

Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association, Inc

February 2014

President's Report



As we reported in the November Gateway, the Brooklyn Community Association plans to make 2014 the year to resolve parking in Brooklyn and we invite other community groups in Brooklyn to join with us in this action.

In conjunction with neighbouring community associations in the 2083 postcode area, we wrote to Steve Russell Mayor of Hornsby and Matt Kean MP for Hornsby to advise them of our community priorities. Parking was at the top of the list.

We have been advised by Mr Russell that he will be making a proposal to Hornsby Council for the Council to commission a Master Plan for Brooklyn in 2014, with parking a key component. He suggested we should start seeking community input to the plan.

The Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting on February 8 will be dedicated to seeking community input on parking issues and solutions for Brooklyn. The Parking Outline & Agenda for the meeting is shown below. Active participation in this section of the meeting will be limited to financial members of the Brooklyn Community Association.

This Gateway welcomes new businesses to Brooklyn and each issue will highlight the story of an existing business. Robert Arnold, President, email: president@brooklyncommunity.org.au, mobile: 0418 404 902.

Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting February 8, 2014 Parking Outline and Agenda

*"Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
Till it's gone
They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot"...*

The lyrics from Joni Mitchell's song Big Yellow Taxi could so easily have been written for Brooklyn. Written in the seventies this song provides a perfect earworm to accompany any walk around the beautiful sites of our town. Try it on your next walk.

From Parsley Bay to McKell Park and onto Kangaroo Point the river foreshores of Hornsby shires' "jewel in the crown" have been given over to car parking. The best water views have been taken from recreational users, visitors and locals and given an endless string of vehicles that pay unappreciative witness through empty windscreens and countless dumb headlights. The Brooklyn Community Association are determined to move beyond protest songs and words. This is the year of action. At the February 8 meeting the agenda will be as follows:

- Inform and provide insight to all members of the long history of Brooklyn residents struggle with local and state governments to fix the parking problem.
- Review maps and documentation to acknowledge the diverse (often conflicting) demands on existing car space and recreational parks.
- Community members participation in providing clarity on how residents want their village to be, giving strength to our demands from local and state government for immediate action.
- Design a "grass roots" solution of the parking problem to deliver to local and state authorities for immediate implementation.

Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting to be held Saturday, 8th February 10am - noon, Brooklyn Meeting Room

Parking in Brooklyn will be the topic. Contact Robert Arnold, phone 0418 404 902 or email president@brooklyncommunity.org.au for more information. All are invited to attend.

Brooklyn Welcomes Its Own Pharmacy

Brooklyn Pharmacy, which opened in December, is a boutique pharmacy focused on natural and organic products for optimal health and wellbeing. They invite everybody to pop in, look around, meet the pharmacists and have a chat.

They stock many prescription medicines and keep (and compound) specialised medications on request. You'll find unique ranges of items which are great as gifts or gifts for yourself, practitioner level vitamin and mineral ranges, an extensive range of first aid items, sun care, as well as other traditionally kept products.

The pharmacists are committed to delivering the highest professional standards in pharmaceutical care, information and education for the community. A newsletter will be published regularly, full of current health and lifestyle issues, talks and workshops that are occurring within the community that are dedicated to living well.

Brooklyn Pharmacy will be operated by three committed pharmacists:

Yvonne, a river local, has worked extensively in hospitals and in remote locations for over 20 years. She is a member of the Australian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine, studying a Master of Wellness, is a yoga teacher, a meditation facilitator, and has worked in dance and movement for actors. She is passionate in discovering how we can detoxify ourselves and our surroundings with lots of fun and joy.

Jack has been a pharmacist proprietor for over 10 years and has been a regular visitor to the river for more than two decades. Jack fell in love with the area and its people and decided that the river community deserved a local centre for easily accessible healthcare.

Hai is a young pharmacist who has worked in the pharmacy industry for several years. He has broad experience in all areas of retail pharmacy. The shop is located at 5 Bridge St, next to Hawkesbury River Real Estate. Current hours of operation are Monday - Friday: 9am-5.30pm; Sat 9am-2:30pm, 9985 7660.



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Become a Member of the Brooklyn Community Association

The BCA invites local residents, businesses and people who work in Brooklyn to become members of our local association. The BCA has been successful in interfacing with Hornsby Council and the NSW Government, and achieving improvements for the town. By joining the BCA, you can influence actions in Brooklyn and maybe fix those things that irritate you.

