

Brooklyn Community Association Meeting Minutes

15 June 2019

Welcome, Attendance & Administration

Di Bowles: Chair Robert Arnold: Secretary Lyne Kelleher: Treasurer Meeting started 10:10am

- President Di Bowles welcomed the attendance at the meeting.

Apologies:

Chris & Cynthia Hughes
Mathilde Kearny-Kibble
Rob & Cindy Corkery

Hon Philip Ruddock – Mayor Hornsby Council
Nathan Tilbury - Ward A councillor
Warren Waddell - Ward A councillor

In Attendance:

Mick Marr - Ward A Councillor
Dave Johnston - Hornsby Council
Julia Morton - Hornsby Council

- The Secretary, Robert Arnold, summarised the minutes of the March 2019 meeting, and presented the Motions and Actions of that meeting.
- The Treasurer, Lyne Kelleher, reported the BCA had a balance of \$2,882.31 in the bank. See the attached Financial Year Summary.

Key Brooklyn Issues

Hornsby Council Placemaking Strategy Presentation

By Dave Johnston and Julia Morton, Strategic Place Managers at Hornsby Council

Dave and Julia provided a summary of Hornsby Council's place-making process:

- The Masterplan consultant's report not adopted by Hornsby Council
- Place-making includes advocacy on behalf of the community, including communication with State agencies
- Budgets already set for 2019/2020. The aim is to set new priorities for the 2020/2021 budget, focusing both on short-term issues, with an eye on longer term opportunities.
 - ? *Question: How do Council identify what new facilities are required by the community.*
 - *Response: Council won't impose a change, but will consult with the community (always subject to the availability of funds).*
 - ? *Will prior outcomes be reused?*
 - *Council will relook at prior outcomes as a starting point.*
- Dave initiated a discussion on how the community will be represented. Some options include:
 - Community forum
 - Drop-in events
 - Working groups
- The aim is to have more frequent connections between Council and the community.
- The aim is to submit the Place Plan to Council at the end of December 2019.

Arts Cottage

President Di Bowles and Myff Sharp, leader for the cottage sub-group, reported that a Proposal had been submitted to Hornsby Council for activation of the cottage

- Council had commenced refurbishment of the cottage, preserving the heritage aspects of the building
- The BCA will rent the premises from the Council (for a pepper-corn rent or pop up facility agreement)
- Volunteers will operate the facility
- Brooklyn and Lower Hawkesbury communities will be invited to participate
- We may charge some fees to cover running costs

Health Centre

President Di Bowles summarised the current situation, as known.

- The situation in relation to the Health Centre was progressing.
- Plans remain in place to split the Health Centre and Meeting Room facilities; a decision being questioned by the BCA and Health Centre Management Committee.
- The BCA had not yet received a response to the BCA's email to Hornsby Council

Sustainability

Presented by Ingrid Segovia and Caitlan Whale.

- The aim of the Sustainability initiative was to build a vision for Sustainability in Brooklyn, including:
 - Energy
 - Community garden(s)
- At the next BCA meeting, it is planned to hold a workshop:
 - Focus on sustainability interest in the community
 - Develop a vision for Brooklyn

Hornsby Council Update

Mick Marr Hornsby Councillor

Councils priorities included:

- The IBM site at Cherry brook
- Berowra Creek
- Berowra hail damage and roof replacement
- A levy on development
- Emergency Management
- Generally, development issues

Peat Island Update

Update provided by John Andrews (Mooney-Cheero Progress Association)

- Central Cost Council officers had indicated that community consultation will take place towards the end of 2019.

Aquatic Facility Concept

By Alan Barrett and Jamie Donnelly

Alan and Jamie gave the meeting an overall summary of the Aquatic Facility proposal

- Establishment of the Brooklyn Aquatic Recreation Association (BARA), comprised on the yacht and dragon boat clubs.
- Proposal to develop a purpose-designed building and services in the area of the existing amenities block at Parsley Bay.
 - Ground Floor - aquatic club operations and recreational waterway usage including a storage, launch and retrieval area
 - First floor - a general purpose facility for aquatic clubs and local community groups
- A concept design in being developed. Further details will be provided in a presentation to the BCA's September meeting
- *MOTION: That the BCA should support the concept, keeping in mind the longer-term impacts on Parsley Bay. Proposed by Bob Davis, seconded by Robert Arnold. Approved unanimously by the meeting.*

Future Meeting dates

- 7th September 10am, 30th November 3pm (AGM and Christmas Celebration)

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Summary of Actions & Motions

Actions & Motions 16 June 2019

- *MOTION: That the BCA should support the concept of the Parsley Bay Aquatic Facility, keeping in mind the longer-term impacts on Parsley Bay. Proposed by Bob Davis, seconded by Robert Arnold. Approved unanimously by the meeting.*

