

# Brooklyn Community Association, Inc Annual General Meeting

Saturday 5 December 2020

Brooklyn Rural Fire Station

## Minutes

### Welcome & Apologies

The President thanked Tim O'Mahony, Captain Brooklyn Rural Fire Brigade for their offer to utilise the Fire Brigade building to host the BCA meeting. She welcomed Councillor Mick Marr, residents and guests to the meeting, and gave an acknowledgment of country.

Apologies for the AGM and the following General Meeting were received from:

- Julian Leeser MP, Member for Berowra; Matt Kean MP, Member for Hornsby; Mayor Hon. Cr Philip Ruddock; Councillor Nathan Tilbury; Councillor Warren Waddell; Councillor Emma Heyde
- Residents: Tom Richmond, Jamie Donnelly; Tim Fawcett; Leanne Houlcroft; Jo Henwood; John Milne; Jeanette & Brian Neary; Brian & Jo Scarsbrick

### President's Report

President Di Bowles presented the 2020 Presidents Report. She acknowledged the impact of COVID on the community, and the extent of work performed in Brooklyn during the year by the BCA and by Hornsby Council. She thanked the members of the BCA Executive Committee and Sub-Committees, and outgoing members. She also thanked the contributions from R W Corkery & Co and Gary Robertson in the production of the Gateway newsletter.

The Presidents Report is attached.

### Audited Financial Statements

Treasurer Lyne Kelleher presented the 2020 Financial Statements.

- Brooklyn Community Association Account: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,632.04 at the end of the Financial Year and \$6,321.88 at 5 December 2020.
- The Cottage at Brooklyn Account: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,332.26 at the end of the Financial Year and \$930.52 at 5 December 2020.

The Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements at 30 June 2020 are attached.

### Public Officer conducted the Election of Committee Members

Mathilde Kearny-Kibble took the chair as Public Officer. Mathilde identified members nominated for the Executive Committee and conducted the election.

### Executive Committee

The following committee members were elected for the 2021 year:

President	Di Bowles	0439 857 199	dibowles26@gmail.com
Vice President	Cindy Corkery	0417 635 975	cindy@rwcorkery.com
Secretary	Robert Arnold	0418 404 902	ararnold@iinet.net.au
Treasurer	Lyne Kelleher	0414 750 099	lynek11@bigpond.com
Member	Miriam Moloney	0414 464 375	miriammoloney@gmail.com
Member	Nancy Davis	0466 386 914	ndavishome@yahoo.com
Member	Nicolle van Schie	0408 934 568	nicolle@barrtribe.com.au

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The following sub-committee members were appointed for the 2021 year:

Fundraising	Bob Davis	02 9985 7399	beesbob@hotmail.com
Web & Social Media	Jayne Donnelly	0438 821 305	jayne.donnelly@ffw.com.au
Research	Tom Richmond,	02 9985 7783	uncletom@optusnet.com.au
The Cottage	<i>To be confirmed</i>		
Environment	Ingrid Segovia	0417 353 970	bobing@glasfryn.com.au
Editor Gateway	Robert Arnold	0418 404 902	ararnold@iinet.net.au
Honorary Auditor	Andrew Fenwick		
Public Officer	Mathilde Kearny-Kibble	0410 584 805	kearnykibble@ozemail.com.au

**President's Report: Attached**

**Treasurer's Report: Attached**

**Audited Financial Statements for the BCA and Cottage Accounts: Attached**

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**President's report**

Welcome to our end of year AGM and Christmas celebration. What a year! After our last AGM we had the bushfires right on our doorstep, then we rolled right into COVID and our community became one of the busiest during lockdown. Who knew that Brooklyn would become even more popular for visitors and fishermen?

Before I recap the year, I would like to thank a few people that have been very instrumental in running a smooth, effective BCA.

Thanks to Nancy Davis for her advice, organising and editing skills in her VP position, to my wingman, Rob for **always** helping out on everything, to Lyne for being a great treasurer, good at follow up and for her fundraising efforts. Thanks to Jayne for updating the website, thanks to Bob Davis for his creativity and fundraising, to Ingrid for her dedication to sustainability, to Jo for her wise input, to the Art Cottage committee of Maria Rodgers, Myff Sharp, Karin Gillett, and Nicole Van Schie and to all the amazing volunteers that keep it open, and Mathilde and Jude and Maria for their enormous task of cleaning up the jungle and to Liz Surrent for her input and administering the Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch.

