



Bonny Hills Progress Association INC.

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Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 21 January 2020, 7.00pm

Bonny Hills Community Hall

MINUTES

Meeting Opened: **7.02pm**

Welcome by Chairman

Committee members attending: Roger Barlow, Pam Barlow, Kathy Regan, Bill Howell, Ross Smith, Elizabeth Fielding, Tony Robinson, Ian Simpson

In attendance: Alison & Rob Broad; Phillip & Joanne Rowan, Peter Rodgers

Apologies: John Drinan

Conflicts of interest: None declared

Acceptance of Previous Minutes Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2019.
Moved: Bill Howell, Seconded: Pam Barlow. **Carried**

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Covered seating at Hall Reserve

Kit purchased & constructed by BHPA Committee members with considerable assistance of local builder Paul Thompson. Feedback by BHPA & PMH Council to suppliers on deficiencies in the kit that added difficulty and cost to the Project. Response from the community has been very positive.

Action: Letter of appreciation to Paul Thompson. Done

2. Rainbow Beach erosion

Letter submitted to Council on poor condition of Rainbow Beach but no response as yet. Ross Smith advised that parts of the beach are currently covered by up to 1m sand. A number of older trees are dieing but some younger Banksias are establishing. Possibility of collaboration with Landcare if there is remedial work to be undertaken.

Action: Reminder letter to Council John

3. Spooney's Beach desecration

Phillip Rowan gave an outline of the history of degradation of the natural vegetation in the Spooney's area with particular reference to the verge along the access road to the boat ramp and the apparent 'clearing' of bushland to be replaced by grasslands – maybe linked to ease of mowing & general maintenance by Council.

Council has been advised on the need for remedial stabilisation of the vegetation & beachfront area to protect this site; they have blocked the track up to Bartlett's from Spooney's to prevent vehicular access.

Peter Rodgers spoke about recreational vehicular (4-wheel drive) traffic onto the beach area having increased substantially with the new boat ramp and this appears uncontrolled. The driving of MVs is causing damage to the beach area & surrounds and is not compatible with use by swimmers and dog walking.

The level of 4-wheel-drive activity increased over the Christmas holiday period and there appears to be little Ranger activity to enforce Council policy. The Secretary has circulated a record of correspondence between Peter Rodgers & Council.

Actions: Phillip Rowan to continue liaison with Council to establish 'policy' for protection of the area. Also, Phillip to send BHPA a 'snail trail' record of email correspondence with Council as a reference for future discussions.

BHPA Action: The Update of the Reserves MasterPlan will provide an opportunity to have input into the future preservation of the Spooney's area. BH Landcare group to be advised on future discussions. John/Ross role

4. Climate Change (CC)

BHPA Committee recognises & acknowledges CC is a reality. What can the community do to become supportive, involved & to provide reduction/remedial measures is a question we have been asking and the Bonny's Community Plan includes a similar Action.

PMHC Mayor is on record saying Council takes CC seriously and a review of all Council's sustainability initiatives was presented at Council's December meeting. This is more retrospective than proactive, with a number of gaps apparent, but it was noted that there is a need for Council to complete a new CC Risk Assessment at the request of its Insurers. We will watch the outcome of this with interest.

Grants are becoming available for CC & Sustainability work and these could be undertaken in collaboration with BH Landcare.

Action: Ross and John to assess the prospective areas for a Grant application.

Treasurer's Report

See detail in Attachment 1

Balances at 31 December 2019

Note: Amounts in () are for the previous month.

❖ Community Support (general/administration):	\$2385.50	(\$2403.00)
❖ Community Strength (projects):	\$4928.16	(\$4928.16)
❖ External grants:	\$3896.22	(\$5951.02)

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: Moved: Elizabeth Fielding; Seconded: Tony Robinson;
Carried.

Accounts were tabled & approved for payment

Correspondence 20 November 2019 to 21 January 2020

Subject	Correspondents	Dates of correspondence*
Reserves Master Plan	Sandra Wallace, PMHC	17/12, 14/1
Spooney's Beach	Peter Rodgers, Phil Rowan Liam Bulley, PMHC	24/11, 25/11, 14/1
Climate change	Peta Pinson, Mayor Sandra Wallace, PMHC	25/11, 29/11, 14/1
North Haven – Bonny Hills Coastal Walk	Kristy Willams, PMHC	27/11, 28/11,
Bushfire Recovery	Sandra Wallace, PMHC	26/11,
Bushfire Awareness	Melinda Losh, PMHC	18/11, 25/11,
CCAT	Sandra Wallace, PMHC	26/11, 17/12, 18/12,
Light industrial area	Stephanie Baker, PMHC Sandra Wallace, PMHC GM, PMHC	20/11, 21/11, 27/11, 17/12,
Paragliders	Liam Bulley, Gary Hill, PMHC	26/11, 29/11, 6/12, 10/12, 14/1
Grant funds	Sandra Wallace, PMHC	29/11
Covered seating at Hall Reserve	Sandra Wallace, PMHC Lucy Kowaleski, PMHC	29/11, 30/11, 10/12, 8/1, 10/1
Lake Cathie	Helen Hoban, LCPA	7/12,
Rainbow beach Amenities Block	Paul Bailey, PMHC	18/12, 14/1

