

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

Date: 26 July 2023

Time: 7.40 pm

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Anne C, Marion

2. Acceptance of minutes of previous general meeting

There was no meeting in May as quorum not reached. However, there was an informal discussion with the Qld Fire and Rescue Service, who had come to speak to the BRA General Meeting, about the lack of a fire exit for Bunya Lake residents. They advised that it is a matter for MBRC (who have previously advised that such a trail will not be constructed – refer Minutes of February meeting). The Fire and Rescue Service left information for residents about bush fire preparedness and evacuation.

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

As above.

4. Correspondence in and out

MBRC advice about letter box drop about Fauna Crossing Infrastructure Installations on Bunya Road planned for September to October 2023.

5. Guest Speakers

A. QLD Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) (Rick) discussion of fire safety requirements and good practice

- Advice on new smoke alarm requirements which apply:
 - for rental properties - on the renewal of a lease, sale of properties – at the time of sale, and for modifications of properties – from time of updates; and
 - for all properties – from 1 January 2027.

Smoke alarms need to be interconnected (if hardwired, work needs to be done by electrician) and in every bedroom and in hallways outside bedroom, and on every level of the dwelling.

- Be mindful of safe practices for the disposal of spent batteries as they can cause fires at the tip. Batteries can be left at marked containers at shopping centres eg Aldi, Bunnings, as well as in marked sections of the tip.
- Fire Escape Plans should be developed by each household with easy access to essentials and pets in readiness to evacuate and meeting spots planned.

- Rechargeable devices should be treated with care in the house eg devices should not be left to charge overnight or on soft objects with no air flow.
- Electric Vehicles/Scooters etc – smoke is very toxic and fires cannot be extinguished with water.
- In house fire safety – reminder of safety issues with cooking and electrical devices: do not dry clothes on heaters, do not leave cooking unattended especially with oil in pans, do not keep candles lit near curtains or open windows. Keep pot lids and fire blankets ready at hand in case of fires in the house.

Detailed information is available at QFES.qld.gov.au

B. Pine Rivers Catchment Association (PRCA) (Mitch Peake and Aurelia) discussion of Wongam Koala Gully Wildlife Corridor

- PRCA have been granted Federal funding for their Wongam Koala Gully Project under the Koala Conservation and Protection – Community Grants. The Wongam Koala Gully Corridor will connect Bunyaville Conservation Park and Samford Conservation Park. Its purpose is to encourage larger populations of koalas over a wider area and to connect sub population. The corridor uses MBRC public land including a new parcel on Bunya Road bought with council funds allocated to koala conservation. BRA has been working with PRCA on this project.

Two key components of the project are to undertake significant weeding to allow koalas access through the corridor (they are unable to pass through large tracts of lantana and other tall weeds) and to plant three species of eucalyptus that provide food for koalas in this sub-climate.

PRCA is undertaking a Community Engagement Strategy for the project which includes:

- Dog training so dogs are trained to 'leave it' when they encounter wildlife;
- Establish catchment care groups who can continue to maintain the corridor when funding ends eg watering trees;
- Koala totem – symbolic of community role in taking care of koalas;
- Healing ceremony with indigenous community;
- Wildlife cameras at two gullies – project with Griffith Uni;

PRCA will be advise Bunya residents how they can be involved in these activities as dates approach.

6. Next Meeting: AGM