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Newsletter

Co-Presidents' Report

Welcome to the first 2023 Gateway Newsletter produced by the Brooklyn Community Association. The Gateway has gone paperless and from this edition the Gateway will be delivered to your email inbox and not your letter box.

If you are aware of anyone who would like to receive a copy of the Gateway and is not currently on the BCA's email list, please email <u>secretary@brooklyncommunity.org.au</u> with their details.

The BCA is anticipating a busy year with the construction of the Brooklyn to Kangaroo Point Boardwalk and Shared Pathway together with the construction a much lobbied for Shared Pathway between Brooklyn Central and Baden Powell Ave, resulting in a safer walk or ride for our school children. Construction is anticipated between May and December this year.

Proposed parking changes are still firmly on the agenda for 2023. The summary of the survey results from Council's HiVE survey conducted in the later part of 2022 on car parking can now be found on Council's webpage. The BCA understands that Council Officers anticipate that they will be able to report back to Council on a recommended way forward regarding car parking management in Brooklyn at the April Council Meeting. The BCA will continue to ask questions, seek information/clarification and provide updates at the BCA General Meeting in February or by email or website posts when it becomes available.

The 2023 BCA Committee has already swung into action. Let me introduce them to you.

Assisting the Co-Presidents Cindy Corkery and Miriam Moloney are:

- Vice President: Ingrid Segovia
- Secretary: Jayne Donnelly
- Co-Treasurer: Lyne Kelleher
- Member: Meredith Handel (Gateway Editor)
- Member: Robert Arnold

Recently resigned is Co-Treasurer, Jim Buhr. The BCA is keen if any member would like to join the committee as Co-Treasurer.

We welcome the BCA Committee, and we encourage members and residents to communicate with the committee on issues that are important to them or Brooklyn at large. Email info@brooklyncommunity.org.au to get in touch.

Brooklyn Community Association holds quarterly meetings on Saturdays at the Brooklyn Meeting Room between 10am to 12noon, followed by refreshments and a chance to have a chat. 2023 meetings dates are listed in this Gateway.

Meetings are an opportunity for members and residents to meet together, hear about current events and activities and have your say about the what shapes the community in which we live in. The BCA invites a range of interesting and informative speakers to inform and challenge. This month, Susie Smith from Hornsby Council, who is a fabulous speaker, is presenting on energy and sustainability in the home. Come along and hear Susie share many tips and tricks on how to save money on energy costs, and boost your wallet while reducing your impact on the environment.

Short updates will also be provided at the upcoming meeting relating to clarification surrounding the "rumour" of \$5million for a built car park, Darkinjung Land Council plans for Peat Island, changes in automatic locking for the amenity block in Lower McKell Park, the Cottage plans for 2023 and the newest Defib location.

We continue to look forward to the support that the Ward A Councillors Cr Nathan Tilbury, Cr Warren Waddell and Cr Tania Salitra provide us all. We look forward to working with each of them over the coming year.

Cindy Corkery & Miriam Moloney, Co-Presidents president@brooklyncommunity.org.au

BCA General Meeting 10am-12pm | Saturday, 18 February 2023 Special Guest Speaker: Susie Smith Brooklyn Meeting Room Followed by Refreshments BCA Members, guests & friends welcome www.brooklyncommunity.org.au www.facebook.com/BrooklynNSW 2023 Meeting Dates: 3 June | 9 Sept | 18 Nov

What/who is the BCA?

Get on the water in March

The Brooklyn Community Association (**BCA**) is an organisation of Brooklyn residents and business owners whose purpose is to improve the facilities, environment, culture and well being of the community.

We achieve our purpose by:

- Creating opportunities for individual and community participation through meetings, newsletters, guest speakers, events and surveys
- Informing the community about current issues, canvassing views and establishing community positions
- Promoting our local businesses, services and community organisations
- Advocating the interests of the community to local and state government bodies
- Collaborating with other lower Hawkesbury communities

Check out the BCA website for more information at <u>www.brooklyncommunity.org.au</u>.

There is an annual \$10 household membership fee to join the BCA, which is due 1 July at the beginning of each financial year.

Question: Where does my annual membership fee of \$10 go?

Answer: It goes towards paying for insurance, meeting room hire, stationery, printing for workshops, involvement in our local fair & markets days and generally covering any costs associated with the work of the BCA.

The BCA committee work as volunteers to progress the amenity of our community and promote engagement and opportunity whether through current issues, Cottage activities, workshops, submissions or our quarterly general meetings and producing our quarterly newsletter, the Gateway.

