

**BUNYA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
ORDINARY BI-MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** 27 July 2022

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Place:** SES Building, James Drysdale Reserve, corner Jinker Track and Bunya Road, Bunya

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

Cath J; Chris D

**2. Acceptance of minutes of previous general meeting**

Moved: Carolyn, Seconded: Jodie

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous general meeting**

- Mills property, adjoining Yallambi development, has been sold. At the May meeting a majority of members decided BRA should ask MBRC to acquire the property as a significant area of core koala habitat in Bunya. It is believed that there is a dedicated Council fund for this purpose and other property has been acquired with such funds.

Action taken: BRA President wrote to MBRC on this matter on 25 May 2022. No response received. It is not known who purchased the Mills property. It takes around 2 months from sale for the sale price to be released.

- Request lodged with MBRC to improve the traffic signage and road management in forthcoming fire hazard reduction burnouts so as to avoid collision with wildlife and increase safety. No response yet. In the past month there was a fire hazard burn at Tylers Reserve conducted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service – they are not required to give notification to residents of such burns.
- BRA has asked MBRC for name signs where Wongan and Bergin Creeks meet Bunya Road. Much of both sides of Bunya Road is bushland, few houses, few side roads, and significant distances apart where these exist. These signs naming the creeks would be useful location indicators for motorists, walkers, emergency services.

Action taken: BRA President wrote to MBRC on this matter on 25 May 2022. No response yet.

- BRA contacted Matt Constance to express BRA's support to have him approach the present private owner of Old Bunya School residence (located now on Bunya Road opposite the Bunya tip) to ask whether they would consider making arrangements to have the house returned to the Old Bunya School site in the future given its heritage significance for this area. Options could be that the council purchases the property, restores it and leases it back to the current owners for the term of their life, or to ask the owner to consider including the return of the house to MBRC in their last will and testament.

Action taken: BRA President wrote to MBRC on this matter on 25 May 2022. Initial response from Cr Constance is not supportive for a number of reasons. Response from MBRC is that the matter has been referred to their Heritage Section for consideration.

- Further sightings of wild dogs in Bunya over the past few months including on the border of Yallambi and Allan Rd, at the back of Frigo Court, and several on Farm Road including in the conservation areas backing houses on Bunya Lake. These dogs appear to be moving closer to residences adjoining forested areas and showing little fear of cars on Farm road.

Action Required: Residents are urged to report wild dog activity directly to MBRC as a matter of public safety.

#### **4. Yallambi Development**

- BRA President wrote to Yallambi Developer on 15 February asking about their previous offer to build, at their cost, the replica lunch shed on the Old Bunya School reserve, at the same time as the Yallambi development works. Still awaiting a final response with timing dependent upon the developer, MBRC, and State Govt finalising all matters for the project.
- Names for the two new roads at Yallambi are being considered by MBRC. BRA sent a submission on this to MBRC on 29 April 2022 suggesting the names Yallambi Drive, Wongun Drive or Bulawaril Drive (for the continuation of Farm Road) and Postmistress Court or Emily Court for the residential street (to pay homage to the long serving postmistress that lived in what will become Yallambi). MBRC has advised that street names are for the developer to propose, subject to MBRC approval and State legislation. Developer has proposed Emily Kate Court, and MBRC has advised that State Govt legislation may require the name Farm Road for the continuation of that road.
- With increased residential usage from the development, Farm Road is to be widened. Concerns have been raised about speeding, wildlife protection and burnouts on the road. At present the speed limits are 60km from the intersection with Bunya Road slowing to 40km at the bottom of the hill at the intersection with Bunya Lake Road. Earlier requests by residents to have the speed limit reduced to 40km further up the road have been denied by MBRC because that stretch of road is not close to residences. A roundabout at the intersection of Farm Road and Bunya Lake Close is planned as part of the proposed roadworks. Currently, there is only one road sign warning motorists it is a wildlife area. Further, the road is used for burnouts particularly on weekends.

Action: BRA to write to MBRC to ask for consideration of traffic calming measures, for green and yellow wildlife warnings to be painted on Farm Road, and for the widened road to be rough bitumen surface to deter burnouts.

#### **5. Correspondence in and out**

- 11 July 2022 - President wrote to David Roberts Heritage Pacific to ask him to invite Yallambi buyers to the BRA Christmas in July event. Response from David Roberts same day to thank BRA and say he would pass on the invitation.
- 11 and 12 July 2022 – President communication with Steve Emson, Innov8 Properties asking him to include the BRA Christmas in July invitation in his newsletter letterbox drop to Bunya households.

- 14 July 2022 – President sent a letter of support to the Pine Rivers Catchment for their grant application to create a high-quality habitat corridor between Bunya and Samford conservation areas (this would mean removing weeds and planting koala food trees between two distinct Koala metapopulations currently living in the Bunyaville Conservation Park and Samford Conservation Park).
- 22 July 2022 – President communication with Arana Leagues Club, with the Club providing 2 x \$50 dining vouchers for the BRA July raffle and wishing BRA success for the event and the raffle.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer spoke to circulated Reports reflecting position as at 26 July 2022.

