

**BUNYA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: 5 October 2022

Time: 8.35pm

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

AGENDA

AGM chaired by Cr Constance.

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 AGM.

Moved – Marion, Seconded - Brian

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer presented Statements of Income and Expenditure for 2021-22 financial year.

For the BRA, the net annual surplus for 21-22 was \$1991.32 (up from \$249 the prior year) and cash balance at 30 June 2022 was \$7044.62 (up from \$5053 the prior year. There was no grant received in 2022. Number of memberships increased.

For the Bunya Neighbourhood Watch the end of year surplus was \$1.67 and the cash balance was \$1166.69.

Treasurer's report accepted. Tracey, Carolyn seconded.

4. 2021-22 President's Report Annual Report

Yallambi

The development of Yallambi Farm continued to be a topic of interest for the Bunya Residents' Association in 2022. The development applications, DA2021/0062 Reconfiguration of Lot and DA/2021/1200 Operational Works, were approved by Council early in the year, with a number of conditions.

As anticipated, there are aspects of the approved development which BRA considers unsatisfactory.

The inclusion of parts of the Core Koala Habitat 50m Offset Zone in the building envelope of a number of lots was permitted. In our many submissions to MBRC, we repeatedly put our view that "No clearing (except for bushfire setback) nor structures of any kind should be permitted in the Core Koala Habitat 50m Offset Zone".

MBRC approved the draining of the farm dam on Yallambi, shared with the neighbouring Mills property, which destroyed the only permanent drinking water in the area for koalas and other native wildlife, and so destroyed koala habitat on the Mills property. BRA and the Mills family protested this to no avail.

MBRC required the developer to put the fire trail on lots, and make the maintenance of this trail the responsibility of the lot owner. BRA made several submissions to MBRC about the fire trail, however the fire trail remains on lots. BRA remains of the view that making maintenance of the fire trail a lot owner responsibility is a recipe for non-maintenance, and disaster when there is a bushfire.

Lots were supposed to be 4000m². Taking into account areas which cannot be built on such as the fire trail, flood overlay, riparian offset, tree protection zones, onsite sewage treatment spray area, steep terrain etc, for 6 of the 28 lots, the useable area was less than 3000m², and for an additional 5 lots, less than 2000m². MBRC allowed these mini lots.

Two (2) magnificent Moreton Bay fig trees, over 100 years old, were left on lots, with tree protection orders, which BRA considers to be very weak protection against destruction by the eventual lot owner. The site of the Old Wongun Post Office was also left on a lot. BRA wanted these heritage trees and the heritage post office site included in a park with play equipment for children, a BBQ, a picnic shelter etc. MBRC did not require the developer to provide such a park.

However, BRA is pleased with the koala fencing requirements for lots in Stage 2, and tree protection orders put in place for a number of other significant trees.

At the time of my writing this report, the Queensland Titles Office had not registered titles for the lots. All of Stage 1, Lots 1-15, except Lot 1, had been sold subject to title being issued.

BRA will continue to monitor what happens with the Yallambi development, and will keep residents informed.

Events

Due to the prolonged wet weather in the first half of the year, no outdoor events were possible.

Our first "Christmas in July" brunch was held on Sunday 24 July at the Kakowan Community Centre. There were games for the children, Santa came on a fire truck and dispensed lolly bags. Many thanks to Ric Chambers and the Arana Fire Station for the fire truck and Santa.

The Golden Valley Keperra Lions Club ran the sausage sizzle, the Kakowan Koffee Shop provided coffee, muffins, pastries. This solved for us the very thorny issue of food service in COVID times. The days of the buffet are well and truly over.

There is a Facebook poll now running to gauge the level of interest in a similar Christmas Breakfast event on Sunday 27 November.

Old Bunya School Replica Lunch Shed

The Replica Lunch Shed project is on hold, due to the cost. BRA would have to contribute about \$7000 and we do not have these funds.

Bushcare at the Old Bunya School Reserve

Despite COVID and the rain, Bushcare has mostly been able to continue as normal.

Thankyou

I wish to thank the Arana Hills SES for allowing us the use of this venue for our meetings.

Thank you to all the members of the Committee for their support and assistance during the year, especially the Vice President, Carolyn Hohnke, who, as you know, was President for many years.

Also my sincere thanks to some key people who are not on the Committee but generously gave of their time and expertise –

- Steve Emson, our immediate Past President, for distributing BRA flyers with his INNOV8 newsletters. This way we reach all Bunya residents, not just those on the email list.
- Cath Johnsen, who manages the Facebook page.
- And to Shaun Riggien, who is responsible for the website, which is a vital means of providing information to residents.

Debra Green
President, Bunya Residents Association

5. Committee Membership for 2022-23

The President vacated the Chair in favour of Councillor Matt Constance, for the election of the incoming Committee members.

Only one nomination was received by the Secretary in the period for nominations for each of the positions on the BRA committee. The Chair declared all nominees elected unopposed. Outcomes as follows:

President: Debra Green
Vice President: Carolyn Hohnke
Secretary: Francesca Kibria
Treasurer: Tracey Holtum
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator: Jodie Chambers
Committee Members
Brad Marks
Daryl Hohnke
Marion Atkinson
Ric Chambers

Ann Croot was appointed as Coordinator of the Native Plants and Weed Eradication project. The aim of the is project to assist Bunya residents with identifying and eradicating weeds, and to choose appropriate native plants for their gardens.

The President invited all present to stay for supper, and closed the meeting at approx. 8:40pm