

Gateway Update

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association, Inc

September 2008

The Brooklyn Community Association will be holding a general meeting on Saturday, September 27th at the Senior's Hall, Dangar Rd, 10am, to noon. All are invited. If you are new to Brooklyn we hope you come along and meet a few of the other residents.

The agenda includes an update on the Hawkesbury Station new steps and a discussion of the way in which the community wants to operate the Meeting Room in the Health Centre when it becomes part of the community's facilities available for public use.

There are three models for operating the Meeting Room. The community will have to decide what it wants to do. Very briefly,

- the first model is that Brooklyn forms a committee that takes bookings, collects fees and pays the bills. As the Health Centre will not be paying for its bookings and, as we are unlikely at this beginning point to be able to generate sufficient funds to pay the bills, this seems to be the least favourite model within the community so far.
- the second model is the formation of an advisory committee to Council and Hornsby Council's Community Service provides the other services for letting the Meeting Room to the public. This seems the most favoured option so far.
- the third model is that we as a community have nothing to do with the letting of the Meeting Room and the Council does everything. There are some community facilities in the Shire that operate in this way. This also seems unpopular within the community so far.

Council guidelines cover the conditions under which the public can use Council facilities and are set for hirers throughout the Shire. There should be no differences here with the one exception that the Health Centre's health services for the community will take priority in booking the Meeting Room but all other times are available as per the Council's guidelines.

If you want to be a part of the advisory committee or if you want more information about the proposed renovations or the future use of the Meeting Room, please come to the meeting on Saturday, September 27th.

As a reminder, membership dues of \$5 per household is due at the beginning of the calendar year even though the Brooklyn Community Association operates on a financial year. If you wish to continue your membership in the Brooklyn Community Association and have not paid for the 2008 year, or you are not sure if you've already paid, please contact the Treasurer, Robert Arnold at ararnold@inet.net.au. **If you do not have email, phone him on 9985 8425.** If you would like to join the BCA, just complete the application form also available from Robert or at the general meetings.

The new Committee of the Brooklyn Community Association for 2008-2009 are

President—Mathilde Kearny-Kibble

Vice-President—Terry Sands

Treasurer—Robert Arnold

Secretary—Cindy Corkery

Ordinary Members—Bob Browne, Gail Glover and Andrew Fenwick

Brian Gilmour was appointed the auditor for the upcoming year.

The AGM approved the amendments to the Rules, reduced the size of the committee to seven and re-defined the qualifications for becoming a member of the Brooklyn Community Association to residents or property owners of Brooklyn and an individual who is the appointed representative of a business in

Brooklyn. We hope that will clarify things a bit.

The BCA will continue its efforts to compile an email address list for everyone in Brooklyn who may be interested in being kept up to date on Brooklyn affairs. We will email you the newsletters and a few times during the year with short questions for public opinion or brief messages of events. If you are not already on this list, notify Cindy Corkery, cindy@rwcorkery.com or phone her on 9985 8511. Please include your name(s), address, phone number(s), email address. **All emails are sent as BCC so your email address is kept private.** If you don't understand what this means as a security measure, just ask Cindy to explain it.

The Committee has identified five areas for action during the coming year. These are

- **Creating community engagement through Brooklyn heritage protection including** *the repair/replacement of heritage plaques in McKell Park; identifying places of heritage interest for inclusion in a brochure for a self escorted Brooklyn Heritage Walk.*
- **Beautification/cleanup of Brooklyn, including** *a cleanup of McKell Park and the consideration of other places and priorities for beautification. seeking possibly ties in with Clean up Australia*
- **Improving Hawkesbury River Station, including** *Lobbying for cover over the new rail steps and for upgrading of our station lift priority. seeking to have the RailCorp wharf at the station repaired*
- **Investigate the return of the Health Centre from operational land to community land so the community will have to be consulted on any future proposed disposal of the site by Hornsby Council. At the moment no such consultation is needed.**
- **Development of a new residents welcome pack including resources and businesses and services available in and around Brooklyn.**

Sub-committees will be formed within the community to address all of these issues. If you are interested in one of these topics and would like to take part, please notify the Secretary, Cindy Corkery cindy@rwcorkery.com.

The meeting dates for the coming year are as follows. We have booked the Senior's Hall because it is available to us and is bigger than the tennis shelter. When the renovations of the Health Centre Meeting Room are completed we will hold our general meetings there instead. Please put these dates in your diary now.

- **September 27th, Saturday, 10am to noon**, Senior's Hall, Dangar Rd.
- **November 15th, Saturday, 10am to noon**, Senior's Hall, Dangar Rd followed by a Christmas BBQ at the Oval.
- **February 26th, Thursday evening, 6pm to 7pm**, Senior's Hall, Dangar Rd. especially for people who find it difficult to come on a Saturday.
- **May 9th, Saturday, 10am to noon**, Senior's Hall, Dangar Rd.
- **August 8th, Saturday, 10am to noon**, Senior's Hall, Dangar Rd. This is the AGM.

We look forward to an active year and the advancement of several projects that will make Brooklyn an even better place in which to live. Come along, take part and let your views be known so the Brooklyn Community Association can better represent you.

Brooklyn Tennis dates: 2pm, September 28th and October 12th. All are welcome to come. Tea, coffee and balls provided. Just bring your racket, a snack and maybe something cold to drink.

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