

Gateway

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Newsletter

Co-Presidents' Report

After a long winter, we are pleased to see Brooklyn bouncing back after the recent terrible weather to the joy of the warmer months. We have noticed an increase in visitors to the Village and Cottage over the past month and thank all of you who have volunteered or just stopped by.

The BCA has been extremely busy over the last couple of months, and we have quite a few news items to share with you.

Since early August, the BCA Committee embarked on a series of consultations and discussions with over 80 of our residents, 16 local businesses and recreational clubs seeking feedback and suggested improvements to the Hornsby Shire Council's Parking Plan (Plan).

This Plan related to the implementation of proposed changes to timed parking and the banning of trailer parking on public streets and land throughout the Village east of the rail bridge. The final submission reflected a huge effort from many of those in our Village and we can't thank you enough. Council tells us that they received approximately 400 survey responses and 235 written submissions. To read more see the Parking article within this edition of the Gateway.

The long wait for a board walk linking Kangaroo Point to Brooklyn Road opposite Tom Richmond Oval is almost over as the project is now fully funded. This is one of the missing links in the shared path project. We will keep you updated on the progress over the coming year. The BCA will continue to lobby for rebuilding of the path in the area from Brooklyn Central to the Public school. The current path is in part dirt, with trip hazards and often under water. This continues to be a priority for the BCA Committee. Council's Places to Roam program is supported by the BCA. This NSW Government funded program aims to deliver more access to communities through a series of open space opportunities such as making new great walks, access to outdoor recreation, nature, open space and waterways. The BCA Committee sincerely thank Council and our Place Planners, David Johnston and Julia Morton, for their efforts to provide safer access to the recreational opportunities in and around Brooklyn.

On 22 October 2022, Steven Head, HSC General Manager presented to the Brooklyn community the reasons behind the proposed special rate variation (SRV). Many questions from the floor were answered and debated. Those who attended expressed their appreciation to Steven for taking several hours out of his Saturday to personally explain to us what is required to "secure long-term financial stability, maintain assets and fund high priority initiatives..."

Robert and I would like to say thank you to everyone, especially to the Committee for their support over the past 12 months in our shared role as president. It has been an interesting and challenging year, we celebrated Jane Cole's 100th birthday, farewelled our committee member, Charles Essery, after his sudden passing and welcomed many who have chosen to call beautiful Brooklyn home.

In other news, after 12 months of working with Robert Arnold, as Co-President, he has decided to step down as President and take some time to travel with his wife, Karen. The BCA and Brooklyn community are better for his Presidency and dedication over many years and we have valued his vast range of experience and hard work. Robert, we say thank you and wish you and Karen well on your travels.

The BCA hope to see everyone at the AGM on 3 December 2022 so we can wish you a very Merry Christmas and the best for 2023 in person!

Cindy Corkery & Robert Arnold, Co-Presidents
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Annual General Meeting Notice

3-5pm Saturday, 3 December 2022

with Special Guest Speaker

Brooklyn Meeting Room,

2 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn NSW 2083

BCA Members, guests & friends welcome - followed by refreshments

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Parking update

Most people in Brooklyn and the river communities are aware of Hornsby Shire Council's Parking Plan for Brooklyn, and many have made submissions or participated in community submissions to Council.

The Brooklyn Community Association made a detailed community submission to the Council on 30 October 2022, resulting from consultations and discussions with over 80 of our residents, 16 local businesses and several recreational clubs. That submission is available on the Brooklyn Community Association webpage.

The BCA submission incorporates the Association's proposals for parking management controls in the Brooklyn Village that we believe will be more effective, more equitable and more responsive to the community, river residents' and visitors' requirements than the controls proposed in the exhibited Council's Car Parking Management Report. The submission focuses on Stage 1 changes, over the next 3 (or so) years, prior to more significant changes in Stage 2.

The Brooklyn community generally agrees that timed parking is required throughout much of Brooklyn Village Centre, to better manage the use and availability of parking spaces. However, a single, simple timing protocol (as proposed in Council's report) will not work for any of the user groups in Brooklyn and will perpetuate the contested chaos as is currently experienced. Proposed timed parking is generally limited to daytime hours (6am to 6pm).