Actions & Motions 2 March 2019

- *ACTION: President Di Bowles to email Hornsby Councillors to request information on the status of the Health Centre/Meeting Room land, and what might happen in 5 years' time.*
- *MOTION: That the BCA write to the NSW Government to include the Council, Councillors, State and the Department of Health to review the importance of the health centre in order to keep the health centre front and centre as being very important to our community. We will continue to make sure that it gets discussed, especially with the short-term lease. Proposed by Jeannette Neary, seconded by Karen Arnold*
- *MOTION: That the BCA should progress the proposal and negotiations for the Arts Cottage with Council, for the next meeting. Proposed by Brian Neary, seconded by Nancy Davis.*
- *MOTION: That the BCA should request Council to perform a traffic and people movement and parking study, including weekend activity. Proposed by Jo Scarsbrick, seconded by Karen Arnold.*
- *MOTION: That the BCA write letters of appreciation to Joy Davis and Heather Wadham, who are leaving the Brooklyn community. Proposed Jo Scarsbrick, seconded by Brian Scarsbrick.-*

Actions & Motions 1 December 2018

- *ACTION: Councillor Tilbury to identify responses to the questions relating to electricity at Rest Park, access from Seymour's Creek, handrails on the new steps, an on-call community bus service, and the dinghy facility at Parsley Bay*
- *ACTION: BCA to identify locations for new street furniture.*
- *ACTION: Councillor Tilbury suggested that the BCA could nominate other improvements required in Brooklyn*
- *ACTION: Councillor Tilbury to establish when the land behind Dangar Road become Council Community Land.*
- *MOTION: That the BCA contact Julian Lessor (and Matt Kean) and alert them to the Blackspot program, requesting an improved service. Proposed by Matilde Kearney-Kibble, seconded by Karen Arnold*
- *ACTION: Mr Kean agreed to follow-up on the provision of emergency evacuation services for river residents.*
- *ACTION: Mr Kean to arrange meeting with NSW Railways (to consider use of railway land west of the railway station to address Brooklyn's need for additional parking space)*
- *MOTION: That the Brooklyn Community Association continue to support the HRCC. Proposed by Ingrid Segovia, seconded by Heather Keens.*
- *MOTION: That the BCA ask Council what funds were available from the Masterplan budget at the end of the consultant's work. Proposed by Bob Davis, seconded by Brian Scarsbrick.*
- *MOTION: To direct the BA Committee to form a Sub-Committee to investigate solutions to parking in Brooklyn and link with the council state agencies and Matt Kean, utilising the outcomes of the failed Master Plan. Proposed by Brian Scarsbrick, seconded by Matilde Kearney-Kibble.*
- *ACTION: President Di Bowles proposed a cottage sub-committee be established to identify best use of the building and to draft a plan for activation. Members who nominated for the committee were Jacqui Scholte, Chris Hughes, Ingrid Segovia and Mathilde Kearny-Kibble.*
- *MOTION: BCA membership fees should be raised to \$5 per person. Proposed by Brian Scarsbrick, seconded by Mathilde Kearny-Kibble.*

Financial Statement 30 June 2019

The Treasurer presented a preliminary Financial Statement at the meeting on 15 June. This was replaced by the Final Financial Statement dated 30 June 2019, which was subsequently audited and confirmed by the Honorary Auditor Andrew Fenwick.

The attached is the Final Financial Statement dated 30 June 2019, with Auditor confirmation:

FY 2019 Summary 30th June 2019		
Details	Totals 2018	Totals 2019
Opening Balance	1488.23	2235.63 ✓
Unpresented payments/deposits		
Opening Balance	1488.23	2235.63 ✓
Deposits Income:		
Membership	220.00	235.00 ✓
Advertising	115.00	580.00 ✓
Donations	5.00	21.90 ✓
Sponsorships		
Fundraising	652.00	149.00 ✓
Environmental & Sustainability Group	100.00	
Interest		
Total Deposit/Income	1092.00	985.90
Withdrawals/Expenses		
Hall Hire	109.80	102.00 ✓
Amenities	119.80	155.72 ✓
Printing/Stationary	5.00	6.50 ✓
Association Fees	55.00	10.00 ✓
Planning Advice		
Community Events	55.00	65.00 ✓
Fund Raising Event Supplies		
Donations		
Total withdrawals/Expenses	344.60	339.22
Closing Balance	2235.63	2882.31
Annual Increase/Decrease in Funds	747.40	646.68 ✓
Cash on hand at year end		
Unpaid Expenses		
Actual Closing Balance	2235.63	2882.31 ✓
Closing bank balance as per statement	2235.63	2882.31 ✓
Treasurer Lyne Kelleher		

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 Audited by ANDREW FENWICK 22/08/2018
 All found to be true and correct.
Andrew Fenwick