

Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association, Inc

December 2014

President's Report for 2014

The 2014 year has been an active year for the community and the Brooklyn Community Association. The Brooklyn Master Plan dominated our year, is it on? is it off? will the community be involved? Despite continuous attempts by the Brooklyn Community Association, and by peer community organisations, to participate in the governance and the planning processes, Hornsby Council released the community survey. Hornsby Council still does not understand the importance of transparency and real community participation. Many in the community remain wary of Council's real intentions. We ask all residents to complete the survey by December 7th. However, the survey doesn't provide an opportunity for residents to make comments and residents can separately send submissions to Council to ensure their opinions are known.

Some great work was done by Council in landscaping at Parsley Bay, McKell Park and Kangaroo Point, and the community have welcomed the opening of the Estuary Restaurant. However, the potential development of commuter berthing at Kangaroo Point has caused concern amongst residents.

The community rallied strongly together to support the retention and wider use of the Baden Powell Hall, planned for demolition by Council. And the community and local businesses worked together to cater for several hundred passengers who descended on Brooklyn from the Easter Bunny Express steam train.

And across the river at Peat Island, after years of apparent inactivity and while local community associations tried to meet continually changing ministers, a new and overwhelming proposal appeared. The proposal is now in the hands of Gosford Council, without joint and adequate consideration by Hornsby Council, who will need to provide much of the infrastructure.

Leaders of community organisations in Brooklyn and river communities have joined together to lobby for participation in local initiatives and changes, recognising that the benefits far exceed the differences between them.

We acknowledge the interest and support from our A-Ward Councillors, and particularly Nathan Tilbury, who regularly rolled up his sleeves to support Brooklyn.

Thanks to the BCA Committee for 2014 for their efforts on behalf of the community.

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| • Di Bowles | Vice President | • Myff Sharp | Committee Member |
| • Mathilde Kearny-Kibble | Secretary | • Tim O'Mahoney | Committee Member |
| • Peter Davis | Treasurer | • Brian Scarsbrick | Committee Member |
| • Jo Scarsbrick | Coalition Convenor | • Brian Neary | Committee Member |

The December 6th 2014 meeting of the Brooklyn Community Association is the Annual General Meeting. The President's and Treasurer's Reports will be presented. We invite interested community members to join the BCA Committee in 2015. Call me now on 0418 404 902. Complete the Committee Nomination Form either before or at the AGM.

Robert Arnold, President president@brooklyncommunity.org.au

Brooklyn Community Association AGM 2014
Saturday, 6th December, Brooklyn Meeting Room, 10am to noon

General Meeting Dates for 2015

All meetings next year will be held in the Baden Powell Community Hall, 3 Baden Powell Avenue, Brooklyn, commencing at 10am. Please make a note in your diaries so you don't miss any!

Saturdays 14 February, 2 May, 20 June, 22 August, 17 October, 5 December (AGM)



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Baden Powell Hall Supporters Group

Hornsby Council has given assurances that the Baden Powell Hall will be available for community hire for the next three to five years while the community's needs and infrastructure are assessed as part of the Brooklyn Master Plan. If you have not done so, you can have your say through the Brooklyn Master Plan Survey at <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/major-projects/brooklyns-future-a-community-survey>.

Baden Powell Hall supporters have formed an incorporated body to allow them to open a bank account to hold funds already raised and to be able to call in all pledges. They have used the name Brooklyn Fundraising Association Incorporated. The Association committee (not yet voted in) will continue to liaise with Council on an informal basis after the Hall and the communities needs regarding the hall. Plans are currently being drawn up to improve the kitchen with new bench tops, cupboard, zippy hot water system, and stove/oven and microwave shelf. Council have provided 40 adult chairs and 4 trestle tables. Council are also obtaining a quote for a projector screen for meetings. Please think of the venue for birthday, Christmas Parties and special events hire.

Brooklyn Fundraising Association Incorporated had its first Meeting Wednesday 19th November at Baden Powell Hall to look at their way forward in preserving this little building and the services it provides to your young children. The organisers are seeking new members. Membership cost is \$2 per annum. The group's meetings will be kept very short as we appreciate that everyone has busy schedules.

For more information or to join, please contact Michelle Armstrong, (Public Officer for the Brooklyn Fundraising Association Incorporated) on 0448465607, or email wobbyshell@gmail.com

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Coming Up @ redfish

Explore your imagination with a great Australian author. On 29th November 2014 **Sue Woolfe**, a highly acclaimed best selling author who has taught creative writing at University of Sydney, will be conducting a creativity workshop in the courtyard of redfish cafe gallery. The workshop is \$60 and includes lunch.

<http://www.suewoolfe.com.au/> Proceeds to the Peat Island awareness campaign. Bookings essential.

phone 0432208120 **RED FISH GALLERY**
212 BROOKLYN RD, BROOKLYN

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 December 6th or make a direct deposit to the BCA at the Bendigo Bank Berowra **BSB: 633-000 Account: 12935718.**

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Theatre in the Park Shines Again

On Saturday, 8th November, Brooklyn community staged another wonderful night of Theatre in the Park. This year's play was **Not Now, Darling** by Ray Cooney. Thank you to all who came with their family and their friends to enjoy this magical evening under the stars, your laughter filled the park.

Thank you to all who gave their time to make the night possible. This night is a whole community effort and would simply not be possible without the depth of generosity and talent that exists in our little town.

Last but not least, thank you to our fabulous cast who captivated the audience with another wonderful performance. Photos of the night are now available on our website: www.theatreinthepark.com.au. Theatre in the Park is held annually on the second Saturday of November, please put the date for next year's performance in your calendar: Saturday 14 November 2015.

