

Brooklyn Community Association, Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 3 December 2022 at the Brooklyn Meeting Room commencing at 3pm

Minutes

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Cindy Corkery Co-President welcomed residents and guests to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Garingai and pay respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

Cindy thanked those that attended as the AGM would be brief and for the purposes of the election of the BCA Executive and Committee for 2023. The agenda for today's AGM will be limited to the confirmation of the 2021 AGM Minutes, Presidents' and Treasurer's Reports for 2022 and the election of the new Committee for 2023 and a brief discussion relating to vandalism following an email received from Dianne Robertson.

Nominations for the Committee can still be made at the meeting, on the Nomination Form located at the door. Confirmation that a quorum of 5 financial members is present.

The scheduled General Meeting, including the address from our Speaker Susie Smith Sustainability Officer from Hornsby Council, has been deferred to a date in 2023. The refreshments following the Annual General Meeting have also deferred.

Cindy apologised for these changes, which have been necessitated by the rapid increase in Covid cases in Brooklyn.

Attendees as per the attendance record

Apologies for the AGM were received from:

- Representatives: Mayor Phillip Ruddock, Councillor Nathan Tilbury, Councillor Warren Waddell; Councillor Tania Salitra, Matt Kean MP.
- Place Planners: David Johnson, Julia Morton.
- Residents: Jim Buhr, Samantha Crow, Nancy Davis, Jo & Brian Scarsbrick, Bob Davis, Meredith Peters, Di Bowles, Jamie Donnelly, Tony Broome, Steven Boyle, Meredith Handel.

Minutes of AGM 4 December 2021 were read and accepted.

Moved: Mathilde Kearny-Kibble; Seconded: Miriam Maloney

Co-President's Report

Presented by Robert Arnold and "thankyous" by Cindy Corkery

(Full Co-President's Report is attached to AGM Minutes).

By far the biggest issue for consideration by the community during the 2022 year has been Hornsby Council's report into parking in Brooklyn. Relating to parking, the BCA Committee together with the community have done extraordinary work preparing a submission submitted to Council on 30 October 2022. To achieve these results many from the BCA Committee, community and businesses have participated, hosted, conducted and/or spoke at 3 Council Monthly Meetings; 6 meetings with Ward A Councillors, more than 16 meetings with Council Place Planners, Council General Manager, and more than 12 meetings with river community associations; hosted several workshops with Brooklyn residents, and specifically Karoola and William Street residents, incorporating outcomes of consultations and discussions with over 80 of our residents; individual interviews with 16 local businesses and several recreational clubs; walkaround/inspection with Matt Kean and Ward A Councillors of potential additional parking areas;. The BCA sought feedback relating to the final draft submission from 35 Brooklyn residents who participated in the consultation process to ensure fair representation/accuracy of proposed solutions and sentiments; Completed a substantial and comprehensive submission to Council; Encouraged the community to go online and provide their thoughts by completing Council's parking survey.

Other projects that the BCA has been involved with during 2022 included: Preparation of a significant submission to Central Coast Council relating to the impacts of the proposed Peat Island development on Brooklyn; Joining the Committee for the AED/Defibrillator project - three AED Defibs have been installed around Brooklyn with at least another two on the way in the new year (2023). Through the generosity of the community supporting BCA fundraisers, the BCA also contributed \$2,500 to purchase an AED located at Brooklyn Central.

Ongoing projects included promoting extension of the shared footpath (Brooklyn Central to School) and boardwalk to Kangaroo Point. Funding has now been allocated to the boardwalk from Seymour Creek to Kangaroo Point and construction will commence next year. The BCA continues to lobby Council for a shared path between the RFS and Brooklyn Public School; Participating in discussions relating to the barbeque and landscape improvements and increased accessibility to the facilities at Lower McKell Park Baths. The BCA was also consulted on the building of the footpath around Flat Rock Point to Parsley Bay which was completed in September; Strengthening of the collaboration between the Brooklyn and river communities; Expanding the Gateway into a fantastic community newsletter which now will be exclusively delivered online.