A special mention and thanks to Robert for collating, editing, and publishing skills for our incredible Gateway, and to the Mitch at Corkery's for printing of the Gateway and Deb and Krystal for managing the printing

A **huge** thanks goes to Gary Robertson our wonderful postie, actor and musician who delivers them.

And thanks to You our members for coming to the meetings and being involved and informed about what is happening in your community.

Despite only holding one other meeting and then today's, we have been very busy. The cottage was open for a couple of months before closing for Covid. We provided the Council with two comprehensive cottage reports as the lessee. To summarise in the four months we were open, we had over 1400 people coming to the Cottage, 3 community markets, 6 community workshops, 1 men's meditation morning, 1 Halloween event, 4 art exhibitions with 13 sales, 3 history exhibitions and 1 poetry reading. The Cottage is a hive of activity. We have a volunteer base of over 24, We have designed a system for training, engaging and working with volunteers, we created a Facebook page, The Cottage at Brooklyn, and have a section on our BCA website dedicated to The Cottage. When it is open, it performed as we had hoped: as a hub, a connector, an idea generator, a place to share stories, meet new people, look quaint and inviting, and joining up the 'CBD' and the Marina area. All participants are very proud and excited about what the community has been able to accomplish together.

We have been in many discussions and a walk around regarding the Brooklyn Place Plan, in our last Gateway we published the list of everything we are asking the Council to action. In July, we met with the General Manager, Head of Strategic Planning and our two Place Managers at Kangaroo Point and ended up at McKell Park. Many of these requests have been actioned already and were outlined in the Gateway.

We have been meeting with the Lower Hawkesbury Coalition to discuss a way forward to solve the parking/traffic impasse in Brooklyn for the last 30 years. Many of you know the definition of insanity is to expect different results without making any changes. We have been discussion a new model of community participation, citizens assemblies/New Democracy as a circuit breaker for this issue.

Cynthia Hughes drafted the letter we sent to Sydney Water and Matt Kean's office regarding our hydrants that are inoperable.

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We have been active in trying to keep Brooklyn a safe neighbourhood. It started last November hosting a meeting with our Crime Prevention Office and had many email and phone exchanges with the Hornsby Police. With the help of Liz Surrent and Jayne Donnelly we started up the Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch page and Liz and I attended the Crime Prevention Forum in Berowra. The most important thing we can do as a community is REPORT.

We corresponded with the RMS regarding the derelict boats in the Gut, we have a new officer who has finished an audit of the boats and has started removing them, 4 are gone already with another 8 on the list to get moved soon.

We have requested that they widen the footpath in front of the cottage that will match the new footpath being laid at the train station. We now have confirmation that it will happen in the new year

We have raised over \$2000 this year -with Bob's creative idea we raised over \$1540 with the Sydney to Hobart race in last financial year. I was busy with talks about Liveability in Brooklyn to a school and received a donation for the BCA, we raised \$851 at the markets to pay for liability insurance and work on the cottage, and have launched the Lift sweep, don't forget to purchase your tickets! Great work by many!

A quick summary of our work for the year:

- Meetings with Council and Councillors regarding the Brooklyn Place Plan
- Working closely with LHC to find a way forward with the process of moving forward for parking, movement and the Place Plan
- Four Submissions to Council – Parking, walking and cycling, economic development and tourism, and Community and Cultural Facilities plan
- Correspondence with Matt Kean's office and Transport in favour of dual naming of the train station
- Correspondence with RMS about derelict boats in the gut
- Correspondence with Sydney Water and Matt Kean's office regarding our inoperable hydrants and ask to get them fixed
- Many communications to police, Council, Matt Kean, during lockdown and the issues we had in Brooklyn
- Brooklyn neighbourhood watch started up and attended the Crime Prevention Forum
- The Cottage – Negotiated and signed new lease for 2021
- Working to get wider footpath in front of cottage
- Working to improve and clean up Brooklyn- resurfacing of road, sandstone blocks at boat ramp, many trailers removed, signs cleaned up, park benches at Kangaroo Point fixed, wharf street bench installed, fixing up holes parking area at Saltpan reserve and Oval,
- BCA committee meetings
- Gateway publishing 4 X year- one special historic Pandemic edition
- BCA meetings
- Lower Hawkesbury Coalition meetings

So, behind the scenes, we have been working hard to ensure that the Community views are heard and understood at the different levels and agencies of Government and that Brooklyn is in their minds. The 2021 year will be our focus on what we can do to make our community an even nicer place to live and agreeing to a new process to solve the parking and traffic issues in Brooklyn.

