**BUNYA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**ORDINARY BI-MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** 1 February 2023

**Time:** 7.40 pm

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

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies**

Frank A, Tracey H, Tim Mander

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

Moved: Carolyn, Seconded: Marion

1. **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.

***BRA requests that MBRC repair Farm Road. This is a road safety matter***

Update subsequent to meeting

Work to widen Farm Road commenced in late 2022, with surveying and tree removal, and

has reached the construction stage.

1. 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.***

1. At present the speed limits are 60km from the intersection with Bunya Road slowing to 40km at the bottom of the hill near intersection with Bunya Lake Court.

***BRA renews the request to reduce the speed limit to 40kph from 100m before the intersection with Farm Road East (coming from Bunya Road).***

Update subsequent to meeting

BRA President received a response from MBRC on February to advise that the 40 kmph speed reduction would be move further up Farm Road, where the speed bump is, to manage speed at an earlier point of entry to the residential area.

1. 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 “**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.”

1. **Yallambi Development**

* Blocks sold in Yallambi Stage 1 to be registered in February 2023.
* MBRC bought Mills property (high side of Bunya Rd) for $2.2m as nature habitat. Buildings will be demolished and property revegetated for koala habitat.

1. **Correspondence in and out**

* 20 January 2023 - Pine Rivers Catchment Association contacted BRA President to advise they have been granted Federal funding for their Wongam Koala Gully Project under the [Koala Conservation and Protection – Community Grants](https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/koala-conservation-and-protection-community-grants-round-1). The Wongam Koala Gully runs through Bunya connecting Bunyaville Conservation Park and Samford Conservation Park. PRCA asked for a meeting to discuss how PRCA and BRA might work together on this project. Meeting date agreed for 8 February.
* Note: Koala spottings can be recorded on MBRC koala data base.
* 10 January 2023 – MBRC advised BRA of the decision to temporarily change the green waste rules (see below).
* 14 December 2022 – wildlife stencilling of road (see above).

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Financial balances at 23 January 2023 were:

Bunya Neighbourhood Watch Rural 2 - $1167.53

Bunya Residents Association - $8371.21. Includes $440 raised from Christmas raffle.

Moved to accept reports: Deb, Seconded, Francesca

1. **Coordinator Reports**
2. **Bushcare and Bunya Old School Reserve**

Next Bushcare to be held 11 March 2023 and will commence the seventh year at the site.

1. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Lost life jacket at Bunya Crossing, and people found washing clothes at reserve.

1. **Website and Facebook**

No news.

1. **General Business**

* **Bunya Residents Get Together** – BRA to develop ideas for a get together that will be popular with Bunya residents. The Christmas event planned for November 2022 was cancelled due to lack of interest. BRA will reconsider possible functions including Christmas in July, traditional Christmas function in November/December or an inaugural Bunya Day event.
* **New Waste Changes in MBRC area –** Following submissions to MBRC by BRA expressing concerns about the new charges for waste disposal, Carolyn and Jodie attended Community Council meeting on 15 November 2022. MBRC advised that it had decided to temporarily cease charging for green waste disposal and will undertake a policy review in March/April 2023.
* **Native planting and weeds** – Need to inform new residents about the benefits of native planting and the need to eradicate weeds. Such information was previously provided by local council to all new residents.

Action Required (Ann Croot): Work with Cr Constance to have information included in welcome letters to new residents and to remind residents that 2 free native plants are available from Kumbartcho nursery. BRA President wrote 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). President of BRA contacted MBRC on 5 December to formally raise fire safety concerns.
  + Update following BRA meeting:

Following discussion at the BRA meeting President of BRA wrote to the Mayor on this matter on 4 February 2023 with a request that MBRC officers discuss this matter with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, with a view to clearing a second entry / exit road (in addition to the sole access at Farm Road).

BRA received a response from Chris Barnes, Acting Manager Emergency and Public Safety, MBRC on 24 February. The response advises that the Yallambi developer has recently undertaken an independent bushfire risk hazard assessment which sets out a number of requirements for the new development. In addition, MBRC advises that “it is not assessed as feasible from an engineering and financial perspective to install additional routes that would be trafficable to provide an alternative entry/exit point. There are currently no options for Council to install another route due to limited surrounding council land and any available land is unpassable due to steep gullies and creek lines.” Mr Barnes recommends that residents subscribe to the free disaster dashboard at disaster.moreton.qld.gov.au, as well as develop their own safety protection plan in case of fire danger.

* **Bunya Lake Reserve Walk.** On 31 January 2023 Carolyn, Marion and Deb met with David Horne of MBRC to walk around the Bunya Lake Reserve and discuss need for rehabilitation. It was noted that the current state of the Reserve is disappointing and it should be returned to its original condition. A large part of the reserve was open parkland in the original release and was part of the developer's contribution to community assets, as part of the justification for MBRC allowing 4000m2 blocks on Bunya Lake estate, inside of the zoned 6000m2 blocks. The maintenance items include:
  + Unblocking the gullies which run into Wongam Creek. There has been significant growth of vegetation on the banks, which has contributed to the blocking. This may improve drainage of the Reserve, which gets quite slushy underfoot after rain.
  + Weed eradication.
  + Cutting back vegetation overgrowth (concern about snakes).
  + Filling scouring caused by overland flow of water (concern about walkers missing their footing and falling).
  + Returning the mowed area to the original much larger area.

MBRC was asked to keep BRA advised of progress.

* **Garage Sale Project –** consider options for fundraising via a garage sale. Options are:

1. Partner with the Variety Club and use their premises for the garage sale (large verandah).
2. 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.

1. 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.

* **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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. SMS reminders – send text reminders ahead of meetings. President has found a free service and is investigating.
4. Use BRA Noticeboard on Bunya Road to promote meetings (near dog park).
5. **Next Meeting**: 5 April 2023