Robert and Cindy congratulated the Cottage Committee for its highly successful operation of The Cottage throughout the year. They also noted "without the help or support of many, the Brooklyn Community and BCA would be poorer – people such as Garry our postie, Adrian from the RFS who uploads notices on our behalf, our Council Place Planners David and Julia who work hard to achieve improvements on Brooklyn's behalf, our Ward A Councillors Nathan, Warren and Tania who we know many of us have made representation to throughout the past year, our Mayor, GM Steven Head, and MP Matt Kean who have all attended and spoken and willingly answered questions at one or more BCA's meetings".

Robert and Cindy expressed appreciation to this year's committee for their hard work and commitment to the community and this amazing community of Brooklyn who pull up their sleeves, put their hand up to share skills and opinions that help make our home and village the best place to live.

Cindy on behalf of the BCA Committee, expressed a heartfelt thank you to Robert Arnold for his leadership and representations. She noted that it been a privilege to have held the position of Co-President alongside Robert and to experience first-hand your extraordinary dedication to the Brooklyn Community. She congratulated Robert on his achievements over many years in the role of Co-President and in his previous executive roles of Vice-President and Treasurer.

Cindy wished Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season to all.

Acknowledgement by Acclamation from the floor.

Treasurers Report

Presented by Lyne Kelleher

(Treasurers Full Audited Financial Report is attached to AGM Minutes.)

The following information is accurate as at the end of FY22; 30th June 2022.

Balance of the BCA bank account was \$4,316.49 which represented a decrease of \$2,033.65 from the previous year, due to the donation of \$2,500 made for the Defib Project in Brooklyn and the waiver of annual membership fees due to the COVID situation.

The BCA's main source of income was \$400.00 from advertising in the Gateway magazine.

The BCA is holding \$252.05 being donations for the History DVD and \$279.00 for the Environmental and Sustainability group.

The net amount in the BCA Account is \$3,785.44.

Balance of the Cottage bank account was \$2,652.67. which represented an increase of \$948.64 over the previous year.

A total of \$3,272.25 was raised at the Cottage Markets and a further \$765.00 of art sales.

Expenses totalling \$2,677.77 which included \$328.00 paid to council as per the BCA lease agreement and \$541.78 for the liability insurance.

It was noted that the Cottage also had a quiet year due to COVID.

Proposed: Lyne Kelleher; Seconded: Miriam Maloney

Election of the BCA Committee

Introduction of the Returning Officer Mathilde Kearny-Kibble who briefly addressed the BCA's Constitution in respect of Co sharing of executive positions and confirmed that BCA Associate Members are unable to stand for executive positions but should make themselves available to assist wherever possible.

Stand Down of the 2022 BCA Committee; and Election of BCA Committee 2023

- Co-President Cindy Corkery (returned)
- Co-President Miriam Moloney
- Vice-President Ingrid Segovia (returned)
- Secretary Jayne Donnelly (returned)
- Co-Treasurer Jim Buhr (BCA treasurer)
- Co-Treasurer Lyne Kelleher (Cottage treasurer)
- Member Robert Arnold
- Member Meredith Handel (Gateway)

Vote was unanimous for each position.

Appointed

- Public Officer Mathilde Kearny-Kibble
- Auditor Andrew Fenwick

Record of Key Correspondence

(Correspondence In and Out is attached to the AGM Minutes.)

General Business

(1 Item – Email received from Dianne Robertson relating to vandalism of her partners and another river resident vehicle).

Cindy outlined horrific contents of the emails (2) received and the BCA Committee's response.

BCA Position: All of the BCA Committee were outraged by what had happened to our river neighbours. Vandalisation of any residents' vehicles or any private or public property is totally unacceptable, and reporting to Police is the correct outcome. The BCA supports any action that might be taken to eliminate vandalism.

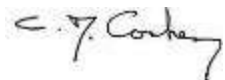
Motion

The BCA prepare an appropriately worded statement to identify that the BCA will stand together with the River Community and not tolerate vandalism of any residents' vehicles or any private or public property or other unacceptable behaviours that diminishes the amenity of our Public Spaces. To be posted on the BCA Website and Facebook page.

Proposed: Miriam Maloney; Seconded: Karen Arnold

Meeting Closed at 3.45pm.

Signed by Cindy Corkery Co-President



on behalf of the Brooklyn Community Association

Attachments:

- Presidents Report 2022
- Audited Financial Report 2022
- Record of Key Correspondence In and Out (2022)

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Presidents Report 2022

Cindy and I are pleased to provide the Presidents Report for the Brooklyn Community Association for the AGM for 2022. The BCA and the Committee has had a very busy year, representing the community in consultation with residents, the Council and other community associations across many important issues.

