

Bonny Hills Progress Association

Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 18 February 2025, 7pm, Bonny Hills Community Hall

Attendees (As per completed sign-in list)

Paul Poleweski, Sue Poleweski, Pam Barlow, Roger Barlow, Helen Smith, Bob Smith, Ian Richardson, Jim Tredennick, Bill Howell, Graeme Cox, Virginia Cox, Ian Simpson, Peter Rodgers, Ann Armstrong, Nev Armstrong, Robyn Hunter, Ross Smith, John Drinan.

Apologies

Kathy Regan, Tony Robinson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting held 21 Jan 2025

Moved: Roger Barlow, seconded: Sue Poleweski, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

See below.

Moved: Sue Poleweski, seconded, Ian Simpson that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Membership Report

Pam Barlow has prepared a new welcome letter to existing and prospective members and will add some background information about BHPA's achievements.

No new members.

Community projects

a) HMD/M1 intersection

Nothing new to report.

Action

Kathy to report on any developments in the push for this overpass

b) Outcomes of 2025 Art Prize

John Drinan reported on the success of the Art Prize, its continuation next year, and hopes that it will continue well into the future. He noted that its ongoing success depends on the continuing support of artists, community and sponsors and the need to show the latter that the Art Prize succeeds in its artistic goals and other contributions to the community.

Action

John report on the steps to take to ensure ongoing sponsor support for the BHAP

c) Progress on Proposed Walkway signage

John, on Tony Robinson's behalf, reported that a recent meeting favoured three boards describing the Birpai history, Oxley and early settlement, and later history. John Heath, a local Birpai man and author of several books about the Birpai has agreed to assist.

Action

Tony report on progress in this initiative

d) List of possible initiatives for BHPA to fund/co-fund

John spoke to the paper recently prepared by Tony and him and distributed to committee members. He pointed out the contributions already made from the Art Prize accumulated funds, and a variety of potential projects for funding into the future.

e) Awards in 2025 for the two local primary schools

Still under discussion.

Action

Kathy report on the progress of this initiative

f) Interactions with PMHC

- Latest (Jan 2025) Have your Say/CCAT

Paul Polewski commented on the large number of Have Your Say requests from Council and the impossibility of being able to respond to them all. However, he prepared a submission on the Community Engagement invitation and the vexed issue of consultation and communication with Council. He also noted that John also prepared a submission relating to the Environmental Sustainability Strategy on behalf of BHPA

- Meeting with Councillors/Mayor

Paul reported the difficulty but eventual success of getting a meeting with the Mayor, Councillors and, possibly, CEO, scheduled for 12 March. Its purpose is to make them aware of BHPA issues and seek better communication.

Action

Kathy/Roger report on the meeting with the mayor and Council

g) Rainbow Beach Reserve

Roger Barlow outlined the history of planning for the various Bonny Hills Reserves and, specifically, the delays associated with Rainbow Beach Reserve planning. He reported that Council has decided to include the latter in this year's Operating Plan. Roger has negotiated with Council to get approval for BHPA to submit an application for a grant to build shading over the playground there. He outlined the costings he has received totalling \$43,000, and advocated that BHPA allocate \$13,000 to support the application. Agreed that BHPA will contribute up to \$13,000 toward the overall cost of shading the playground at Rainbow Beach Reserve. Moved: Paul Polewski, seconded: Bill Howell. Carried.

Action

Roger report on the progress of this project

h) Opening of new pathway

Paul reported this is to happen on Friday 21 February and that BHPA representatives have been invited to attend. Roger outlined the role BHPA played in advocating for this missing link between Rodley St and Graham St.

Environment & Sustainability

i) Stormwater/Sewerage monitoring

Ross Smith reported low E. coli levels in the creeks and at the beach in recent testing.

Action

Ross report on any changes in this regard

j) Landcare

Ross outlined two projects soon to get underway. A grant has been received to revegetate the lower section of the Tank Stream toward the bridge. A second project will involve planting koala feed trees along a potential koala corridor, possibly in association with the children at Lake Cathie Public School.

Action

Ross report on the progress of this project

k) Electrify 2445

John noted that Tony had recently attended a meeting of Energy Forever. His suggestion that BHPA hosts an Electricity Expo at WBHSLSC in late May early June was enthusiastically supported by Energy Forever and Hastings Enviro.

Action

Tony report on the planning of the Electrify 2445 Expo

BHPA & Committee operation issues

l) Status of review and upgrade of BHPA website and Facebook page

Roger and Jim reported on the progress of this project using Google Space. This cannot get started until we meet Google's requirement of authorisation that BHPA is a not-for-profit so BHPA can get a free account. Agreed that Tony will be the BHPA representative for this purpose.

Action

Jim/Tony report on the progress towards Google Workspace

m) Business Plan to "Establish a volunteer fire prevention community"

Paul reported Paul Galland's advice that he will be withdrawing from the BHPA Committee and cannot continue to lead this project but is prepared to assist. Agreed that without an obvious alternative champion, BHPA would be unable to carry this big project through. Paul will discuss with the Rural Fire Service so it is aware of the work that Paul Galland had done.

Action

Roger report on where this proposal is up to

Any other business

n) AGM on April 15

o) Purchase of stands for future Art Prize events

Roger reported that the stands have been received and are now stored beneath the Hall. It was questioned as to how available the stands will be for other groups. And John was asked to discuss with the Art Prize committee.

p) Bonny Hills Community Awards

Roger outlined the background to the project. He reported that the committee had met and will recommend that there be annual awards without categories but simply recognising outstanding community service by Bonny Hills residents. The committee has developed a framework and modus operandi.

Action

Roger comment on the progress of this initiative

q) Proposal for a BHPA template for new projects - Roger

Roger has placed a copy of the template on the BH Website so people can access it.

r) Back to Bonny Booklets

Ian Richardson proposed that the booklet now be distributed without cost and suggested various outlets. He recommended inclusion of a label correcting the date of naming of Bonny Hills. Ian volunteered to carry this through. It was agreed that Ian should proceed as outlined in his paper.

Meeting closed at 8.43 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 18th March 2025, 7.00 pm at Bonny Hills Community Hall.

John Drinan
Acting Secretary

Paul Poleweski
President

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BHPA)			
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 18 JAN TO 16 FEB 25			
1) Community Support/Members Account (500031361)			Balance 16 FEB
Balance 18 Jan 2025		\$578.94	
Receipts			
Member Fees		\$20.00	
Payments			
			\$598.94
2) Community Strength Account (500111729) \$443.21			
and Comm Strength Inv Account (100519540) \$32375.48			
Balance 18 Jan 2025		\$25,431.24	
Receipts			
Bank Int		\$70.24	
2025 Art Prize Profit		\$9,532.89	
T Shirt Sales		\$345.00	
Payments			
Purchase of stands for Art Prize		\$2,560.68	
Total of both accounts			\$32,818.69
3) Grants Account (500204783)			
Balance 29 Feb 2024		\$0.00	
Receipts			
Payments			
			\$0.00
4) Events Account (100474271)			
Base amount		\$1,000.00	
Receipts			
Payments			
			\$1,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS HELD AT			\$34,417.63
BANK			