at gregs50@dodo.com.au.

Greg Slater (Convenor)

Bundanoon Swimming Centre

Last month a few of the committee were able to attend a meeting at the Des Renford Leisure Centre in Maroubra and we were able to be shown around the respective pool that had the roof cover. A very informed pool manager was able to discuss the many questions put to him and was also able to point out various issues that may be of importance for our pool. The manager has extended the offer to our members who were unable to attend, that they are more than welcome to come and inspect and get a 'feel' of the whole structure at any time during pool hours.

Although we have a had a rather slow start to this whole project I would say that now that we have seen the structure and once we have all come to grips with the size and material aspect of it we should be able to move forward next year at a better rate with an eventual and favourable outcome at the end . . . fingers crossed!

PS In the mean time I have been using the pool during the hot weather and have found how fantastic an asset it is. I can highly recommend that a jump into the pool puts a whole new spark in the day!

Henk Janssen (Convenor)

The Green Team

The Green Team had their last working bee of the year on Tuesday 13th December, to weed and fertilise the daffodil beds. A Christmas morning tea was held at Laurel Hones' garden and some general plans made for next year. We will resume activities in February.

The Green Team is currently seeking new members who are willing to attend the occasional working bee and to have some input into the beautification of the village. Please contact the Convenor on john@desmonds.com.au.

John Desmond (Convenor)

Leaver Park Group

There is nothing to report for the last month. The next bush regeneration 'busy bee' will take place on Tuesday 9th February at Leaver Park from 0900 to 1200.

Christine Miller (Convenor)

Melting Pot Theatre

The 2016 Gala Final of Crash Test Drama was held on 19th November to a near-capacity audience in the Hall. The eight winning short plays from this year's heats were performed as fully rehearsed productions. The guest judge was Jenny Bott AO, currently the Chair at NIDA. The audience fully approved her adjudication:

Best play: "Mistaken Identity" by Gillian Brennan

Best actress: Daina Heath; highly commended: Norma Tome

Best actor: Pat Brennan; highly commended: Jock Bidwell

Best director: Geoff McCubbin

Best playwright: Gillian Brennan

Best play – audience choice: "Broadband Blues" by Geoff McCubbin

The Christmas Variety Show is once again booked out ahead of time and we are looking forward to a wonderful evening of local talent entertaining us in song, dance and comedy. The programme is as eclectic as ever and contains more than enough to entertain the most discerning!

We are effecting a change of Convenor as we start the new year, with Pat Brennan stepping down to make way for Jan Kenny to continue building MPT as a provider of artistic opportunity for the good folks of Bundanoon. Next year promises to be as vibrant as this year and we would encourage those that have yet to experience the variety of MPTs offerings to make 2017 the year in which to see how we make the magic of theatre happen for all comers, seasoned or brand-new to the world of the boards.

Pat Brennan (Convenor)

Membership

I am pleased to report two new member applications – Susan Richardson and Michael Elsley, together with one renewal of membership – received since the November report

Tony Ward (Convenor)

Soldiers' Memorial Hall

This has been a very busy month in all ways for the Hall team, with bookings every weekend and some maintenance problems to be fixed.

Electricians (Power by Watts) replaced large ceiling downlights in the main Hall and supplied spares for the future. They also cleaned the spotlights and re-aligned them as instructed.

External doors continue to be a problem, as some users are still leaving the doors unlocked. Door locking/closing problems were reported to Council's Property Management and in early December they rectified the problem for the time being. More work will be forthcoming.

Council's plumber also cleaned the drains behind the Hall and is arranging for a new skylight cover in the men's toilet to replace the original skylight cover (damaged by vandals).

Hopefully, the floors will be having a polish over the quieter period approaching.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Hall users still seem to be having trouble reading the instructions on how the chairs fit in the storage cupboard – a couple of times now, the Hall team have had to take all the chairs out and repack them – that takes about an hour!

PLEASE DIRECT ALL HELPERS TO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CUPBOARD DOOR TO SEE HOW TO PACK CHAIRS CORRECTLY – IT DOES WORK!

Pat Guy (Convenor)

Welcome Packs

The Convenors of this valuable service to new arrivals in our village have been filling this role for three years now, and would like to hand over to someone new. Are there any volunteers for this role? It is a happy task, well received and much appreciated by those new to Bundanoon.

Jennifer and John White (Convenors)

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

- Bundanoon Garden Ramble (Robin Coombes)
- De Meyrick Reserve (Peter Papps)
- Needles & Natter (Andrea Ward)
- Roy Terry Reserve (John White)