

## **Brooklyn Community Association Meeting 4 December 2021**

### **Minutes**

#### **Welcome & Apologies**

The Outgoing President welcomed residents and guests to the meeting, and gave an acknowledgment of country.

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Warren Waddell; Councillor Mick Marr, Councillor Janelle McIntosh, Cindy & Rob Corkery, Nicole Van Schie, Jim Buhr, Chris & Cynthia Hughes, Charlene Urmenyhazi, Jillian D'Ercole

#### **President's Report**

President Di Bowles presented the 2021 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 2021 Financial Statements.

- Brooklyn Community Association Account: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$6,350.14 at the end of the Financial Year and \$6,298.08 at 3 December 2021.
- The Cottage at Brooklyn Account: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$3045.79 at the end of the Financial Year and \$2311.40 at 3 December 2021.

Due to Covid the Audit of the Financial Statements has not been completed.

## 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 2022 year:

Co-President	Robert Arnold	president@brooklyncommunity.org.au
Co-President	Cindy Corkery	president@brooklyncommunity.org.au
Vice President	Ingrid Segovia	president@brooklyncommunity.org.au
Co-Secretary	Miriam Moloney	secretary@brooklyncommunity.org.au
Co-Secretary	Jayne Donnelly	secretary@brooklyncommunity.org.au
Treasurer	Lyne Kelleher	treasurer@brooklyncommunity.org.au
Member	Meredith Handel	info@brooklyncommunity.org.au
Member	Jim Buhr	info@brooklyncommunity.org.au
Member	Charles Essery	info@brooklyncommunity.org.au

The following sub-committee members were appointed for the 2022 year:

Fundraising	Bob Davis	fundraising@brooklyncommunity.org.au
The Cottage	Di Bowles	cottage@brooklyncommunity.org.au
	Nancy Davis	

Public Officer	Mathilde Kearny-Kibble	
Honorary Auditor	Andrew Fenwick	

**President's Report: Attached**

**Treasurer's Report: Attached**

**Welcome:** Robert Arnold welcomed attendees as the new Co-President of the BCA.

**New Business:**

Jo Scarsbrick gave an introduction to the Defib Project of the Community Association for Defib, a registered charity. Jamie Donnelly told of his recent experience with a defib. The cost of the defib to the community is \$3,500 and includes CPR and applied first aid training for community members and on-going support and maintenance. \$1,100 is the cost for a business having their defib transferred to a secure box for community use.

**Motion:** to donate \$2,500 from the BCA towards the purchase of a secure defib in Brooklyn and to provide seed money for an additional unit to be placed elsewhere in Brooklyn. Proposed Cindy Corkery (in writing), seconded Jayne Donnelly.  
Passed.

Fund Raising: Bob Davis reported that a radio operator's diary from the Krait has been given to the RSL to be made into a CD by Maritime.

He was also organising an origami frog jumping contest for kids at the next market.

The Peat Island drop-in session was very successful reported Di Bowles. Submissions to the Central Coast Council Administrator was discussed with a reminder to community members to submit their own by December 20<sup>th</sup>, the closing date. A Peat Island Picnic is planned for December 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday. Boaters and walkers will gather at 12:30 at the Chapel at Mooney. T shirts will be for sale and participants should bring their own food and drink. It was suggested that letters should also be sent to Matt Kean seeking his views about Peat Island.

Brooklyn Place Plan/Parking Study was presented by Di Bowles. The new Hornsby Council will be briefed in February/March about this. A survey is planned to come out in December and the BCA committee opposed the proposed divided survey of river and land residents, preferring a single survey of both groups.

**Motion:** BCA write to Matt Kean, with cc to the Premier, re railway land needed to deal with the increased pressure on parking in Brooklyn from the proposed Peat Island development. Proposed Brian Scarsbrick, Seconded Di Bowles Passed.

Di Bowles reported that The Cottage has reopened and is in need of volunteers. She also asked what the community wanted to use The Cottage for.

Mathilde Kearny-Kibble reported that the hill behind The Cottage was about to begin renovation and volunteers were going to be needed to help sort the debris that will be brought down by the Council's contract excavator from the lower hillside. Interested volunteers should contact the BCA. The time and days will be notified to the community.