Membership is \$5 per individual or family per year. You can pay at our meeting February 8th or make a direct deposit to the BCA at the Bendigo Bank Berowra **BSB: 633-000 Account: 12935718.**

1944 Level Crossing Disaster Memorial Unveiled

20 January 2014 marked the 70th anniversary of one of NSW's worst level crossing crashes. Descendants of victims of Brooklyn's rail disaster gathered at the memorial unveiled in 2012. Mayor Steve Russell and Councillor Mick Gallagher spoke of the affect of the tragedy on the families and the survivors. Sixteen died and only four survived. Maria Nolan, 95, and Joyce Barnwell were two of the group who laid yellow roses to honour the memory of those who lost their lives.



The Red Fish Cafe and Gallery (formerly Hang Gallery) Opens



Being lucky enough to live in such a delicious place we wanted everyone to explore that special Brooklyn magic if even for a moment.

The decision to take on Hang - Nicole Ruiz Gallery, was driven by a family consensus that to lose this lovely cafe just couldn't happen - even the seven year old was distraught, she may miss out on her meringues!

The Hang was a place of swirls of inspiration, curious must-haves and cool, calming nooks all sustained by a tantalising coffee or refining tea. Through our vision and enthusiasm, Peter and I want to extend the great environment Nicole, Narelle and their team have created.

Peter is a practicing artist and I've worked in museums and managed busy brasseries both in London and Sydney. Up to now we have been committed to education, with our work preferences covering teaching, administration and management, and to the sharing of opportunities to learn, engage and grow, which is a philosophy we both strongly believe in.

Our objective is to create opportunities to celebrate the presence of local artists and artisans in our community and to share the stories of Brooklyn which undoubtedly ebb through Hang as one of the oldest buildings in town.

Hang will be renamed Red Fish, and will continue to offer Brooklyn and everyone a space to stop and revive, or to connect, inspire and share their time with us.

And you might just get a little extra teaching in administration and management on the side.

Myff Sharp & Peter Davis, The Red Fish Cafe



Yoga with Jo

The Ground of all being is Consciousness

Hatha Yoga Classes Wednesday 6. 30-8pm

Yoga with Weights Monday 6.30-8pm

Brooklyn Community Hall, Brooklyn

Ring Jo to book Mobile 0414240342

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Christmas King Tides Soak Brooklyn Foreshores



Local residents monitored the effects of the king tides in January which will be published on a state-wide database and website. The database records observations of king tides around the coast of Australia, to see the potential effect of rising sea levels. This photo was taken on the 3rd January 2014 in the car park opposite the railway station, looking towards the marina. See www.witnesskingtides.org

Fenwicks Marina, A Brooklyn Icon

After nearly 42 years of Fenwicks providing marine services to the Brooklyn and Hawkesbury River communities, Fenwicks Marina is currently considered one of the benchmark marinas for its commitment to best practices and community involvement. Andrew Fenwick CMM is Managing Director and a direct fifth generation of Fenwicks who have been associated with marine industries in the Sydney area.

In the early 1970s Fenwicks ran the Food Bar at Kangaroo Point while building a Houseboat business that finally numbered 12 luxury craft. After many years at that site, the successful business moved in the mid-1980s to a freehold property at 31 Brooklyn Road and designed and built the current marina and buildings. The houseboat business was sold to concentrate in developing a first class facility for berthing and marine services.



At present Fenwicks Marina directly employs 12 people and indirectly there are a further 18 people working at the site. The company has installed a straddle carrier capable of lifting vessels to 75 feet. The repair and maintenance facility is one of the largest between Sydney and Newcastle and the marina provides one of the few accessible sites for loading and unloading vessels from road transport in the Sydney metropolitan area.

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Fenwicks Marina lifts for a variety of services approximately 500 boats per year and in conjunction with the capable tenants on site, offers one-stop first class facilities to the boating community. Fenwicks has invested in technology that allows it to benchmark the industry in cleaning and recycling of waste water for re-use at the marina. Fenwicks Marina was recognised in 2001 by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for their proactive approach to improved environmental practices, all of which continue today and provide excellent examples of best practice in the marina industry.

Fenwicks won Australian Marina of the Year award (under 85 berths) in 2009 and in the 2013 Marina of the Year Competition – Boatyard category; Fenwicks Marina was awarded the unprecedented Highly Commended in recognition of the excellent facility and the high quality service that it provides. The marina is proud to have attained the status of a Clean Marina, a program run by the international Marina Industries Association.

More than just a marina, Fenwicks recently completed an entertainment deck that allows both clients of the marina and visitors to enjoy a delightful spot to relax in the sun or shade, and watch the marina at work. Fenwicks Marina welcomes any community members who wish to drop in and visit our site.