

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

Date: 5 October 2022

Time: 8.35pm

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Mark Furner MP, Tim Mander MP, Chris D, Ric C, Maryanne M, Cath J, Chris D, Kerrie L, Frank A

2. Acceptance of minutes of previous general meeting

Moved: Carolyn, Seconded: Neil

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

- MBRC phoned BRA President to advise that they sent letters to residents located nearby fire hazard reduction in Bunya Conservation Area to advise of planned burnout.
- MBRC phoned BRA President on 4 August 2022 to advise that they will erect for name signs where Wongan and Bergin Creeks meet Bunya Road soon.
- 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 moving closer to residences adjoining forested areas and showing little fear of cars on Farm Road.

Action Required: MBRC has responded to requests from residents and has set traps in known sighting locations. Issue is ongoing. Residents are urged to report wild dog activity directly to MBRC as a matter of public safety.

Yallambi Development

- With increased residential usage from the development, Farm Road is to be widened. Trees to be removed for road widening have now been marked.
- 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.

4. Correspondence in and out

- 4 August 2022 – President communication with President Samford Progress Association and Village Pump to warn them that BRA has been subject to scam via emails purportedly sent by President to BRA committee members asking them to pay and account or buy gift cards.
- 5 August 2022 – President phone call to MBRC regarding road signs for Bergin and Wongan Creeks (see items above).
- 7 August 2022 – President contacted President Samford Progress Association to discuss impact of new MBRC dumping limits, with view to agreeing joint response to MBRC.
- 19 September 2022 – President communication with Polly Ward to invite Cr Matt Constance to chair BRA AGM.
- 23 September 2022 – Polly Ward contacted BRA President to accept Councillor’s invitation to chair AGM.

5. Treasurer’s Report

Discussed in AGM.

6. Coordinator Reports

A. Bushcare and Bunya Old School Reserve

Around 118 volunteers have participated in Bushcare since the site began. Latest Bushcare event was held 10 September. There are encouraging signs of the return of fauna to the site subsequent to previous plantings of more than 1000 plants. Need advice about whether lantana should be kept – although a pest it provides a protected habitat for small birds.

Bunya Old School Reserve is on hold till funding is raised. MBRC has advised that a further extension of the approval for building on the site cannot be granted but that a further building development application can be submitted by BRA at a later date. The extension cannot be granted due to recent changes in building legislation which may alter the conditions provided in BRAs original letter dated 30 September 2020 as well as all supporting information provided upon original submission being out of date.

B. Neighbourhood Watch

Crime along Jinker Track including car theft and drug offences. Car registration recognition equipment will be located on Bunya Road to identify possibly stolen vehicles.

C. 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.

7. General Business

- **Christmas Breakfast** – A Christmas Breakfast will be held if there is sufficient interest from residents. A tentative booking for the Kakowan Centre made for Sunday 27 November.

Action Required: Email sent to BRA members as well as BRA facebook page poll has resulted in insufficient response to make this event worthwhile. Only 7 residents responded. BRA will advise via FB page that event will not proceed due to lack of sufficient response.

- **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 Taken: BRA President has contacted the Samford & Districts Progress & Protection Association to discuss common concerns and ways forward. SDPPA has

Further Action: Carolyn and Jodie will register for community deputations at forthcoming MBRC meeting on this issue. This allows the above concerns to be raised formally with the council and to seek unlimited green waste deposits at the trip. Cr Constance to discuss the matter with Division 11 Councillor to rally support for unlimited green waste deposits.

- **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: BRA Facebook poll has been conducted to see whether residents are interested in an Edible Food Exchange for Bunya. Several responses to say there would be interest if 'located in their area'. Further discussions required. BRA Secretary to arrange.

- **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.

Action Required (Ann Croot): Work with Cr Constance so that information is included in letters to new letters and to remind residents that 2 free native plants are available to residents from Kumbartcho nursery. This is further to BRA President writing to MBRC on this matter on 26 May 2022.

- **Fire Trail at Bunya Lake** – residents believe that the fire trail is blocked. Cr Constance will follow up.
- **Bunya Lake Reserve Walk.** Damage to the walkway around the lake caused by the February floods is on the schedule of MBRC's repair schedule and likely to be undertaken in 2023. In addition, resident has asked MBRC for drainage pipes to reduce the amount of water resting in the reserve that runs behind Bunya Lake Court, as walking in the reserve is no longer possible because the grass is too tall and surfaces drenched.
- **Garage Sale Project** – consider options for fundraising via a garage sale. Options are:
 - a) Partner with the Variety Club and use their premises for the garage sale (large verandah).
 - b) Partner with one of the tenants of the Jinker Track facilities, such as Variety Club, Lions Club, or both and use a 'behind gates' part of the facilities to organise car boot sale. BRA could take booking fees and partners could raise funds via catering on site. MBRC needs to issue permit which would be easier if sought by one of the tenants.
 - c) Traditional garage sale. Donations need to be sought from BRA members, location and other logistics would need to be considered.

Further Action Required: Project membership and next steps will be considered at the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting: 30 November 2022. Christmas drinks and nibbles afterwards.