

President's Report

on behalf of the

Bonny Hills Progress Association (BHPA) Committee

Annual General Meeting, 15 March 2022

BHPA and its purpose

BHPA committee is a team of volunteers elected annually and supported by a membership of 90 to 100 households. The nub of our charter is to champion and protect the Vision for Bonny Hills agreed by our community (Bonny's Community Plan, 2019.)

Highlights of 2021/22

1. An incredibly successful inaugural Bonny Hills Art Prize with 300 entries from 100 artists, netting close to \$10,000 that will fund community projects!
 - Added to which our raffle, plus a \$500 Mayoral contribution, raised over \$3,000 towards purchase of a defibrillator for our community.
2. Success with funding:
 - We have accessed Federal funds held by Council to install two adult exercise pods and seating at Rainbow Beach Reserve.
 - A Council grant to enable us to measure water quality in our creeks and drains fed by stormwater run-off.
 - A Council Grant and generous contributions from local businesses in cash and kind towards the running of our Art Prize.
3. Our nominee for Australia Day Award Citizen of the Year, Ann Drury was 'runner-up' in tough competition. Well done, Ann!
4. Together with the Community-Council Action team, the Bonny Hills Reserves MasterPlan has been revised following strong feedback from residents. This will go on public display prior to presentation to Council for sign off. Plans for Rainbow Beach Reserve are on hold as residents rejected both options.
5. Slip-lanes are being installed on the eastern side of the dangerous Houston Mitchell/Pacific Highway intersection, but we are still aiming for an overpass!
6. The addition of a verandah to our Community Hall was completed with Community Building Partnerships funding.
7. We assisted Council with the location of improved signage and upgrades on the Bonny's to North haven walking track

Still to happen:

1. The primary reason for controlled sewage releases into Duchess Creek is large volumes of stormwater getting into the sewerage system in high rainfall events. Contractors should be working on finding leaks in the system soon.

2. Actions in our Community Plan are running behind time, in part because of recent disasters and COVID. We need to ensure a steady stream of the highest priorities get into Council's annual Operational Plans.

Behind the scenes

BHPA has made submissions to Council and others. These can be found on our website at – www.bonnyhills.org.au/bhpa_actions.html

Community consultation

Facebook pages

- Our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/BonnyHillsProgressAssociation> has around 755 followers and reports on our activities.
- The Back to Bonny's and the Ghost Road Death Trap Facebook pages have specific functions

The BHPA website www.bonnyhills.org.au serves as a publicly available resource regarding BHPA modus operandi and activities.

Bonny Hills Newsletter articles and press releases, thanks Pam.

It remains to be seen how communication with our new Council will work.

A special thanks to:

- Your great outgoing committee – Bill, Elizabeth, Ian, John, Kathy, Pam, Paul, Ross, Tony; and to Florence Williams, our auditor; and for the support of BHPA members
- Council and their staff for all their efforts on our behalf
- Our many willing volunteers.
- And for the generous support of our local businesses

Challenges for the incoming committee will include:

- Solving sewage and stormwater problems
- Continue to lobby for a fix to the dangerous H-M/Pac H'way intersection
- Progressing projects in the Community Plan
- Raising funds for projects
- Engage with motivated residents via focused project subcommittees.
- Committee rejuvenation

Roger Barlow, President

On behalf of the 2021/22 BHPA Committee.