If you are a new resident or business in Brooklyn or not a member and are interesting in joining, please consider a household / business membership of \$10. More information can be found here <u>https://brooklyncommunity.org.au/about-</u> bca/membership/.

We would also love to have you along at our next quarterly meeting at 10am on Saturday, 18 February 2023 at the Brooklyn Community Meeting Room to learn more.

Any queries, please contact one of our Co-Presidents, Cindy Corkery on 0417 635 975 or Miriam Moloney on 0414 464 375.

By Miriam Moloney, president@brooklyncommunity.org.au



The waters around Brooklyn are set to sparkle on the weekend of 4 & 5 March. Squeeze the last drops of summer goodness and get afloat to participate. Or just spectate; set up your chair at one of the sensational outlooks at Flat Rock Point.

1. Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Sailing Club (HKSC) hosts the annual **Hawkesbury Cup regatta**. A strong fleet of dinghies and skiffs will compete in a series of class races between Dead Horse and Flynt & Steel Beaches. A spectacle of spinnakers and spray on Broken Bay - from 1pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Visit www.hornsbysailing.com for details.

- 2. Hawkesbury River Yacht (HRYC) Club flotilla. HRYC invites local and visiting yachts to a lively "cruise in company" between Dangar and Lion Islands. All are welcome including non-boat owners who would like to give sailing a go. Mustering from 12-noon on Saturday, March with festivities after. For info or to register for the HRYC flotilla please call James on 0402 892 760 or email info@hryc.asn.au
- **3. The Mullet Run**. An informal paddle for kayaks, skis and SUPs from Parsley Bay up Mullet Creek.
 - Short (5km) course Parsley Bay to a turning buoy in the creek mouth
 - Long (15km) course Parsley Bay to Wondabyne Station return
 - Relay Parsley Bay to crew change at Wondabyne Station (train shuttle)

Register to receive further information on "the Mullet" here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/MulletRun23</u>

Proudly supported by the Lower Hawkesbury Aquatic Recreation Association (LHARA) <u>www.lhara.com.au</u>



Floodplain risk management study and plan

In 2014, Council commissioned Cardno Pty Ltd to undertake a Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMSP) for the urban areas within Hornsby LGA. The study defines existing flood behaviour and associated hazards of the study area and assesses potential flood mitigation options to reduce flood damages and risk. There were delays in the work because of council amalgamation processes but in 2020 the FRMSP was updated with the latest rainfall, runoff and topographical data.

The draft report is on Council's website under https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/flood-risk-

<u>management</u>. At the website link, you can search the map to see if your property is affected. The map covers the entirety of Hornsby Shire so all properties in the Shire are listed including properties in Brooklyn that are affected. The latest modelling identified 3,872 urban properties (9% of properties in the Shire) that may be affected by overland flow/flooding.

The draft report is on exhibition until 31 March 2023. A drop-in session for 7 December 2022 was postponed to February 2023 (date TBC). If you are interested in contact attending have queries, or hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au or venus.jofreh@cardno.com.au. Cardno the are consultants managing this project for Council and can assist with technical queries.

By Miriam Moloney, president@brooklyncommunity.org.au

BCA 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 global line with 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.

Susie Smith, Sustainability Officer at Hornsby Shire Council, who was due to come to our AGM in

December, will be at our next general meeting on Saturday, 18 February 2023. Susie will share with us 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 a meeting, connect with others in the community, 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 | <u>Ifrost@hornsby.nsw.gov.au</u>

Have you got a PLB?

PLB stands for Personal Locator Beacon and is a small electronic transmitting device that is designed to alert emergency services by sending out a signal and providing a GPS location. It can be used on land or at sea and is intended for use when you cannot call for help on a radio or mobile phone. PLB activations are taken very seriously so should only be used in lifethreatening situations.

Recently a PLB was activated locally in the vicinity of Mooney Mooney Creek. Marine Rescue Hawkesbury was first on the scene, followed shortly by Marine Area Command and PolAir.

An overturned vessel was found next to bushland with water depth restricting access to both Marine Rescue and Police vessels. Marine Rescue then made the decision to proceed into the surrounding bush on foot and two people were found safe and in good spirits, although very worried about their dog Fletcher who was missing.

Thanks to the generosity of local resident Joe, one person was able to be assisted out via a police officer on kayak. The remaining person was assisted by Marine Rescue personnel on foot.

After an extensive search, much loved Fletcher was also found at a nearby campsite and returned to the worried owners via police kayak escort.

Luckily it was a good outcome for our community and a reminder that emergency situations can arise anywhere -



even close to home - and the importance of carrying a PLB with you, especially in isolated areas or areas with no mobile phone coverage.

