

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

Date: 30 November 2022

Time: 8.35pm

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Christine

2. Acceptance of minutes of previous general meeting

Moved: Carolyn, Seconded: Daryl

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

BRA President contacted MBRC on 10 December 2022 to raise a number of resident concerns about speeding, wildlife protection, burnouts on Farm Road and the condition of Farm Road. The request was as follows:

- (1) Farm Road is in poor condition, with many potholes, due to the rain, and the truck and heavy machinery traffic to and from Yallambi, associated with the development.
BRA requests that MBRC repair Farm Road. This is a road safety matter
- (2) Farm Road is used by hoons for burnouts, on weekends, Friday and Saturday nights mostly.
BRA requests that the new bitumen surface be of the rough variety, to mitigate the attractiveness of the location for hoon doing burnouts.
- (3) At present the speed limits are 60km from the intersection with Bunya Road slowing to 40km at the bottom of the hill before the intersection with Bunya Lake Court. Earlier requests by residents to have the speed limit reduced to 40kph further up the road have been denied by MBRC because that stretch of road is not close to residences.
BRA renews the request to reduce the speed limit to 40kph from 100m before the intersection with Farm Road East (coming from Bunya Road). This is a pedestrian and cyclist safety matter. There are no footpaths along Farm Road, and the shoulder is inconsistent, appearing and disappearing along the length of Farm Road
- (4) A roundabout at the intersection of Farm Road and Bunya Lake Court is planned as part of the proposed roadworks. Currently, there is only one road sign warning motorists it is a wildlife area.
BRA requests that green and yellow wildlife warnings be painted on Farm Road.

Response from MBRC on 14 December to latter request states "I have received your request for a wildlife stencil to be included in the proposed intersection upgrade at Farm Rd Bunya. I will put forward this request to the design team and have also included Farm Rd on the Green Infrastructure list of proposed sites."

4. Yallambi Development

- With increased residential usage from the development, Farm Road is to be widened. Trees have started to be removed for road widening.
- Block sales in Stage 1 to be registered in February 2023.
- Mills Farm property likely to be developed as resort facility with activities such as archery, horse agistment and riding trail, stables, BnB.

5. Correspondence in and out

- 30 October 2022 - President to MBRC – request to mow and clean toilets in Surrey Farm Park for 27 November Residents Reconnect morning tea.
- 19 October 2022 – Mayor MBRC invitation to Community Council meeting on 15 November 2022.
- 11 October 2022 – President contacted local members (Peter Dutton, Mark Furner, Tim Mander, Cr Constance) to request donations for BRA Christmas Raffle.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's reports accepted. Financial balances at 17 November 2022 were:

Bunya Neighbourhood Watch Rural 2 - \$1167.25
Bunya Residents Association - \$8042.20

7. Coordinator Reports

A. Bushcare and Bunya Old School Reserve

Bushcare held on 12 November. 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.

B. Neighbourhood Watch

Accident on Dugandan Drive required SES involvement and resulted in loss of power for several hours. Further accident at top of Blue Hill Drive.

C. Website and Facebook

COVID assistance information to be removed from BRA Facebook page.

8. General Business

- **Christmas Breakfast** – A Christmas Breakfast which had been planned for Sunday 27 November, was cancelled due to lack of interest. There was a healthy discussion at the meeting about plans for next year. Residents recalled the community spirit present at Christmas parties in the park in earlier years. There was some concern that responses to

such events may have changed post COVID or that there are many other functions demanding attention at the end of the year., including an MBRC event. BRA will reconsider possible functions including in July, in November/December or an inaugural Bunya Day event.

- **Residents Reconnect Morning Tea** – Sunday 27 November at Surrey Farm Park. Low attendance - only 4 attendees (non Committee) despite 18 acceptances.
- **New Waste Changes in MBRC area** – Carolyn and Jodie attended Community Council meeting on 15 November to discuss new waste disposal charges introduced on 1 July 2022. Bunya residents have expressed concern with the new charges that cap free waste disposal at three tonnes or 26 visits per financial year (charges apply thereafter). Mayor agreed to re-examine the new rules after 12 months .
- **Edible Food Exchange** – BRA Facebook poll was conducted to test interest in an Edible Food Exchange for Bunya. Several responses to say there would be interest if 'located in their area'. Further discussions required.
- **Native planting and weeds** – 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 of Bunya Lakes have expressed concern that the fire trails in the area are no longer marked and cannot be found (overgrown, hidden, signs lost). Clearing may not be possible until the wet weather ends. President of BRA contacted MBRC on 5 December to formally raise fire safety concerns. Preliminary response from MBRC on 8 December to advise that “a natural areas officer has inspected the site and noted some areas, he has more investigations to do and has to liaise regarding the fire trails. He will come back to Councillor and (BRA President).”
- **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 for 2023. In addition, resident has asked MBRC for drainage pipes to reduce the amount of water resting in the reserve.

President BRA wrote to Cr Constance on 3 December advising of resident concerns that the path has been overgrown, waterlogged, and that there are snakes. It is precluding walking from Bunya Lake Court Reserve to the trail which connects with the Willow Glen Court Reserve. President has sought commitment from MBRC to clear Bunya Lake Court Reserve, and restore it to its original condition, as soon as the wet weather season is over (May - June 2023). Further, to prevent further drainage problems, President asked MBRC to commit funding in the budget for FY 2023-24 for drainage works in Bunya Lake Court Reserve to be carried out in FY 2023-24, in order to prevent waterlogging from recurring in future periods of heavy rain.

- **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.

- **Christmas Raffle** – raised \$390. Raffle tickets drawn by Tim Mander’s staff. Winners notified and posted on BRA Facebook page.
- **Release of Snakes in Bunya Conservation Areas** – concern was expressed by resident that snake catchers are releasing snakes into Bunya Conservation area. On 6 December, MBRC responded to 3 December email from President on this matter. MBRC advised that snake catchers are required by law to be registered, that there are no restraints regarding the release location of captured fauna so long as they are released “into a prescribed natural habitat in the wild as soon as practicable”, and council has no knowledge of, nor control over, the release of any captured and relocated fauna within the Bunya area.
- **Improving attendance at BRA meetings and events** – BRA looking to encourage greater participation in bi-monthly meetings and one-off events. A number of actions have been agreed to:
 - a) start meetings with a guest speaker on a topic of interest eg smoke alarm regulations. President has circulated possible list of topics for 2023 meetings.
 - b) Committee members visit financial members to offer them a BRA fridge magnet (to record neighbours phone numbers for emergencies). It would provide an opportunity to discuss BRA role.
 - c) SMS reminders – send text reminders ahead of meetings. President has found a free service and is investigating.

9. Next Meeting: 1 February 2023