The BCA has identified that user groups have differing needs and the BCA's submission proposes fairer solutions for all user groups, including:

- Short-term spaces (15 & 30 mins), to improve access for retail businesses
- Medium-term (4, 8 & 12hrs) with limited introduction of angle and stacked parking
- Longer-term (72hrs and unlimited timing at Upper McKell overflow area)
- Specific small provision for authorised shift workers and authorised businesses
- Retention of commuter and accessibility parking and provision for authorised users and car share spaces (GoGet style)
- Provision for Brooklyn residents without onsite parking
- Removal of all cars, car and trailer parking restrictions in Parsley Bay car park on weekdays and implementation of changed restrictions on weekends and Public Holidays

These proposals will achieve the following benefits:

- Foreshore spaces for short-term users, especially visitors
- Increased turnover of most spaces, with many spaces unlimited overnight

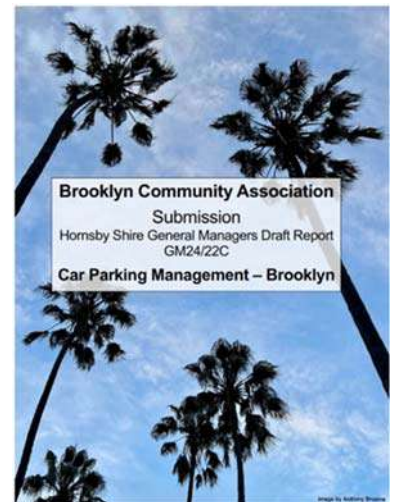
- Provision for river residents to park overnight, for 3 days or unlimited in Upper McKell overflow area, without committing to significant capital funding and long-term leases
- Parking for business staff would be available in Wambool Street, at the Upper McKell overflow area and Parsley Bay (weekdays)

You can read the BCA submission on the BCA webpage at: <https://brooklyncommunity.org.au/car-parking-in-brooklyn/>

The BCA is meeting with Ward A Councillors and senior Council officers to walk through our submission, and to emphasise the need for change and improvement.

Council officers are now analysing the results of their survey and the many submissions they have received. They aim to present the outcomes to Councillors late this year or early in 2023. We would expect that implementation of parking changes won't take place until the second quarter of 2023. We also anticipate there will be further consultation with the community prior to implementation, as Council plan a progressive rollout of new parking protocols.

By Robert Arnold Co-President Brooklyn Community Association president@brooklyncommunity.org.au



Hawkesbury River Child Care Christmas Toy Drive

Hawkesbury River Child Care will be collecting new toys of all sizes, craft supplies and gifts to donate to children in the Gosford Hospital Paediatric Ward and Intensive Care Unit over Christmas.

Gifts can be dropped off at Hawkesbury River Child Care (on the grounds of Brooklyn Public School) between 7am-6pm Monday to Friday until close of business on Thursday, 15 December 2023.

Please leave gifts unwrapped as this will allow the nurses to give the gifts to the most appropriate child. Help us brighten the day for a child experiencing illness or injury over Christmas.



By Karina Khairuddin, info@hrcc.com.au

Flying: Circuses and Squadrons

A small enthusiastic and appreciative crowd were drawn to Brooklyn Cottage on Sunday, 18 September for the: "Who bought down the Red Baron?" event.

Inside the Cottage visitors were treated to ripping yarns including an audio recording of Frank Wormald's eye witness accounts, a fascinating display of 60-year-old news clippings and more recent discoveries of a piece of fabric from the Barons triplane (now safely secured in a hidden location in Brooklyn).

Outside they were entranced by the beautiful historic 18ft skiff visiting from the Flying Squadron, Kirribilli and marvelled at the craftsmanship required to build them. The impact of such an event isn't measured by the number of bums on seats nor lottery tickets sold. Qualitative measures of impact are most often undetectable. They fly under the radar.

Teachers everywhere know how a throw away comment of praise or engagement can inspire interest and fascination in a field, lifelong learning and future career path.

So too the ripple effects of tossing a stone into a pond. It's impossible to predict the longer-term effects of these shared experiences and events.

For this observer the stand out stories woven on the day included:

- A family that had travelled across the shire to compare the Buie story with the differing one their grandparents had told them.
- A loving father capturing all possible audio recordings and images for his history loving son unable to attend due to MS.
- A 10 year boy so fascinated by the stories he read every page, listened intently to the audio and watched the whole video of further evidence: The man who killed the Red Baron?
- An elderly lady eagerly awaiting to meet relatives to share reminisce and celebrate.
- The dozens of listeners that on leaving the Cottage when asked: "Who shot down the Red baron?" Responded and saluted in unison: The Brooklyn Fisherman: Gunner Robert Buie.
- Myff Sharp's book sale of classic and esoteric history and military titles and the many interested people that perused them.
 - As Ian Allen noted some of these books are must haves for any fashion, film or costume design company.
- The attendance of Robert Tearne boat builder, life member of Sydney Flying Squadron and living legend of Australian sailing.
 - Rob has a lifetime of reading history and making history.
- The historic 18ft skiff Myra Too that Rob brought and rigged to showcase.
- The many old salts that came to run their hands along the beautiful timber of the classic wooden skiff. Their smiles of joy at their proximity to the skiff and the master craftsman that builds them

- Local identity, Bob Davis and Rob Tearne cooperating to construct and demonstrate their parachute release pole.
 - Their smiles when the chute opened perfectly and floated to the ground.

