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BHPA Committee Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday 19 November 2024, 7pm, Bonny Hills Community Hall

Welcome by Chair: Paul Poleweski

Acknowledgement of Country was given by Chair

Attendance: Ian Simpson, Paul Gallard, Peter Rodgers, Sue Poleweski, Graeme Cox, Virginia Cox, Kathy Regan, Helen Smith, Pam Barlow, Ian Richardson, Roger Barlow, Jim Tredinnick, Ross Smith, Paul Poleweski, Tony Robinson

Apologies: Bill Howell, John Drinan

Conflicts of Interest: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Minutes:

Moved: Sue Poleweski

Seconded: Roger Barlow

Membership Report

Pam reported one new member joined since last meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Moved: Pam Barlow

Seconded: Tony Robinson

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BHPA)		
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 12 OCTOBER TO 17 NOVEMBER 2024		
1) Community Support/Members Account (500031361)		Balance 17 NOV
Balance 12 Oct 2024	\$1,506.96	
Receipts		
Member Fees	\$15.00	
Payments		
Fuel Costs U Turn trip	\$62.36	
Ann Public Liability Insurance	\$808.22	
		\$651.38
2) Community Strength Account (500111729) \$142.41		
and Comm Strength Inv Account (100519540) \$25992.63		
Balance 12 Oct 2024	\$26,063.69	
Receipts		
Bank Int	\$71.35	
Payments		
Total of both accounts		\$26,135.04
3) Grants Account (500204783)		
Balance 29 Feb 2024	\$0.00	
Receipts		
Payments		
		\$0.00
4) Events Account (100474271)		
Balance 12 Oct 2024	\$8,085.00	
Receipts		
Art Prize 2025 Sponsors	\$750.00	
Art Prize Artist Entries	\$830.00	
Payments		
Bubble Wrap for Art Prize	\$49.50	
Children's Workshop Material	\$442.00	
\$1000 Base Balance + Art Prize 2025		\$9,173.50
TOTAL FUNDS HELD AT		\$35,959.92
	BANK	

Correspondence In and Out - Tony

			IN	Oct/Nov
Raelene Myers	Essential Energy	Unable to assist Electrify 2445 Day		Oct 17
David Gillespie	Com Gov	Newsletter		Oct 19
John Drinan	Re Art Prize	Assignment of Art Prize Logo		Oct 19
HYS	PMHC	Have Your Say		Oct 22
Leslie Williams	NSW Gov	Newsletter		Oct 22
Insurance	LCIS	Insurance payment receipt		Oct 24
Stuart Watson	Energy Forever	Monthly Meeting		Oct 28
Rod Bucton	CHCC	Monthly meetup invitation		Nov 1
Jenny Daniels		Work needed around RBR		Nov 1
Rewiring Australia	Newsletter	Electrify 2525 report		Nov 1
Alistair Fletcher	Essential Energy	Community Energy Webinar		Nov 1
Luke Hadfield	CHCC	Spring Edition Magazine		Nov 4
Bill Howell		NFP Self Review		Nov 4
David Rogers	Headspace	Re Casuarinas in danger on RB		Nov 5
David Gillespie	Com Gov	Newsletter		Nov 7
James Prosser	PMHC	Barletts Beach Recovery Project		Nov 12
Paul Poleweski	BHPA	DA2021 - 964.2 Development Application		Nov 12
Kathy Regan		Request for letter of support for Jolley Nose MB		Nov 13
Leslie Williams	NSW Gov	Newsletter		Nov 15
Lynda McNeill	CC Australia	End of Year get together Dec 6 @ Cafe 66		Nov 15
John Drinan		Request for letter of support for BH Tennis Club		Nov 18
Luke Hadfield	CHCC	Monthly Newsletter		Nov 19
Charlie	Solar Citizens	Electrify Your Home Webinar Invite		Nov 19
			OUT	Oct/Nov
Tony Robinson	Rod Bucton	Re Jolly Nose Mountain Bike Club grant application		18 Nov
Tony Robinson	Geoff Carter	Re BH Tennis Club grant application		18 Nov

Business Reports

(A)Community projects

- a) **HMD/M1 intersection.** Kathy provided the following updates
- Sent letter to Brad TfNSW re request for information re the safety of U-turn Bays;
 - News article in NOTA provided a good report on the current situation;
 - Received information re the Leslie Williams Newsletter survey. 45% of those who responded rated that the HMD intersections important to residents of the community making it 4th on the list so it is obviously an important item on the minds of the community.

Action: Kathy to provide progress report at the next meeting

- b) **Report on 2025 Art Prize** – Paul/Roger/Sue
- \$1000 to be spent on advertising;
 - \$8200 in sponsorship monies have been received
 - * Event profit is forecast to be around \$5000;
 - Five workshops for youngsters are planned: One for Teen artists (13-16) on the Saturday and two each for Children (8 to 12 year old) on the Friday and Children (3 to 7 year old) on the Thursday;
 - * Next subcommittee meeting on 5 December

Action: Sue to send out a call for volunteers in the next day or so;

- c) **Anniversary of the official naming of Bonny Hills** - Ian R
- Ian R reported that the event at the WBHSLSC has received positive feedback;
 - NOTA published a couple of positive reports on the history of the PO and naming;
 - Thanks to Ian Richardson for his work in pulling the program together.