By Cassie O'Callaghan, Marine Rescue Hawkesbury, admin.hawkesbury@marinerescuensw.com.au

The Cottage update

The Cottage has many wonderful exhibitions, new events and ideas for 2023.

Did you know that we have had over 6000 people visit The Cottage since we opened, despite almost a year closure during Covid?

We hope to see you at The Cottage this year as a visitor, a volunteer or even holding a workshop, lecture or poetry readings.

The Cottage is for the community, all ideas and help are welcomed.

Volunteers Needed

The Cottage is currently open Saturday and Sunday from 10am-3pm. It is operated by volunteers over two shifts: 10am-12:30pm and 12:30-3pm. We are always seeking more volunteers. Each volunteer shift will be allocated a raffle ticket and at the Christmas Market we will draw the raffle for a wonderful prize. So the more volunteer shifts, the more raffle tickets you will have entered! Contact The Cottage email group should you wish to become a volunteer. It is a great way to meet the community.

2023 Dates for the Diary

Second Hand Sunday – 10am-3pm, 7 May

A chance to rehouse all those previously loved and needed items that might be of use to someone else. A payment of \$25 gives you a stall space at The Cottage or in The Cottage field of $3m \times 3m$. You bring your own tables and marquee or can hire a table for \$10 the day (these are limited). All stallholders must be members or associate members of the BCA. It costs \$10 yearly to be a member of the BCA. If you would like a stall please email The Cottage.

Winter Market Day – 10am-3pm, 6 August

Artisan & home made goods market day. Please email The Cottage for more information.

Christmas Market Day – 10am-3pm, 26 November Artisan & home made goods market day. Please email The Cottage for more information.

Other Events

Sunday Morning Meditation Group 9-10am, Free

Bring a mat and cushion and join a small mediation group where beginners are welcome. This is a breath meditation that follows Theravada Buddhism. Numbers are limited so please email The Cottage for availability.

Book Club, Free

Tuesday night club is full but if enough people are interested a second club can be formed.

Tuesday Craft Group 2-4pm, Free

Bring your craft along, whether that be knitting, crochet, macrame, etc and meet at The Cottage. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Exhibitions

John Rule: 4 February – 26 February Carol Gill: 4 March – 16 April Emerging River Artists: 19 April – 22 May Creatives Connect: 27 May – 2 July Angus Fisher: 8 July – 13 August Irina Kozyrevich: 19 August – 24 September Carmen Griffen: 30 September – 5 November Ann Lemon: 11 November – 17 December

We also invite local emerging artists to exhibit between 19 April - 22 May. The Cottage is hoping to exhibit art depicting our beautiful river area. Depending on interest, we will want one piece of artwork, a brief about the artist and the artwork itself. The artwork can be a painting, a photo, a collage, a patchwork quilt, or anything that inspires and showcases the area. Are you interested? If so, we would love to hear from you asap. Please email *thecottage@brooklyncommunity.org.au*

By The Cottage, thecottage@brooklyncommunity.org.au

Good with Excel & managing \$\$?

The BCA is seeking an energetic person to take over the Co-Treasurer position on the BCA Committee, which has recently become available. This is a great opportunity to take on this valued role, working sideby-side with Lyne Kelleher, The Cottage Co-Treasurer.

If you'd like to join the BCA Committee as Co-Treasurer, you have some Excel skills and can manage money transactions, please contact our Co-Presidents, Cindy Corkery and Miriam Moloney, at president@brooklyncommunity.org.au. We'd love to hear from you.

By Miriam Moloney, president@brooklyncommunity.org.au



send your event details to emails@brooklyncommunity.org.au

Falls Prevention & Chair Yoga Equals Active Aging

Free Classes

These classes are aimed at older and less able individuals who are interested in arming themselves with the tools for Active Aging.

These classes will provide you with the practical skills to develop skills for Fall Prevention strategies.

Example of Topics covered are:

- Identifying the individual Risk Factors for Falls
- Managing the effects of Ageing on the Body
- Improving Balance
- Understanding Balance and Aging
- Improving Peripheral Vision
- Improving the skills for Reducing Stress and Increasing Relaxation
- Improving: Strength, Flexibility, Balance and Reaction Time to Reduce the Risks associated with Falls.

The Free Community Classes are held:

WHERE: at the Brooklyn Meeting Room WHEN: Thursday mornings 10.15am-12.15am HOW: Ring Jo Scarsbrick on 0414240342 to book your place

Class Co-ordinator & Trainer

Jo Scarsbrick: Falls Prevention Trained, NeuRA, NSW University. NSW Falls Prevention & Healthy Aging, Yoga Teacher and Yoga Therapist.