Frank Wormalds recorded eye witness account retells the German myth that: "the Red Baron did not carry a parachute...It was the first thing souvenired by the Australian ground troops."

Robert Tearne provided a copy of the WW1 Honour Roll of the Sydney Flying Squadron.

Some of these men were transported on: The Anchises. The same ship as Robert Buie.

No doubt they would have met. Men of the water off to fight in the mud of the trenches.

If you missed the historic skiff and are interested please text: "Skiff" to 0423 254 681.

This event was made possible through the generosity and interest of: Bob and Bev Davis, Rob Tearne, Myff Sharp, Heather Sharp, Tim Stewart, Brian Gleeson, Ian Allen, Ross Tierney. And hosted by the BCA.



"Interested people are interesting"

By Peter Davis, peter.john.davis@det.nsw.edu.au

Save the Date

We are looking to hold a community event on the weekend of 4-5 March 2023. More details to come. For now, save the date!

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Peat Island and Mooney Mooney planning proposal update

The Department of Planning and Environment released the following update in relation to the Peat Island and Mooney Mooney planning proposal in October 2022.

"We are pleased to advise the NSW Government has reached a landmark agreement to transfer Peat Island to the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council.

A Deed of Agreement for the pending transfer has now been executed between Property & Development NSW and the land council.

The Government has been liaising with Darkinjung over the last few years and has been in detailed negotiations with the land council since January 2022.

This land transfer agreement is an historic moment that recognises the Aboriginal community's cultural connection to this land.

We will continue to work with the land council to help realise its vision for Peat Island to be used in ways that will create economic and cultural opportunities for the local Aboriginal population and for all Australians.

The Government will also be undertaking maintenance work on the island and its associated foreshore sites at Mooney Mooney over coming months, including vegetation clearing on the mainland, the demolition of non-heritage-listed derelict structures to address significant health and safety risks, and the clean-up of debris on the island.

The Government remains committed to the revitalisation of this much-loved area and to delivering long-term economic, social and community benefits.



BCA Annual General Meeting: Special Presentation Climate Wise Hornsby Presentation

In Hornsby Shire, a home's energy usage is collectively the largest contributor to Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the shire. Hornsby Shire Council have committed to a Net Zero by 2050 target of Greenhouse Gas Emission reductions, in line with global agreements. Doing your bit towards meeting these targets might save you some money too.

A strong focus on energy reduction at the household level, contributes to both personal and global sustainability. Saving energy is also often a way to make a household budget go that little bit further, as energy wastage is money lost.



At BCA's AGM on 3 December 2022, Susie Smith, Sustainability Officer at Hornsby Shire Council, will share with you how Brooklyn and River Dwelling households are doing (in comparison to other Shire households) thanks to some aggregated data from Resilient Sydney. She will follow this up with some top tips and tricks to ensure you have the latest information on how you can do your bit to save energy, and hopefully end up with some spare change too.

A great reason to come along to our AGM and learn more about this extremely relevant topic and receive some practical advice on what we can do to support.

*Susie Smith Sustainability Officer | Strategy & Place |
Hornsby Shire Council | lfrost@hornsby.nsw.gov.au*

Cottage update

Christmas Markets are on Sunday, 27 November 2022, 10am-3pm.



A new art exhibition by Steven Quilty is starting soon.

Second Hand Sunday 10am-3pm, Sunday, 26 February 2023. This will be third Second Hand Sunday Market day, where locals can hire a stall and set up their goods for others to browse and buy.

Story time will be scheduled for next year, date TBC but probably the latter part of February.

The Cottage is run and managed by volunteers. We always could use a few more people to help out. Emails us at the address below or visit our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CottageBrooklyn> to find out what's happening or to help out.

We also offer:

- Sunday morning meditation classes at 9am
- Knitting and crochet (making) group every Tuesday at 2:00pm
- The Brooklyn RSL sub-branch displays some of their artefacts

Have an idea for a workshop? Let us know and use The Cottage.

Also reminder for our current volunteers, our Christmas party on 1 December 2022!

For more info: thecottage@brooklyncommunity.org.au

Freshly baked bread anyone?