Note: Email correspondence unless otherwise noted

General Business

1. New members

None

2. Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 24th March 2020

The BHPA annual general meeting (AGM) of members is for holding elections and reporting on the year's events. It is necessary for presentation and approval of the audited accounts, appointment of an auditor and to comply with legal requirements as an Incorporated Body in NSW.

We addressed the question of what would be an attractive and useful topic for our public forum. It was considered that input into BHPA activities and the Community Plan by younger people in our community (age 45 years & under) has been under represented. Ways of engaging with these residents on an on-going basis were discussed.

Conducting a 'Youth Forum' using a combination of a 'Virtual Meeting Platform' in conjunction with a local 'Hot Spot' for face to face contact was an option discussed.

Action: BHPA President & Vice-President to follow up by talking with a wider range of "youth workers" about how such an initiative could be conducted (keeping in mind the Actions in the Community Plan and the need to involve CCAT (Community-Council Action Team). Done

3. Amenities Block

Discussion of the rebuilding of the RB Beach Reserve amenity block ensued with agreement that the rebuild should preferably be undertaken using non-inflammable material.

Actions:

- ❖ President to advise Liam Bulley of this concern. Done
- ❖ BHPA to write to Paul Bailey (CC Liam Bulley) acknowledging & thanking him for his rapid response to the site clean-up & installation of a temporary amenity following the burning of the amenity block. Done
- ❖ BHPA to investigate whether the cost of producing the Amenity Block Mural (Est \$3,000) will be part of the insurance claim. Done

4. Reserves Master Plan and CCAT

The timetable for the Update of the Reserves MasterPlan appears to have been seriously affected by the recent bushfire activity, and similarly CCAT has been in abeyance putting the timetable for delivering actions well behind.

Actions:

- ❖ BHPA to engage with Council to have the review process commenced and completed along with proposed actions in the Community Plan. Done
- ❖ BHPA write to Paul Bailey (CC Liam Bulley) to acknowledge the rapid response and high standard of the remedial work completed by the Graffiti Busters Brigade following the latest graffiti upsurge around Bonny Hills. Done

6. Community Representative on Coast, Estuary & Floodplain Sub-Committee

Ross Smith submitted an EoI to join Council's Coast, Estuary & Floodplain Sub-Committee. Council has advised of insufficient applications to progress the appointments and will recommence the EoI process in February 2020. The current Application on behalf of the BHPA will be carried forward.

[It is noted that there was sufficient interest in the 'Community Representative – Lake Cathie & Bonny Hills position on the committee. Council anticipates the committee will be formed in late April 2020.]

7. Cycle Pathway between Bonny Hills & North Haven

Joanne R raised the need for an all-weather cycle pathway between Bonny Hills & North Haven to provide for safe connectivity, especially for youth who have friendships between these communities. This is in the Community Plan, but it was noted that it would be a very costly project.

8. 'Danger Ahead' Signs on Ocean Drive?

Proprietor of Bonny View Store & Fuel, cnr Graham St & Ocean Drive has advised of hazardous driving behaviour when MVs suddenly stop to turn into Graham Street to gain access to the fuel station. He suggested the possibility of signage to forewarn drivers. We have discussed the congestion around this intersection on a number of occasions with Council.

Action: BHPA to forward this information to John Hanlon. DONE

Meeting closed: 8.59pm

Next meetings:

Tuesday 11 February 2020, 7.00 pm

AGM: Tuesday 24 March 2020, 7.00 pm

Attachment 1 to Minutes 19 November 2019

Community Support Acct. Opening balance \$5319.12
Cash deposit \$70 membership fees
Reimbursement to K Regan \$60
Payment for public liability insurance \$607.59
Transfer to Community Strength acct \$4598.05 as per attached
Transfer from Grants acct. \$2278.89 as per attached
Interest Credit \$0.63
Closing Balance \$2403.00

Community Strength Acct. Opening balance \$182.02
Cash deposit \$148.00
Transfer from Community Support acct \$4598.05. see attached
Interest credit \$0.09
Closing balance \$4928.16

Grants Acct. Opening balance \$8228.89
Transfer to Community Support Acct \$2279.89
Interest Credit \$1.02
Closing Balance \$5951.02