FREE CLASSES

Falls Prevention and Active Aging

University Qualified "Falls Prevention Instructor"

Term 1 -February 9 to April 6 2023 Thursday morning: 10.15am-12.15am Includes free Morning Tea Brooklyn Meeting Room, Brooklyn **Ring Jo to Book- Mobile:0414240342**

Thank-you to our Sponsors: King Tide Café, Brooklyn & Riverfront Real Estate, Brooklyn.

By Jo Scarsbrick, j_yoga@bigpond.com

Funding for the Missing Link Between Brooklyn and Kangaroo Point

Fantastic news that Grants Funding from the Get NSW Active Program in the amount of \$7.62 million has been announced jointly by Hornsby MP Matt Keen and Mayor Philip Ruddock to construct the Brooklyn to Kangaroo Point Boardwalk and Shared Pathway together with the construction a much lobbied Shared Pathway between Brooklyn Central and Baden Powell Ave, meaning a safer walk or ride for our school children. This will also see an improved road corridor and vastly improved drainage along this section of Brooklyn Road.

Construction is expected to commence this May with an anticipated completion date towards the end of the year.

It is heartening that the ongoing work the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) has done to support Hornsby Council in seeking and obtaining Grant Funding since the early 2010's has seen substantial albeit gradual improvement to the safety, amenity and usage of Brooklyn Road for pedestrians and cyclists.

Positive improvements to date have seen the construction of Shared Bicycle/Footpath from Seymours Creek at the western end of Brooklyn Road to Holidays Afloat Marina in the middle of Brooklyn Road.

The BCA will continue to support Council in seeking Grant Funding for the yet unfunded future Shared Pathway linking Government Road to Brooklyn Village via a possible cantilever bridge attached to the Railway Bridge. Cllr. Nathan Tilbury explained to a representative of the BCA that design options and costings have yet to be confirmed and currently there is no funding available for this section.

In the meantime, we celebrate the successful continuation of this project which has been a passion for the members of the BCA, the many residents and children who live along Brooklyn Road and those of us who just love to walk or cycle safely.

By Cindy Corkery, president@brooklyncommunity.org.au

Now we have gone digital...

We are refreshing our mailing list.

The BCA is updating its Contact List to ensure you get the Gateway and that we know where our readers are from. You will shortly receive an email asking for this information, so please reply so that we can update our records.

If you have 2 or more email addresses let us know, which one you prefer we use.

Any questions?

Email us at <u>secretary@brooklyncommunity.org.au</u>

secretary@brooklyncommunityassociation.org.au

Sustainability

What is sustainability? It means many things to many people. As we are work out what it means to us as a community, it is important to reflect on our journey so far.

We started the process of developing a sustainability strategy for the Brooklyn with a view to share our goals and values with the broader Hawkesbury River Community. Our initial engagement that included a workshop and two community consultation opportunities at the Spring Fair and at the Cottage resulted in the following themes that we ranked and scored.



In order of priority the themes were:

1. Environment – preserving the natural environment. We recognise that the natural environment is a strong part of our local identity. We value it and want to maintain our connection to the river and the bush.

Recognising that our actions contribute to the environmental outcome through our choices and not only actively working to reduce our impact but being ambitious in setting our objectives.

- 2. Water Ensuring that we are not contributing to water pollution and improving the quality of water in the river.
- **3. Waste** Cutting back on packaging. Less waste and better use of resources. This means reducing what goes to landfill.
- Community Creating a strong vibrant community through community activities, sharing our stories, education and community gardening. Acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land the GariNgai on Gadigal land.
- **5. Energy** Working towards being a renewable energy community.

These are the areas we will focus on as we continue our path to a more sustainable community.

Local sustainable opportunites to get involved in:

The Cottage: Second Hand Sunday – Keep a lookout for the second-hand markets a great way to support the waste priority.

Local Bushcare group – Just a reminder that we have a local Bushcare group and we meet at Brooklyn Park between 8:30-11:30am. Next date is Thursday, 23 February. <u>Click here</u> to join today. We meet every 4th Thursday of the month.

Community Garden launch at Mooney Mooney – A community garden has been launched on what was the site of Mooney Mooney public school. This is great opportunity to come together place our hands in the soil. Come to help out or just have a chat, kids are welcome. In the spirit of connected communities, we hope you will all participate and support this great initiative.

The next community garden day will be on Saturday, 4 March at 10am. Then will continue the first Saturday of the month every month after that (weather pending).

Where: 1 Point Rd, Mooney Mooney NSW

What to bring: People should wear enclosed shoes, a sun hat, sunscreen and bring a drink.

Other activities: We'll have a crop n swap table set up for anyone with excess garden produce they'd like to share.