If you love a fresh loaf of organic sourdough bread, then we have great news for you! Warrah Society is a disability services organisation with its own certified biodynamic farm.



Warrah has recently established its own on site-bakery, where participants with a disability engage in therapeutic and work experience programs. Loaves can now be ordered and picked up at the Oyster Shed for collection on Thursday afternoons between 1-4pm. For more information and orders contact Borja at bvalls@warrah.org.au

You can also place orders directly at the Oyster Shed. Located in Dural, Warrah's Farm Shop is open six days a week and sells a full range of certified organic and biodynamic produce and groceries. Come and visit us or head to our website www.warrah.org.au

By Borja Valls, bvalls@warrah.org.au

2512 Get Together

Don't have anything to do on Christmas Day, 25 December 2022?

Come along to The Cottage from 11.30am - 2.30pm to hang out with some other friendly people.

Bring a plate and drink to share – or just bring your own meal for yourself – to picnic (weather permitting) or share around a table, inside or out. The Cottage has an oven (no microwave) and a bit further up the riverside there are barbeques if you'd prefer to cook your own.

There may be fruit cake and mince pies but this is not a Christmas celebration. It's just that we have no resistance to treats!

You can bring along some board games or cards, and we might play some Victorian parlour games too.

We can gather for some storytelling, so you can bring a story to share, a folktale or family story, or just settle back to listen to tales being told.

We won't have any Christmas music but might play some CDs if you bring something people would like to hear in the background, and there will be paper and pastels if you want to relax with some art while you chat or listen to music and stories.



It will just be a low key, pleasant gathering so if you have the time to join us then we would love to get to know you. If you want to talk more about the 2512 Get Together you can contact Jo Henwood on jo7hanna@tpg.com.au or 040 88 75 137.

By Jo Henwood, jo7hanna@tpg.com.au



Craft with purpose

On Wednesday, 9 November 2022, six beautifully crocheted blankets made by Mooney Craft Group, were delivered to Manning



Base Hospital Palliative Care Ward. The blankets are used on the beds of patients at the end of their life. Families are then able to take these blankets home if they wish.



Another project approaching completion is constructing some beautiful Trauma Teddies used in emergency departments and ambulances to help younger children improve their experience of hospital. These trauma teddies take a long time to make and involve the whole craft team.

Each teddy is individual and unique and is bound to brighten a little child's day.

Christmas decorations are on the list next. Come and join the fun.

Mooney Craft Group meets every Thursday between 2-5pm at the River Hub (old school at Mooney Mooney). New members are always welcome. They are also always looking for donations of fabric wool and craft materials.



Picture: Christine Rule knitting Trauma Teddies as she works as a volunteer on the verandah at the Cottage.

By, Deanna Stratford, directionshealth0@gmail.com

River Blooms – Pursuing a Passion

Hi, I'm Olivia and I'm excited to let you know I've started a new business in Brooklyn – River Blooms Floral Design, primarily to serve our local community and businesses.

River Blooms offers a full range of services including bouquets, posies, vase arrangements, market bunches, regular subscriptions, memorial and tribute flowers. I also provide bespoke design and installation for events and occasions.

Working from my studio, we can deliver to you or your nominated destination between Wahroonga and Central Coast.

I've lived in Brooklyn for 12 years, sadly leaving our beautiful valley commuting to the City for 9 of those. Then along came Covid and the opportunity to reset my life, by winding down my work in Information Technology and "promoting my passion" to my primary focus.

I had previously studied floristry in Paris many years ago, right near the Jardin des Tuileries, and in Australia have attained the local Level 3 Certification, which was great for all the detailed technical skills that support constructing different products and styles, as well as understanding the local industry.

We source directly from Sydney markets and personally, I love the (very) early morning journey, to feel the vibe of the market, see what is coming in to season and select the freshest stock.

You can see my work at my website www.riverblooms.com.au, on Instagram @riverbloom_florals, and I'm always happy to chat on 0477 301 700.

I look forward to getting to know many more in our community, meeting floral needs as they arise, and sharing the joy and beauty of flowers with you.



By Olivia Simons, 0477 301 700

The Mysterious Swimmer Art exhibition



Ambrose Reisch, *The Mangrove Detective*, 2021
oil on canvas, 4 panels each at 50 x 40 cm

The Mysterious Swimmer exhibition by local Artist, Ambrose Reisch, is currently on exhibition at the Macquarie University Art Gallery until 9 December 2022. Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm.

You're invited...

There are also two events:

Artist's Talk – Saturday, 26 November, 1-2pm

Join artist Ambrose Reisch as he gives a tour of The Mysterious Swimmer exhibition.

