

Brooklyn Community Association, Inc
General Meeting
Saturday 19th November 2016
Brooklyn Meeting Room
Minutes

ADMINISTRATION

1. Welcome and Attendance

- Welcome BCA members and guests as per attendance book. Julian Leeser, Federal MP for Berowra and Nathan Tilbury, Deputy Mayor HSC were in attendance
- Apologies Matt Kean, State MP for Hornsby

2. Association Administration

- Minutes of the previous meeting were moved to be accepted by Mathilde Kearny- Kibble and seconded by Nancy Davis

3. Treasurers Report

- Treasurers Report as at 19th November 2016 . Bank balance \$1,110.90. This included a total of \$70 for membership fees and \$315.40 from fund raising during the last Financial Year. We paid \$35 for community events.

4. Address by Julian Leeser, Federal MP for Berowra

- Northconnex Project is on time and budget. Due for completion in 2019
- New Line Rd Cherrybrook is planned to be widened
- Oyster Industry needs assistance
- Men's health issues are important particularly suicide
- Julian Leeser has been appointed to Employment Education and Training Committee, Taxation and Revenue, Human Rights Commission, External Territories Committee and the Council of National Library.

5. Discussion

- Black spot funding and NBN update: A black spot exists around Brooklyn due to the valleys and hills which interrupt signal. The Government has announced two towers are to be constructed. One at Brooklyn and one at Crossroads Reserve. A date for construction is to be confirmed. HC cable is likely to be used for Brooklyn and this is anticipated to happen in 2017. It is expected that there maybe an issue with Dangar Island and they will need to be patched in. Completion is due in 2018. NBN to remote river communities is be connected by satellite.
- Mobile phone coverage and power outages: The issue was raised that Ausgrid do not see Brooklyn as a priority
- Part Time Medical Centre: This is possibly a state issue. Julian Leeser was asked if he could assist with having the part time medical centre changed to full time. He agreed to look into this. Nathan Tilbury advised that this has been raised with the consultants of the Master Plan. It has been pointed out that Brooklyn is an isolated area which is affected by remoteness, traffic and bushfires.

- Lindsay Johnson from Milsons Passage raised concern over the Brooklyn and Peat Island Plan: There is no Hawkesbury Plan. Can Julian Leaser influence strategic planning between Hornsby and Gosford at all levels of government, local councils, state and federal government.
- Federal Planning (asked) to acknowledge the history and heritage of the Brooklyn area
- Can the Federal Govt assist with the Hawkesbury region planning by working with the councils involved to consolidate in their efforts. This is a state responsibility and Matt Kean (our state member) may be able to assist.
- Will Julian Leaser support Brooklyn RSL and attend Anzac Day and other services going forward as Philip Ruddock has done in the past? Julian stated he would do the best he could to make everyone's services subject to his availability.

6. Nathan Tilbury Points

- River Communities are fractured across two councils: The Amalgamation Report recommended that the councils should consider changes to the boundaries around the lower Hawkesbury area to, potentially, move the area into the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai council. The Central Coast Council seems to be focused further north.
- River residents would like better representation.

7. Masterplan

- Conversations on parking seem to have raised some concerns in river communities
- Zoning changes especially height may need to happen
- Minutes of the meetings will be available on council websites
- Outcomes of the Master Plan will happen late 2017
- Western side of the railway is being considered for parking and development.
- No suggestions of change to Brooklyn Park
- A Brooklyn resident pointed out the difficulty for disabled people to move around Brooklyn. This is an opportunity for better facilities to accommodate them.
- Nathan stated that the council has focused on making parks and playgrounds fully inclusive. Brooklyn could have better facilities and will be considered as part of the masterplan
- Plans to improve wharfs at Dangar and Brooklyn need to be considered
- Next section of the shared pathway to be considered for RMS funding in April 2017
- No work on the council buildings will be done before the Masterplan is completed
- There has been no consultation with businesses. The BCA agreed to communicate with council about a forum for Brooklyn business
- Homeless numbers should now be capped and Nathan has asked to be notified if additional homeless move in.
- Bob Davis stated that Nathan Tilbury has been the most approachable councillor that we have had.

8. Peat Island

- BCA Executive members attended a meeting with Matt Kean and Stacy Fishwick about the new plans for Peat Island.
- A rezoning plan with illustrative pictures is ready to be submitted to the Central Coast Council
- Peat Island will be zoned tourism only, due to potential flooding. The number of residencies in the precinct is down from 450 to 250
- In the new plan there will be no housing on either of the hills. Green space is enhanced
- The proposed marina is moved to the eastern side of the causeway . DB asked that they consider the berthing needs of the river commuters from Bar Point, Milsons Passage and Sunny Corner.
- Shopping and service station still remain in the plan
- BCA and a local group are attempting to list the property on Peat Island for state heritage. A motion was raised that the BCA support the proposal for heritage listing - moved by Bob Davis and seconded by (to be confirmed). A vote was taken with 3 against and all other attendees voted for the motion

9. Miscellaneous Business

- BCA Executive members attended a meeting with Rob Stokes to discuss the loss of participation for the large amalgamated councils. There is a need for a broad lower Hawkesbury River Planning Process. He is planning a new process for improved community participation processes
- Some members had met with Rob Stokes at New Democracy. New Democracy is running a consultation activity at Danger in December
- The boardwalk between Kangaroo Point and Seymour Creek is not going ahead because of a Native Title Claim