- d) **Progress on Proposed Walkway signage** – Tony

Action: Tony to organise a meeting in December to discuss progress on this initiative and report to the next meeting

- e) **List of possible initiatives for funding** – John/Tony
Complete the Forms before end of year;

Action: Tony to follow up with various members

- f) **Support for two local primary schools 2025**

LCPS Possible \$50 donation to assist with honour board;

Action: Kathy to follow up with Jock and let us know at the next meeting

LCPS happy for a group of BHPA volunteers to assist with the 10th anniversary BBQ on Wed 27 Nov;

Action: Kathy to liaise with Jock re this

Discussion re ongoing prizes from BHPA for specific awards to the NHPS, LCPS and CHHS support an approach be made to PS's and HS early next year re this.
Moved and carried.

Action: Kathy to speak with NHPS and LCPS re this, and Tony to approach CHHS, and each report to the February meeting.

- g) **Carols at the Beach** - working with Mel from WBHSLSC re the upcoming event; asking for BHPA for some financial support to assist with this project.

Paul P moved that we offer up to \$750 from BHPA to assist with the program. The motion was carried.

Action: Paul to liaise with Mel at the WBHSLSC regarding the support of this project.

- h) **BHPA will have a stall at the Magic of Christmas Market** at Charles Sturt University Port Macquarie on Friday 5 - 8 pm 22 November at CSU, in support of the Bonny Hills Art Prize coming up in January.

Action: Sue to report on the initiative at the next meeting

(B) Council Interactions

- i) **Communication with PMHC/Have your Say/CCAT** - Paul P

Paul reported on the recent ZOOM meeting regarding future housing initiatives in the LGA. It is obvious that there is little communication between the various council 'silos' about similar initiatives. It is important that we continue to dialogue with council in this area to try and ensure we get the best possible outcomes for our community as we move towards another 1500 homes in and around Bonny Hills over the next 20 years.

- j) **Rainbow Beach Reserve Master Plan**

Nothing further to report at this point. This will be a major talking point at a yet to be determined meeting with the new mayor and councillors.

- k) **Developments – 976 OD; OCR** - Paul P

Paul to be at a meeting at PMHC tomorrow to convey the message that the BHPA is not in support of some of the modifications/variations to the approved in Dec 2022 DA. He will also re-iterate our Associations disappointment in the original approval.

Action: Paul P to report on outcomes at the next meeting

Paul also reported on the 'Zombie' DA issue. Sue Higginson, a Greens representative in the NSW Government, led the discussion in a recent Zoom event he participated in. He also advised the State Government has created a committee that can bypass local councils with larger development applications, much to the chagrin of Mayors as expressed at their recent statewide meeting.

Action: Paul to keep abreast of this and report of any progress at our next meeting

- l) **Meet with the new Mayor to discuss lack of actions**

Action: Paul P to send letter to request meeting ASAP

m) Stormwater/Sewerage monitoring – Ross

Work is being done at Bartletts Beach Reserve at the moment.

Ross also reported on Rainbow Beach erosion issues and the continuing overflow of treated water onto the beach.

Action: Ross to write a letter to be sent to the PMHC CEO regarding the progress of treated water being used through the 'purple pipes' program. Tony to email the letter ASAP.

n) Electrify 2445

Nothing new to report at this stage. Will work towards a locally organised renewable energy event in the new year after failing to get Essential Energy support for one this year.

Action: Tony to pursue the options for an event early in the new year.

o) BHPA Constitution - Roger

Positive feedback from membership with unanimous support for the new constitution; this means the next step of the process will be to register this with the appropriate bodies and get this ready for the next AGM

Action: Roger, in consultation with Bill, will work through the next steps of formalising the implementation of the new constitution.

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

Roger and Tony have been working on this and will report on progress at the next meeting. Jim Tredinnick has offered to assist us in the transition to a more organised and professional approach in this area.

Action: Tony to pursue to options available to us as a NFP organisation with the Google ecosystem.

Action: Roger to continue to explore the options for updating our website and data storage

q) Nominations for 2025/26 committee.

Paul informed the committee that he will not be seeking reelection as President at the next AGM. This means we need to find someone to fill this important, but time-consuming, position for the new committee.

r) Local Fire Management/Community Fire Unit

Paul G advised that a control/hazard reduction burn of Grants Head will not be possible because of the environmental limitations of the area. He talked about a meeting with various stakeholders to set up volunteers to organise and run a CFU in the local community which allows for immediate response by neighbours to react to a fire immediately. Council will not sponsor them; RFS will in some circumstances; be a chapter/subgroup of the BHPA with volunteers from the community to organise and run it at a possible cost of around \$150,000.;

Action: Paul G, agreed to provide a written report about what the meeting discussed and a business case for what may be the solution to manage fires in that area.

s) Footbridge over Duchess Creek & risks using existing pathways - Paul P

Nothing new to report;

t) Letter to D Gillespie

Action: Paul to draft a letter to thank Dr Gillespie for his contribution to the BH community during his time as the Aust Govt representative of our area.

u) BH Booklets - Ian

We need to try and ascertain who is currently selling these. Ian reported that there are still 700/800 of the booklets available.

Action: Ian to try and find out who is still selling these in the area.

v) BHPA Christmas/end of year dinner at the Bonny Beach Hotel

It was agreed to have the above on Tuesday, December 17 at 6pm.

Action: Roger to contact the manager and make a booking.

w) Lake Cathie Progress Association approach/proposal

Paul reported an approach by the current president to of the LCPA. At the moment they are unable to form a committee and may have to disband. She made the suggestion of uniting the two PAs. Paul asked us to think about the proposal and give feedback to him in the next few days.

x) Upcoming build of Catholic High School

A resident in Bonny View Drive brought to our attention a communication from PMHC about land rezoning to allow the above to progress

Next meeting: Tuesday 21 January 2025, same place, same time.

[Acknowledgement of Country: We acknowledge and pay our respects to the original custodians, the Birpai People and their elders past and present, on whose land we walk, work and live.]