In Conversation – Wednesday 7 December, 1-2pm

An intimate discussion about life and art with artist Ambrose Reisch and Dr Andrew Simpson, President, UMAC University Museums and Collections.

RSVP: Kate.hargraves@mq.edu.au for the events. Or ring Miriam on 0414 464 375

Afternoon tea will be served at both events.

Macquarie University Art Gallery, The Chancellery, 19 Eastern Road, Macquarie University

Parking: Science rd. East 5 carpark (enter from Talavera Rd. left at the roundabout then sharp left onto Research Park Drive, the travel Lodge is on the right.

At the next roundabout turn right onto Science Rd.)



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An update from the Mooney Mooney & Cheero Point Progress Association (MCPA)

I am pleased to provide this update on the many exciting happenings within the MCPA. The MCPA is in the final stages of signing a licence agreement with Property NSW to allow us to continue to manage the old school building and grounds, and the Mooney Chapel. This is a three year agreement which will allow us to move forward with many of our plans.

We have secured a \$5000 grant from Central Coast Council to allow us to pay for the necessary insurance policies and to create a community garden in the grounds of the old school. The memorial seat for Maree Dunn has been installed overlooking the proposed garden site and we will organise a suitable event to acknowledge Maree's service to our community.

The River Hub continues to increase its activities. The Thursday craft group has around 10 regular attendees and has already made 40 Trauma Teddies for delivery to Hornsby Hospital.

Library and storytime continues to be an important part of the hub for our younger community members. It was wonderful to see so many families and young kids participate in Halloween recently. I never thought that I would again see so many children living in Mooney and Cheero. It absolutely breathes new life and excitement into our area.

We now have a Chapel committee to help manage booking and events in the Chapel and I know they have some exciting events planned in the near future to better use this amazing asset. A huge thank you to the Chapel committee for all your hard work.

The tennis court continues to be a great asset for our community and is increasing in use and popularity. Thank you to everyone who is looking after this facility and for the way everyone is working together on this one. Thanks to the generosity of one of our newer families, we are currently in the process of installing a basketball hoop on the area next to the tennis court.

Most of you will have heard the news that Peat Island has been handed over to the Darkinjung Aboriginal Community and our progress association will continue to work closely with Darkinjung to ensure that our community is part of their exciting project. Already their CEO Brendan has given us one presentation and is always willing to provide further updates and presentations. I understand that a community open day is planned for late November and I will circulate this information once it is available.

Our annual Community family day is tentatively scheduled for 2pm on Sunday, 18 December on the old school oval in Point Rd. All Mooney and Cheero residents are very welcome. A more formal invite will be circulated closer to the date, but it will be a great opportunity to join with your neighbours in a relaxed atmosphere and to meet many of our newer residents.

The MCPA continues to make representations on behalf of our community. We are currently trying to get RMS to mow and cutback the verges and medium strips as they have been neglected and it is now a dangerous situation with vision being impeded in some areas. Also the motorbike and night time car races are continuing to cause concern and we have raised these issues with highway patrol.

By Jim Lloyd, President Mooney Cheero Progress Association, jim@jimlloyd.com.au

We're going paperless!

This will be the last printed copy of the Gateway!

For the past 14 years, local business RW Corkery & Co (RWC) has printed in the order of 600 copies of the Gateway up to four times a year. RWC will no longer be able to print the Gateway as the their Sydney office is relocating to Chatswood in early December 2022. In line with current and emerging business practices, RWC intends to minimise paper copies as it progresses towards a virtually paperless office.

The former owners of RWC, Rob and Cindy Corkery, will continue to live in Brooklyn and enjoy all that Brooklyn and the lower Hawkesbury River has to offer and to continue their friendships with Brooklyn locals.

The BCA would like to thank RW Corkery & Co for its contribution to the community over the years in printing the Gateway (and the company's many other local contributions). We wish the new owner, Mitch Bland, and the company well in its new life in the city.

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of future Gateways, and don't already receive one, could you please email the below address with your name and suburb.

secretary@brooklyncommunityassociation.org.au



Uniting Care exercise classes for seniors

Mondays 9:15am at the Brooklyn Meeting Room.
If you are interested phone Pauline 0423 565 396
or David Tong 0479 185 098



Would you like to promote your event on our website?
Email us at emails@brooklyncommunity.org.au

Jane Cole's 100th Birthday

Happy Birthday to one of Brooklyn's locals, Jane Cole, for September! Jane turned 100 and the Cottage team held a lovely celebration to mark the occasion – well done and thank you to all!



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