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**Treasurers Report**

**Treasurers Report AGM**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Brooklyn Community Association**

**End of FY20 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Balance of bank account as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 was \$5632.04 and this was an increase of \$2749.73 over the previous year. This was mainly due to the fundraising amount of \$2339.20. Part of this \$1530 was due to Bob's Yacht Sweep alone. Some expenses we incurred were \$72.00 Hall Hire, \$131 in Association fees, \$579.68 Liability Insurance, \$300 donation for History DVD. We are still holding in our account, \$752.05 being donations for the History DVD. We are also holding \$100 for the Environmental and Sustainability group.

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

As of 5<sup>th</sup> December we now have \$6321.88 in our bank account an increase over last year of \$689.84. The increase since the financial year was due to \$1000 donation from Barker College and we paid a \$400 donation to Brooklyn RFS.

**The Cottage**

**End of FY20 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**The balance in the Cottage** account as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 was \$1,332.26. We raised a total of \$2001.80 at the Cottage Markets. We had Art sales in excess of \$1940 and from these sales we paid \$300 to council as part of our lease agreement.

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Bank balance** is \$930.52. the decrease is due to payments to HSC \$300 and payment of the liability insurance \$476.42

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**Audited Financial Statements for the Brooklyn Community Association Account**

Brooklyn Community Association Inc. FY 2020 Summary 30th June 2020		
Details	Totals 2019	Totals 2020
Opening Balance	2235.63	2882.31
Unpresented payments/deposits		
Opening Balance	2235.63	2882.31
<b>Deposits/ Income:</b>		
Membership	235.00	300.00
Advertising	580.00	35.00
Donations	21.90	1319.95
Sponsorships		
Fundraising	149.00	2339.20
Environmental & Sustainability Group		
Interest		
<b>Total Deposit/Income</b>	<b>985.90</b>	<b>3994.15</b>
<b>The Cottage Deposits/ Income</b>		
Cottage Markets		1178.30
Art Sales		1325.00
Donations		28.15
Workshops		114.00
<b>Total Deposit/Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2645.45</b>
<b>Withdrawals/Expenses</b>		
Hall Hire	102.00	72.00
Amenities	155.72	8.30
Printing/Stationary	6.50	
Association Fees	10.00	131.00
Planning Advice		
Community Events	65.00	65.00
Fund Raising Event Supplies		500.00
Prize Money		180.00
Insurance		38.12
Donations		300.00
Transfer to Cottage Account		1099.19
<b>Total withdrawals/Expenses</b>	<b>339.22</b>	<b>2393.61</b>
<b>The Cottage Expenses</b>		
Misc Expenses		276.58
Payment to Artists		640.00
Insurance		579.68
<b>Total withdrawals/Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1496.26</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>2882.31</b>	<b>5632.04</b>
Annual Increase/Decrease in Funds	646.68	2749.73
Cash on hand at year end		
Unpaid Expenses		
Actual Closing Balance	2882.31	5632.04
Closing bank balance as per statement	2882.31	5632.04
Treasurer Lyne Kelleher		

Audited by  
 ANDREW FENWICK.  
 22/09/2020  
 All found to be  
 true and correct.  
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**Audited Financial Statements for The Cottage Account**

Brooklyn Community Association Inc. The Cottage FY 2020 Summary 30th June 2020	
Details	Totals 2020
Opening Balance	1099.19
Unpresented payments/deposits	
Opening Balance	1099.19
<b>Deposits Income:</b>	
Cottage Markets	823.50
Art Sales paid to Cottage Direct	170.00
Work Shops	
Commission on Art Sales-Artist paid Direct	151.00
Interest	0.57
<b>Total Deposit/Income</b>	<b>1145.07</b>
<b>Withdrawals/Expenses</b>	
Misc Expense	232.00
Amenities	
Printing/Stationary	
Payments to Artists	380.00
Payments to HSC	300.00
Insurance	
Donations	
<b>Total withdrawals/Expenses</b>	<b>912.00</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>1332.26</b>
Annual Increase/Decrease in Funds	
Cash on hand at year end	
Unpaid Expenses	
Actual Closing Balance	1332.26
Closing bank balance as per statement	1332.26
Treasurer Lyne Kelleher	

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