By far the biggest issue for the community to address in the later part of the year has been Hornsby Council's report into parking in Brooklyn. In relation to parking and Place Planning, the BCA Committee with the community have done extraordinary work preparing a submission submitted to Council on 31 October 2022.

- To achieve these outcomes many from the BCA Committee attended and spoke at 3 Council Monthly Meetings over the year.
- We participated in 6 meetings with Ward A Councillors, more than 16 meetings with Council Place Planners, several meetings with the Council General Manager, and more than 12 meetings with river community associations.
- Hosted several workshops with Brooklyn residents, and specifically Karoola and William Street residents, incorporating outcomes of consultations and discussions with over 80 of our residents.
- Conducted individual interviews with 16 local businesses and several recreational clubs to assess their parking requirements.
- Participated in a walkaround/inspection with Matt Kean and Ward A Councillors of potential additional parking areas utilising State Rail land.
- Sought feedback of the final draft submission from 35 Brooklyn residents who participated in the consultation process to ensure fair representation/accuracy of proposed solutions and sentiments.
- Completed a substantial and comprehensive submission to Council, well accepted and complimented by Councillors and Council Officers.
- Encouraged a fatigued community to go online and provide their thoughts by completing Council's survey.

It's amazing work and the Community and Committee needs to be congratulated. The efforts of many have been phenomenal.

We will also mention some of the other work that the BCA has been involved with during the year:

- Preparation of a significant submission to Central Coast Council relating to the impacts of the proposed Peat Island development on Brooklyn. The Central Coast Council refused the application and sent the project back to the drawing board.
- Joining the Committee on the AED/Defibrillator project. This hard work by many within the community has resulted in three AED Defibs being installed around Brooklyn with at least another two on the way in the new year. Through the generosity of the community supporting BCA fundraisers, the BCA also contributed \$2,500 to purchase an AED located at Brooklyn Central
- Promoting extension of the shared footpath and boardwalk to Kangaroo Point. Funding has now been allocated to the boardwalk from Seymour Creek to Kangaroo Point and construction will commence next year. The BCA continues to lobby Council for a shared path between the RFS and Brooklyn Public School.

- Participating in discussions relating to the barbeque and landscape improvements and increased accessibility to the facilities at Lower McKell Park Baths. The BCA was also consulted on the building of the footpath around Flat Rock Point to Parsley Bay which was completed in September.
- Strengthening of the collaboration from previous years between the Brooklyn and river communities.
- Expanding the Gateway into a fantastic community newsletter which now will be exclusively delivered online. We express our sincere thanks to Corkery & Co for the printing of the Gateway over the past 14 years and our ever-reliable postie Garry Robertson for delivering it to every household 4 times per year.
- Improving our information and contact processes with residents and the community
- Maintaining our bank accounts in order to fund a range of community projects.

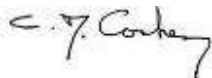
We would like to congratulate the Cottage Committee for its highly successful operation of The Cottage throughout the year. We look forward to a new year of operation, hopefully not limited by pandemic restrictions.

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We would like to give a huge thanks this year's committee for their hard work and commitment to the community.

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

Cindy Corkery



Co-President

Robert Arnold



Co-President

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Audited Financial Statements: The Association

Brooklyn Community Association Inc. FY 2022 Summary 30th June 2022		
Details	Totals 2021	Totals 2022
Opening Balance	5632.04	6350.14
Unpresented payments/deposits		
Opening Balance	5632.04	6350.14
Deposits/ Income:		
Membership	520.00	295.00
Associated Membership		100.00
Advertising	390.00	400.00
Donations	1000.00	
Sponsorships		
Fundraising	485.00	179
Environmental & Sustainability Group		
Interest		
Hall Hire COVID refund		69.35
Total Deposit/Income	2395.00	1043.35
Withdrawals/Expenses		
Hall Hire	134.51	158.79
Amenities/Misc	231.17	55.00
Printing/Stationary	78.78	205.00
Association Fees	122.44	48.21
Planning Advice		
Community Events	500.00	110.00
Fund Raising Event Supplies		
Prize Money	150.00	
Insurance		
Donations	410.00	2500.00
Transfer to Cottage Account	50.00	
Total withdrawals/Expenses	1676.90	3077.00
Closing Balance	6350.14	4316.49
Annual Increase/Decrease in Funds	718.10	-2033.65
Cash on hand at year end		
Unpaid Expenses	0.00	
Actual Closing Balance	6350.14	4316.49
Closing bank balance as per statement	6350.14	4316.49
Treasurer Lyne Kelleher		