NHW: \$1,166.69

BRA: \$7,334.62

With a net increase of over \$900 reflecting membership contributions received to date, donations and raffle money. The full proceeds of the Christmas in July event are not included as the event was held on 30 July.

Treasurer's report accepted.

- Action Item – as membership fees for 2022-23 have been received from only 48 members, an email reminder will be sent to financial members (with a copy of these Minutes).

## 7. Coordinator Reports

### Bushcare and Bunya Old School Reserve

Next Bushcare event scheduled for second Saturday in September. There are encouraging signs of the return of fauna to the site subsequent to previous plantings of more than 1000 plants.

## 8. Neighbourhood Watch

Report of a bike chained up on Retreat Court.

## 9. Website and Facebook

Pleasing level of activity on Facebook page. Administrators need to find best way of dealing with requests for the page to be used to provide ads from residents about free goods and services (such as availability of free soil) so that administrators do not become involved in communication traffic with ad poster.

## 10. General Business

- **Bunya Residents Christmas in July Celebration** – A residents get together for Christmas in July was held on the morning of 30 July at the Kakowan community facility off Jinker Track. Participants bought food directly from the Golden Valley Keperra Lions Club, who manage the facility – both from the sausage sizzle and the café. The event included many games for children, Santa and the fire truck. A mini garage sale was held and more tickets for the July raffle were sold. Total takings for the July fundraisers were \$665. The event was enjoyed by the 28 residents and 12 children who attended, especially the children. (There were some last minute cancellations by residents who were ill.) Photos from the event are on the BRA Facebook page.

The Lions club appreciated the support that BRA provided from using Kakowan, as it raised funds for them from the coffee shop and the sausage sizzle, as well as introducing future clients. For BRA, using Kakowan for future events removes the work and risk associated with catering, as it is wholly done by the Lions Club. A win/win venue.

- **Christmas Breakfast** – A Christmas Breakfast will be held if there is sufficient interest from residents. A tentative booking for the Kakowan Centre has been made for Sunday 27 November (early start to avoid heat of the day). Children’s games, Santa and the fire truck will be organised, and catering will be by the Lions Club via sausage sizzle and on site café.

Action Required: Residents will be asked to ‘save the date’ via BRA Facebook page and email.

- **New Waste Changes in MBRC area** – From July 1 2022 free waste disposal of General Waste, Green Waste, Clean Concrete and Clean Soil will be capped at three tonnes per year, or 26 visits per financial year (whichever is reached first). Once the 3 tonne annual limit has been reached charges will apply – including \$151 per tonne for general waste and \$76 per tonne for green waste, or minimum charges if below 1 tonne.

Residents have expressed concern, both in email communication with BRA and at the meeting, about the impact of these new charges. The primary concern is that the new “one size fits all” 3 tonne annual dumping limit makes no allowance for the much greater amount of green waste generated by acreage properties. Residents felt they are being penalised for keeping properties clear of green waste even though this becomes a resource to the council as mulch for parks and gardens rather than an additional burden on landfill.

Residents are also concerned that unintended consequences of the limits may be that rubbish is dumped before they reach the tip (possibly in Bunya conservation areas) and that rubbish bins will be used for material that should be segregated at the tip, such as batteries and e-waste, making it harder and more costly to contain contamination and recycling at the tip. Illegal burning of rubbish, as well as fire hazards because properties have not been maintained, are other possible consequences.

Possible amendments to the waste charges that BRA considers could be raised with MBRC are:

- allow unlimited disposal of green waste to reflect the utility of mulch to the council and the mulch collection program for residents, OR
- raising the threshold for disposal of waste by acreages on a proportional or tiered basis to that of suburban blocks.

Action Required: BRA President will contact the Samford & Districts Progress & Protection Association to discuss common concerns and ways forward, with a view to then writing to MBRC and councillors with any proposals. A last step will be to raise the issues through local media.

- **Edible Food Exchange** – An online survey will be done via the BRA Facebook page to test the appetite of Bunya residents to establish their own Edible Food Exchange (where surplus home grown produce or homemade goods can be swapped). Such Exchanges are in place in Eatons Hill, Samford and more recently in Ferny Hills.

Action Required: Residents will be asked whether they are interested in an Edible Food Exchange for Bunya.

- **Native planting and weeds** – There is a need to inform new residents about the benefits of native planting including to encourage fauna and reduce water consumption compared to some exotic plantings, and the need to eradicate weeds continuously. Such information was provided by local council (ex Pine Rivers Council, prior to amalgamation into MBRC) to all new residents but has not been for many years. Native plants are getting suffocated by weeds and some are being planted unknowingly by new residents.

Post meeting action: BRA President wrote to MBRC on this matter on 26 May 2022.

**11. Next Meeting is AGM: 5 October 2022.**