Ruth Steele



Brooklyn Community Theatre's committee has decided to advocate in the Hornsby Council's survey for a permanent platform to be constructed in the Rest Park, Brooklyn so that events such as Theatre in the Park can be held in this beautiful natural amphitheatre

Christmas Fun Day

"Brooklyn & District's Children's Christmas Fun Day" is on Sunday 7th December beginning at 10.30am, in the grounds of Brooklyn Public School. Please come along for a great family day, this is a FAMILY DAY and all children should be accompanied by adults. All the usual races, tug-o-war and novelty events will proceed throughout the day. We have ice-creams, a sausage sizzle, fresh fruit, cold drinks and Santa Show Bags for the children who take part in the day. Don't forget to pack some drinks and nibbles for the adults and sunscreen for the family. The day will finish with a visit from Santa between 3.00pm – 3.30pm.

Ethics Teachers Sought

Brooklyn Public School is seeking volunteers to become Primary Ethics teachers in our established program. Parents and members of the community are welcome to join our friendly team. We offer an alternative to religious scripture in the School on Monday mornings for half an hour. Volunteers complete a two day training course and a Working with Children Police check. The training course is available either weekdays or weekends at a variety of locations to suit you. You will be provided with a comprehensive curriculum that is available online, and lots of support from our other friendly volunteers. The position is available as job share if you are unable to commit to every Monday. Class sizes are small and based on age. If you are interested in helping our kids develop an enquiring, ethical mind (and perhaps discovering new things yourself!) please contact Jackie Nickolls on 0416 527 744 or check out primaryethics.com.au and join our wonderful team!

Hawkesbury Gateway Coalition Holds Its First Meeting

The first meeting of the Hawkesbury Gateway Coalition is being held on Thursday 27th November, 7pm-9pm, at Baden Powell Hall. The Coalition has been formed to give a platform for all organisations operating in our river community to communicate and to provide a strong and common position on local issues. If you represent an organisation active within the river community and have not joined the Coalition and wish to do so, please contact Jo Scarsbrick, Mobile 0414 240 342 for more information,

The Brooklyn Tuckshop - Opening December 2014

Hawkesbury River locals will soon be able to buy fresh organic sourdough and the Tuckshop's specialty coffee in the heart of Brooklyn. Run by local pair Lincoln Donaldson and Amanda Gonzalez, the Brooklyn Tuckshop will also sell toasties, pastries and cakes made fresh each morning. It's great to see another option for locals opening up in town - particularly if you feel like a coffee first thing in the morning. To find out what's going on behind the scenes, have a look at their web site thebrooklyntuckshop.com.au. Or in mid-December plan to stop in at the corner across from the pub.

Christmas/New Year Opening Hours

(as advised by businesses)

Brooklyn Restaurants and Cafes	
Anglers A-La Carte Restaurant 9985 7860 216 Brooklyn Rd, Brooklyn Open 7 days/7 nights a week, Closed Christmas Day	Dangar Island Café and Shop 9985 8539 2 Neotsfield Avenue, Dangar Island 7 days 9am to 5pm (kitchen closed at 4.00pm), Public Holidays 10.00am – 4.00pm, Closed Christmas Day
Estuary Restaurant 9985 7881 Kangaroo Point. Opening in December. See http://www.estuaryrestaurant.com.au/	Fitzies Brooklyn Fish & Chips 9985 7928 8 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn 7 days 9.00am - 7.00pm, Open Christmas Day
JD's Delish Cafe 9985 7870 12 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn 6 days 8.30am – 4.30pm Closed Tues, also open Fri and Sat for dinner, Closed Christmas Day	King Tide Cafe 9985 7102 9 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn 7 days 8.00am - 4.30pm, Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day
Lifeboat Seafoods 9985 7510 1 Dangar Road, Brooklyn 7 days for lunch also Sat for dinner Closed Christmas Day	Redfish Gallery and Cafe 0414 765 033 212 Brooklyn Rd, Brooklyn 5 days 10.00am - 5.00pm, closed Tues Wed Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day New Year's Day
Mooney Mooney Club 9985 9199 5 Kowan St, Mooney Mooney Lunch: Mon - Fri 12pm - 2.30pm Sat - Sun 11.30 - 3pm Dinner: Sun - Thurs 5.30pm - 8.30pm Fri & Sat 5.30 - 9pm Open Christmas Day for lunch only, but Christmas Day is fully booked 11.00-3.00pm Open Boxing Day and New Year's Day – normal hours	
Grocery & Retail Outlets	
Brooklyn Central 9985 8870 Boat Hire and General Store 81 Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn 6am - 5.30pm every day Closed Christmas Day	Brooklyn Liquor 9985 7906 General Provisions Hawkesbury River Marina, Dangar Road, Brooklyn 7.00am – 7.00pm week days/8.00am-7.00pm weekends and Public Holidays. Closed Christmas Day
Don's Boats 9985 7255 General Store and News Agency 214 Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn 7am-7pm every day Open Christmas Day closing 4.00pm	Brooklyn Pharmacy 9985 8476 1/5 Bridge St, Brooklyn Week days 9.00am - 5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am - 2.30pm Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
Brooklyn Post Office 9985 7240 Week days 9.00am - 5.00pm Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year Day and Australia Post Picnic days	River Dreams 9985 8796 Hawkesbury River Marina, Dangar Road, Brooklyn 9.00am-4.00pm every day Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Open New Year's Day