Other Hornsby Council Events:

<u>Compost and Worm Farm Workshop</u> – 4-6pm, Tuesday, 28 February

<u>A free SunSPOT webinar for ratepayers</u> – online, 11am-12:30pm, Thursday, 9 February

<u>Kids Items Swap (3-8 year olds)</u> – Thornleigh Community Centre, 11am-1pm, Saturday, 25 February

<u>Solar and batteries</u> – online, 7-8pm, Tuesday, 28 February

For more information on the above and other workshops visit:

https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/environment/sustain ability/workshops-and-education

Also, check out these excellent resources:

Comfortable Homes in Summer and Winter about how to improve home comfort and save on your energy bill – 23 May 2023

Rebates and savings: Household Energy Savings Upgrades | NSW Climate and Energy Action **Scorecard assessment** - Find a Scorecard assessor

Energy Offers for Seniors

Light bulb energy efficiency app Family Energy Rebate

Rebate Swap for Solar - Rebate swap for solar and energy efficient upgrades | NSW Climate and Energy Action (For those receiving the Low Income Household Rebate)

Seniors energy rebate - Apply for the Seniors Energy Rebate | Service NSW

By Ingrid Segovia, Ingrid.segovia@outlook.com

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

I am pleased to provide this update from the Mooney Cheero Progress Association. We are only just into the new year and 2023 looks like it is going to be an exciting and busy year for MCPA. Our progress association has now formally signed a licence agreement with Property NSW to manage both old school (Now called The River Hub) and the Mooney Chapel. This has allowed us with the opportunity to expand the services provided to our community but also does create other challenges as we are now responsible for paying for services such as electricity and minor repairs. We have expanded our website to include information about booking these venues and the events scheduled. The current events held at the River Hub are River Fellowship on Monday nights, Mooney Craft Group on Thursday afternoons, Community Garden and Garden Club meets monthly on a Saturday morning. The Mooney Cheero Progress Association meets on the First Tuesday of the month, Playgroup meets on Friday mornings and Storytime and the Central Coast Book Mobile make regular visits each month. We are also planning a Mooney Cheero Local History day on Saturday, 1 April at 10am.



We have also started a <u>Facebook page</u>. This is a very new venture for us but we hope that will also become an important communication tool for our community. The MCPA has set up three sub committees to manage the River Hub, the Mooney Chapel and the Community Gardens. The Chapel committee is working hard to ensure this important community building is maintained and used to its full potential. A new sound and video system has been installed which will enable better usage for music concerts and movie nights. The first of these music events will be on Saturday, 18 March at 7.00pm. Tickets will be \$20 including supper. Details are on our website. The main focus will always remain on providing the Chapel for weddings and funerals.

Recently a very important memorial service was held in the chapel for a prominent local resident who had sadly passed away. Property NSW continues to assist us with maintaining the grounds and the memorial rose garden.

Our annual Community family day held on 18 December was well attended despite it being a very unseasonably cold day. Our rural fire service provided the sausage sizzle and of course Santa Clause made a surprise visit for the many children in attendance.

Our community garden project is starting to take shape and has benefited from a \$5000 grant from Central Coast Council. There will continue to be a number working bees and we always welcome participants from Brooklyn and other river communities. Dates will be published on our new River Hub Facebook page.

MCPA continues to stay in contact with Darkinjung Land council and we hope to have an update from them shortly in relation to their plans for Peat Island.

By Jim Lloyd, jim@jimlloyd.com.au

Jenny Wadham Family Daycare

Jenny has served the Brooklyn and lower Hawkesbury communities for decades providing family day care and child minding for many working families. Jenny was a solid support to our family when we settled here in the late 80's. There would have been hundreds of infants and pre-schoolers, cutting their teeth, learning to play nicely, noses wiped, washing hands and otherwise getting socialized and ready for big school across the years.

We want to celebrate Jenny's service with a morning tea sometime late March. Please text Miriam on 0414 464 375 or email miriamrmoloney@gmail.com if you have a story, if you were a child now an adult or to find out more Re the invite once we settle on a date.

By Miriam Moloney, president@brooklyncommunity.org.au



Mooney Pearls are back!

The green has just reopened and is looking

lush!

We meet socially on Wednesdays at 4pm, and every 2nd Sunday at 9:30am.

New bowlers are always welcomed. Just do it!

Call Liz on 0414 733 714 or Anastasia on 0400 213 326.

By Liz Surrest, 0414 733 714





The Ground of all being is Consciousness

Hatha Yoga Classes: Body and Mind Health,

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Brooklyn Community Defib Project - AED Location Map