The Tom Richmond history talks have been transcribed to DVDs and are available to those who signed up and paid previously reported Miriam Moloney.

The meeting closed at 4:50. Mathilde Kearny-Kibble

## Presidents Report 2021

This year we were very busy despite being in Lockdown. We wrote many submissions ranging from Community Facility strategy, Walking and cycling strategy, Parking strategy, economic development, off leash dog strategy.

We also wrote letters regarding Covid and how busy Brooklyn was during this period leading to many parking issues

We held quite a few meetings with Dangar Island League to facilitate collaboration between the two groups leading into the focus on parking next year. The Council determined the Citizens Assembly was not appropriate for this issue and it is usually used in Council wide strategies. We will continue to advocate for working together to solve these issues. I will reiterate again if we do the same thing we have been doing the last 30 years we won't see change driven by the communities. We also met with the Council many times re issues in Brooklyn.

We attended two Council meetings in person and two online regarding different submissions and recently our concern regarding the Peat Island Proposal.

We spoke in favour of a motion re racing on Pacific Hwy and trying to make it safer

I would like to give a huge thanks this year's committee.

My essential wingman and secretary Robert Arnold, VP Cindy Corkery who was a huge contributor, Lyne who is fantastic as the treasurer and basket raffle person extraordinaire, and the others who do so much, Nancy Davis, Miriam Maloney, Jayne Donnelly who does such a great job with our website, Bob Davis and his wonderful fundraising and Ingrid Segovia.

### Past 12 years

I would also now like to say what a great privilege it has been to be the BCA President the last 6 years, 3 as VP and then a few more as a committee member, I think all up about 12 years.

We have been through so much in that time and I hope you can indulge me for a minute or two to reminisce.

My reason for getting into the BCA was the construction of the shared path. It is almost complete with just the boardwalk to go. I am always so happy to see so many people utilising the footpath – so many different ages all cycling, walking, and connecting on that pathway

A personal favourite accomplishment has been the Cottage. Cindy called me the day they were laying the asphalt to put in more parking in the Cottage Grounds. We were already in talks with Council to fix it up and make it something for the community. Partnering with Myff, we were able to put together a Proposal to create The Cottage. The Council spent approx. 50 K to bring it back to life. The Committee of Maria Rodgers, Karin Gillet, Myff, Nicolle and Mathilde have been amazing with the constant work to keep it up and operating. We have had over 3000 people visit the cottage and have paid the Council over \$1500, with being closed 9 months this year due to Covid. Its been an amazing addition to our community with workshops, markets, knitting groups, meeting space, bookclubs and more. We just signed another year lease and are now open and looking for some help from volunteers.

Another great win for our community of course was the lift- all of us can be very proud we were able to finally get one after years of advocating.

Strengthening of the collaboration between river communities

Successful campaign to keep Brian Scarsbrick on the panel for planning despite being threatened with defamation!

Saving Baden Powell with Morvan Cameron, Kate LaMey and Michelle Armstrong

Saving Kangaroo Point from becoming another commuter car park rather than an actual park and protecting sea grass

Expanding the Gateway into a fantastic community newsletter – thanks to Robert and Miriam for their help and now Meredith

Creating a BCA website

Creating a BCA Facebook page

Helping to build up our bank accounts in order to help out the community

Working with Sydney water to get water hydrants operational

Dual naming of the station- still ongoing,

The focus on history with the amazing work Miriam did with the late Tom Richmond for our talks and I was lucky to work with Drew Bontoff to get Ken Shadys story on film which is on our website.

So many submissions – too many to count!

We had a Masterplan that started well and ended with a fizzle. Partially due to the structure of the community reference group where we had made a submission to Council to have a different method but it was ignored

The community survey showing the most important point was the keeping the quaint village feel of Brooklyn.

And now the continued Place Plan, during this process the Council has focussed on Brooklyn, resurfacing of seymours creek, better parking at ovals, a wider footpath past the Cottage, input into Lower Mckell park design, and much needed attention to trailers along Brooklyn Road and a lot of general clean up around the town.