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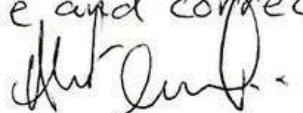
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 Andrew Fenwick
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 Andrew Fenwick

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Audited Financial Statements: The Cottage

Brooklyn Community Association Inc. The Cottage FY 2022 Summary 30th June 2022		
Details	Totals 2021	Totals 2022
Opening Balance	1332.26	1704.03 ✓
Unpresented payments/deposits		
Opening Balance	1332.26	1704.03 ✓
Deposits Income:		
Cottage Markets	2220.10	3272.25 ✓
Art Sales paid to Cottage Direct	3585.00	
Work Shops		200.00 ✓
Commission on Art Sales-Artist paid Direct	398.00	153.00 ✓
Exhibition Deposit	300.00	
Interest	1.26	1.16 ✓
Donations	345.90	
Total Deposit/Income	6850.26	3626.41
Withdrawals/Expenses		
Misc Expense	1577.55	1461.58 ✓
Amenities	55.40	
Printing/Stationery		186.41 ✓
Payments to Artists	3016.02	160.00 ✓
Payments to HSC	1253.00	328 ✓
Insurance	476.52	541.78 ✓
Donations		
Refund of artist deposit	100.00	
Total withdrawals/Expenses	6478.49	2677.77
Closing Balance	1704.03	2652.67
Annual Increase/Decrease in Funds	371.77	948.64
Cash on hand at year end		
Unpaid Expenses		
Actual Closing Balance	1704.03	2652.67 ✓
Closing bank balance as per statement	1704.03	2652.67 ✓
Treasurer Lyne Kelleher		

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Correspondence 2022

From	To	Subject	Date
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Council	Submission: Brooklyn Rd Improvements F2008/00339	Dec 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	BHPC Executives	Comments on the BHPC Submission	Nov 2022
Hornsby Council Place Managers	The President	Request to organise a Special BCA Meeting (for the proposed Rate Variation)	Sep 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Matt Keen MP	Acknowledgement of attendance at September Meeting & Request to meet	Sep 2022
Council Place Managers	Co-Presidents BCA	Extensive email exchanges on the General Manager's Report No. GM24/22: Car Parking Management	Jul-Oct 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Council: Steven Head GM; Council Place Managers	Submission: Vision and Principles for the implementation of parking improvements in Brooklyn (and subsequent clarifications)	Jul 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Councillors	Email: General Manager's Report No. GM24/22: Car Parking Management: Support retention of the closing date for Public Exhibition as end-September 2022	Jul 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Council: Ward A Councillors, Steven Head GM	Submissions on GM31/21 Discussion Paper - Brooklyn Place Planning - Feedback from Exhibition	July 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Council: Ward A Councillors, Steven Head GM	Submissions on CE15/21 Draft Community and Cultural Facilities Strategic Plan	July 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Council	Submission: Kangaroo Point, Brooklyn - Boardwalk and Shared Path	May 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Council	Submission: Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Visitors Guide	Apr 2022
Council Place Managers	Co-Presidents BCA	Receipt of the Council Delivery Program and Operational Plan	Apr 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Council	Letter of Support for Hornsby Council Projects: NSW Active Transport Program: Brooklyn Boardwalk and Shared Pathways GFR-00000499 & GFR-000534	Mar 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Council: Ward A Councillors, Steven Head GM	Preliminary Feedback to Council: Car Parking Management Study Brooklyn	Mar 2022
Council Place Managers	Co-Presidents BCA	Open Spaces Program Funding: Opportunity for funding for Brooklyn projects	Feb 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Council	Submission: Hornsby Heritage Conservation Area Review - Response to Council	Feb 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Council Place Managers	Council's draft car parking survey, exchanges between Council, BCA and river community associations	Dec 2021 - Feb 2022
Co-Presidents BCA	Hornsby Councillors	Congratulations on your re-election	Dec 2021