

Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association Inc

February 2017

President's Report for February 2017

It is 2017 and we have a new BCA committee. Many thanks to those that put their hands up to be on the committee this year. The committee is:

- Di Bowles President
- Miriam Moloney Vice President
- Robert Arnold Secretary
- Lyne Kelleher Treasurer
- Jo Scarsbrick Committee Member
- David Brown Committee Member
- Kate Fujii Committee Member
- Bob Davis Chief Fundraiser

At the first BCA meeting on Feb 25th, we will be discussing the priorities for the BCA in 2017.

- We will continue to be involved in the Masterplan, Peat Island, better access for the railway and also completing the shared cycleway/footpath.
- We have been discussing a history project for the community, focussing on oral histories. Brooklyn has a strong heritage, much of it recorded by our eminent resident historian, Tom Richmond. Many residents have pictures and stories from Brooklyn's past. We would like to make our history available to the public, possibly in a museum, or through the web.
- Ideas for discussion: Membership drive, Brooklyn street party event.

We would love to get your ideas. What thoughts do you have to help improve and connect our community?

As most of you know, the BCA Masterplan survey showed that the two most important values that people stated are the village atmosphere and the sense of community. We will remain committed to ensuring that we hold and enhance these values throughout all of our actions in 2017.

Hornsby Council are designing and costing the next section of the Footpath/Shared Cycle Way One, west from the completed section to Seymours Creek/ Dolphin Marina. They anticipate that the design will be completed in this financial year. No funds have been set aside for the delivery of the footpath and associated road work, which together makes it double the cost of just the footpath. Grants will be sought by Council after the design is completed. However, there is much more to do before the boardwalk section between Seymours Creek and Kangaroo Point can be built. The Council is required to submit a DA for approval and there are some issues with the titles on the land. The Council did receive a grant from Greenspace for this work. There will be a more comprehensive update at the meeting on 25 February.

Congratulations goes out to our local Member of Parliament for Hornsby, Matt Kean, for his promotion to Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation. This is a testimony to his work at the local level and we look forward to continuing to work with our MP to improve the community of the Lower Hawkesbury river community.

Di Bowles, President Brooklyn Community Association

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Brooklyn Community Association Meeting
10am-12noon Saturday 25 February 2017
Brooklyn Community Meeting Room

Agenda items:
Brooklyn Masterplan update, Council amalgamation, Peat Island update
BCA Members, Guests and Friends welcome

Meeting Dates
for your diary

25 February 2017
13 May 2017
12 August 2017
18 November 2017

We would like to acknowledge the contribution to the BCA of RW Corkery & Co who kindly provide committee meeting facilities and print the Gateway newsletter, and Gary Robertson, Brooklyn's postie and musician and his associates, who kindly deliver the Gateway in the community.

The Brooklyn Masterplan

McGregor Coxall are currently in Stage 3 of their engagement to develop the Brooklyn Improvement Masterplan. Council have given us a progress update on the masterplan work. (*BCA notes in italics*):

- Stages 1 and 2 of the project (Issues Analysis and Vision and Place Principles) and part of Stage 3 (Strategy Development) have been completed. Stages 1 and 2 were informed by Community Engagement periods one and two and the Community Reference Group's review of a working draft Issues and Constraints document, which will also inform ongoing stages in the project
- *We note that the BCA surveyed its members on their needs and solutions for Brooklyn, and provided the results of that survey to the consultants and Council. We also note that the BCA and also the river community associations provided substantial criticism of the Constraints Analysis report, and the consultants are incorporating the feedback in finalising that report for Council.*
- The balance of Stage 3 and Stage 4 of the project (Strategy Development and Master Plan Options) are to be undertaken Jan-March 2017. Stage 3 is to include more detailed technical study and liaison with state agencies and Stage 4 is to include priority actions (ranging from short term to long term).
- *We understand that specialist traffic and economic consultants will perform technical and quantitative analysis, and we have recommended that the consultants should hold a session with Brooklyn businesses.*
- The community will have the opportunity to review outcomes of Stages 1-4 of the project (master plan strategy options) when endorsed by the Project Control Group and following consultation with the Agency Reference Group and Community Reference Group. Consultation material would be in the form of posters and maps/graphic information supported by a report which would summarise the process, rationale and outcomes. Council will organise and notify the community about drop in sessions where they can view the consultation material. The Website will be updated and drop in sessions are likely during May 2017.

The BCA and river community associations met with Mayor Steve Russell, Councillors and Hornsby Council management this week, to express support for the Masterplan and to state concern with the lack of solid numerical content of the Draft Constraints Analysis Report, and the need for broader consultation. The meeting ended positively, with Council understanding the community's issues. They reinforced the need for communities to suggest solutions and ideas in the next stage of the Masterplan. Brooklyn residents and businesses are encouraged to attend the next BCA meeting for more comment and to provide input.

Focus on Brooklyn Businesses

It was a cold, wet day in June last year when I drove down into the heart of Brooklyn to check out this little café/deli that I knew was up for sale; not the most positive of starts you might think but even in the pouring rain and cold wind I was smitten! Smitten by the quirky nature of the Café and smitten by the beauty of Brooklyn.

I do not hail from these parts, I was born and raised in a small fishing village in Cornwall, England called Port Isaac, but I enjoy the seasonal ebb and flow of areas like Brooklyn – I remember and understand it from my past life in Port Isaac.


My first job in the hospitality industry was when I was about 9 years old I think; I would waitress the breakfasts for my Nan's B&B in Port Isaac – Avo Smash was definitely NOT on the menu back then! Since that time I have waitressed, managed and worked my way through several years in the industry from London to Perth, Cairns to Melbourne, however I have always wanted my own little tearooms and when I saw those bright yellow doors, it felt right so I took the risk! I re-opened those bright yellow doors just two weeks ago (October 2016) and have been overwhelmed by the support, friendliness and generous nature of the local Brooklyn people, thank you for the wonderful welcome.

At the moment I am still finding my feet but as time passes and routines are set, I hope to introduce some new products and ideas. I would like to start baking and selling real Cornish pasties and Cornish saffron cakes, bring a bit of Cornwall to The Hawkesbury! I have also approached the school with regard to providing the School lunch service twice a week and my sandwich bar is doing well. In fact I have my first catering job this weekend – how exciting!

I thank you all again for the wonderful welcome and encourage you to 'pop' in for a chat when you see those doors open – I'm a great talker!

The Brooklyn Deli Re-opens - Sally Carman





Yoga with Jo
The Ground of all being is Consciousness
Hatha Yoga Classes Wednesday 6. 30-8pm
Personal Training Fitness, TRX and Foam Roller,
Fascia release

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