

Brooklyn Community Association Meeting Minutes

30 November 2019

Welcome, Attendance & Administration

Di Bowles: Chair Robert Arnold: Secretary Lyne Kelleher: Treasurer
Meeting started 10:30am following the AGM

President Di Bowles welcomed the attendance at the meeting.

Apologies:

Jackie Scholte Liz Surrest
Jeannette Neary Rob Corkery.

In Attendance:

Warren Waddell – Ward A Councillor
Mick Marr - Ward A Councillor

The Secretary read the minutes of the September 2019 meeting.

Motion that the Minutes be accepted: Tony Broome /seconded Nancy Davis.

The Treasurer, Lyne Kelleher, reported the BCA had a balance of \$4,926 in the bank, with an additional \$400 due to be deposited, resulting in a total of approximately \$5,326. This is inclusive of \$1,222 of donations to the History talks, \$1,330 from the Yacht Sweep fund raising activity, and \$100 for the sustainability sub-committee, all of which will incur expenses in the next several months.

The Treasurer reported that a separate account will need be opened for The Cottage, as revenue will be reported to Hornsby Council. Motion that the report be accepted: Brian Neary /seconded Miriam Moloney

The Treasurer asked members to renew their membership for the 2020 year.

Brooklyn Rural Fire Service

By Julian Malnec on behalf of RFS Captain Tim O'Mahony

Captain Tim O'Mahony sent his apologies as he was called away on an RFS Strike Team.

Members of Brooklyn RFS have participated in deployments across the state.

The Brooklyn Brigade attend M1 incidents, local fire incidents, river fire incidents (using the fire boat), and preparedness, such as on the Catastrophic Fire Day in the prior week.

Julian noted the Brooklyn Brigade is very effective, well led by Tim O'Mahony.

A member (from the floor) noted that they had come across a "street fire-fighting facility". Julian noted that a facility requires access to water, and users need some basis training. He suggested that there should be further investigation.

The Brooklyn Fire Station was open on Saturday 16th November, with personnel available to advise the community about local risk, planning and preparation, help with bush fire plans and promoting www.myfireplan.com.au.

A motion to make a donation to the Brooklyn RFS was held over to the next meeting to allow further investigation of the area of need.

Key Brooklyn Issues

The Brooklyn Place Plan

President Di Bowles

Di noted that the Brooklyn Masterplan had been "shelved" by Hornsby Council in 2018, and a placemaking strategy implemented across the shire.

Hornsby Council Parking Study

President Di Bowles

Council will be performing a Brooklyn-wide parking study in early 2020, over both weekend and weekdays, both within and outside school holidays.

Council will be also performing a shire-wide study of pedestrian and vehicle activity.

Di Bowles tabled a document outlining the scope of work, attached:

[*Hornsby Shire Council Car Parking Management Study Scope of Works for Surveys in Brooklyn*](#)

The Cottage at Brooklyn

President Di Bowles and Myff Sharp, leader for the Cottage sub-committee

Hornsby Council had established and renovated the cottage at 10 Dangar Rd as the first “place activity” in Brooklyn.

Di and Myff provided an update on The Cottage:

The Cottage had opened on 19 October, and had a successful first month of operation.

They thanked Hornsby Council in supporting The Cottage.

The Cottage provides information on local events (also advertised on the BCA’s Facebook page), and art exhibitions and workshops are held at The Cottage.

More volunteers are needed to run The Cottage.

Signage needs to be resolved.

Police Meeting Update

President Di Bowles

Di and members of the community met with Senior Constable Colin Mitchell, Crime Prevention Officer, Kuring Gai Police Area Command on Thursday 21 November 2019

Senior Constable Mitchell gave an outline of crime incidents in Brooklyn:

Brooklyn is one of the safest suburbs in Sydney, although there had been a small increase in crime in the area

He advised:

Call 000 in dangerous circumstances

Call the Hornsby station for gathering of vehicles

Call the Police Assistance line on 131444 for theft

Parsley Bay Aquatic Facility

President Di Bowles

Di gave an introduction to discussion on the Facility.

Plans to date are concept only. The concept had first been raised at the BCA meeting on 15 June 2019, and the concept presented at the BCA meeting on 7 September 2019.

Di noted that a motion “that the BCA should support the concept of the Parsley Bay Aquatic Facility, keeping in mind the longer-term impacts on Parsley Bay” was approved unanimously at the 15 June 2019 meeting.

Di tabled a document to be published on the BCA website outlining additional information about the Parsley Bay Centre Concept, attached:

[Parsley Bay Centre Concept Proposal – Additional Information.](#)

Changes to Parsley Bay are a component of Brooklyn’s place planning process, and a “walkaround” with Hornsby Councils’ place management is planned for early 2020.

ACTION: It was proposed that a facilitated workshop should be held after the walkaround.

Proposed Jo Scarsbrick/seconded Di Bowles.

Members

Rosemary Michalowski (a resident of Karoola St Brooklyn) spoke in opposition to the concept, which she said was fundamentally flawed, and “not right” for Parsley Bay. Rosemary spoke in favour of more limited change facilities and boat storage. Rosemary tabled two documents:

Local resident’s response to the proposed development, attached:

[DRAFT Local Residents' Response to Proposed Parsley Bay Development 31-10-19](#)

Description and goals of the Brooklyn Preservation Alliance

(noting that the group was subsequently renamed the Brooklyn Village Alliance), attached:

[The Brooklyn Village Alliance](#)

Julian Malnec (a resident of George St Brooklyn) spoke in opposition to the concept. He said that in its support of the concept, the “Brooklyn Community Association is disconnected with the community”. Julian tabled the following document, attached:

[Letter to the BCA regarding Parsley Bay Pavilion concept by the residents of Parsley Bay](#)

Sylvia Cameron (a resident of Karoola St Brooklyn) spoke in opposition to the concept.

Fund Raising

Bob Davis

Bob Davis thanked the community for supporting the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race Sweep, and that tickets remain to be sold.

Further discussion will be required about where the proceeds of the sweep should be spent.

Talking History

Miriam Moloney

Miriam spoke of the success of the second event on Saturday 26 October, and the outstanding contribution by Tom Richmond in presenting the talks.

The filming of the first two events was being edited, and first indications are that the film "is terrific". Limited signed editions of the film will be available to people who have contributed to the cost of filming and production (\$1,500).

The third and final event is scheduled for February 2020, date to be notified to members.

The BCA thanked Tom Richmond for presenting the talks and Miriam Moloney and Ambrose Reisch for producing the talks.

Brooklyn Community Association

Summary of Actions & Motions

Actions & Motions 30 November 2019

ACTION: It was proposed that a facilitated workshop on Parsley Bay should be held after the Hornsby Council walkaround. Proposed Jo Scarsbrick/seconded Di Bowles.

Actions & Motions 15 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.

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 statement is the Final Financial Statement dated 30 June 2019, with Auditor confirmation (noting that the Auditor originally incorrectly dated the confirmation as 28/8/2018, which was subsequently adjusted to 28/8/2019):

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		

Audited by Andrew Fenwick 28/08/2019
 All found to be true and correct.
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