Again, thank you to this amazing community who pulls up their sleeves, puts their hand up to help make our home and village the best place to live.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **4<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

#### **Brooklyn Community Association**

Balance of bank account as at 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 was \$6,298.08 and this was a decrease of \$33.63 from the last meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The decrease was mainly due to COVID lockdown. No Fund Raising and no collection of fees due to cancellation of quarterly meetings. So far we have banked \$130 for membership fees and \$50 in Gateway advertising. Our expenses for this period totalled \$265.23. Expenses were mainly incurred for printed material for the Peat Island drop in sessions and flowers for Tom Richmond.

We are holding \$100 for Environment and Sustainability and \$252.05 for the History DVD. Our net balance is \$5,946.03

#### **The Cottage**

Balance of bank account as at 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 was \$2311.40. This is an increase of \$504.44 since our last meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The increase is due to a very successful Cottage market on 28/11/21 when raised \$1,288.70. We have also paid liability insurance of \$541.78.

### **AGM**

#### **Brooklyn Community Association**

The balance of the bank account as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 was \$6,350.14 and this was an increase of \$718.10 from the previous year. This was mainly due to \$1000 donation from Barker for talks given by Di Bowles. \$520 was paid into our account for membership fees and we also banked \$335 for the lift sweep. During this period we made a donation of \$400 to the RFS and paid out \$500 of the history money we were holding for producing the DVD.

#### **The Cottage**

The balance of The Cottage account as at 30<sup>th</sup> June was \$3045.79 and this was an increase of \$1713.53 from the previous year. The increase is mainly due to revenue raised from the Cottage markets \$1407.55 during this period.



From	To	Subject	Date
Hornsby Council Place Managers	The President BCA and other BCA executives	Exchanges of emails related to Community Engagement and Brooklyn Place Planning	Jun-Aug 2021
The President BCA	Hornsby Council	BCA Submission General Managers Report GM3121 Place Planning V1	July 2021
The President BCA	Hornsby Council	BCA Submission Director's Report CE1521 Community Facilities V1	July 2021
Cindy Corkery VP BCA	Stephen Head General Manager Hornsby Council	Comments on the Brooklyn Place Plan Process _ Survey Results	July 2021
Stephen Head General Manager Hornsby Council	Cindy Corkery VP BCA	Response to Comments on the Brooklyn Place Plan Process _ Survey Results	July 2021
Hornsby Council Place Managers	The President BCA and other BCA executives	Exchanges of emails related to Brooklyn Parking and Council's plans for the Parking Survey and Study	Aug-Nov 2021
Rosemary Michalowski Brooklyn Village Alliance Brooklyn	The President BCA and other BCA executives	Exchange of emails in relation to the Parsley Bay Facility	Oct-Nov 2021
BCA	Members and residents	Implications of Peat Island Proposal for Brooklyn	Oct/Nov 2021
Liz Surrent Brooklyn	The President BCA	Email re: Equality of Coverage of the Parsley Bay Facility	Nov 2021
Di Bowles President BCA	Mayor, Hornsby Councillors and General Manager	Letter of Support for Council's Submission in relation to the Peat Island Proposal	Nov 2021
Lucy Levy Brooklyn	The President BCA	Letter of objection to the Parsley Bay Facility	Nov 2021
Di Bowles President BCA Robert Arnold Secretary BCA	Mayor, Hornsby Councillors and General Manager	Presentations in Support for Council's Submission in relation to the Peat Island Proposal	Nov 2021
Julian Malnec Brooklyn	The President BCA and other BCA executives	Exchange of emails in relation to the Parsley Bay Facility	Nov 2021
Di Bowles President BCA	Hon Rob Stokes Minister for Planning Hon Matt Kean MP	Notification of Objections to the Peat Island Proposal and request to suspend approval	Dec 2021
Cindy Corkery and Jayne Donnelly	The Secretary BCA	Proposed Motion: Contribution to the Brooklyn Community Defib Project	Dec 2021
Raymond Toman <a href="mailto:r.toman@optusnet.com.au">r.toman@optusnet.com.au</a> Dangar Island	The President BCA	Brooklyn Vehicle Parking and commuter boat berthing Report	Dec 2021
Lesley MacLennan Milsons Passage	Di Bowles President BCA	Letter of Thanks for all you have done for the community of Brooklyn and the area	Dec 2021
BCA	Members, residents and the Community	The Gateway Newsletters July: Covid impact on businesses September: Place planning and other news October: Peat Island Meeting Notification December: The Year and other news	