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## **BHPA Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 7pm in the Bonny Hills Community Hall**

**Welcome by Chair/President: Paul Poleweski**

**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.

**Attendees: As per recorded list.**

**Apologies :** Ian Simpson, John Drinan, Graham Cox, Sue Poleweski, Helen Smith, Ian Richardson.

**Conflicts of interest:** Nil

**Acceptance of Previous Minutes of meeting held 18 June 2024**

**Moved:** Ross Smith

**Seconded:** Pam Barlow

### **Membership Update (Pam Barlow)**

Pam has identified the three unknown members who had paid. Discussion ensued around household membership and voting rights. It is not clear at present as to whether one household membership gives voting rights to all those over 18 in that home, or just one member. This issue will be clarified in the updated BHPA constitution.

There are now 102 members on the books, but not all are financial. Pam is following up those who have not paid in 2024..

Treasurer's Report (Sue Poleweski (Funds held and financial transactions since last meeting))

Moved:  
Paul  
Poleweski

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BHPA)		
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 16 JUNE TO 13 JULY 2024</b>		
<b>1) Community Support/Members Account (500031361)</b>		<b>Balance 13 JULY</b>
Balance 16 June 2024	\$1,154.96	
<b>Receipts</b>		
Member Fees	\$35.00	
Misc Cr (R/E fr last month)	\$102.00	
<b>Payments</b>		
		<b>\$1,291.96</b>
<b>2) Community Strength Account (500111729) and Comm Strength Inv Account (100519540)</b>		
Balance 16 June 2024	\$27,278.41	
<b>Receipts</b>		
Bank Int	\$72.49	
<b>Payments</b>		
(Inv A/C \$27072.49 @ 3.25%)		<b>\$27,350.90</b>
<b>3) Grants Account (500204783)</b>		
Balance 29 Feb 2024	\$0.00	
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Payments</b>		
		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>4) Events Account (100474271)</b>		
Balance 16 June 2024	\$1,020.00	
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Payments</b>		
Misc Dr (R/E fr last month)	\$20.00	
Poster Design for Bands	\$300.00	
Eventbrite Fee for Bands	\$28.90	
		<b>\$671.10</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD AT</b>	<b>BANK</b>	<b>\$29,313.96</b>

Roger Barlow

Seconded:

## Correspondence In

			<b>Jun/July</b>
David Gillespie	Com Gov	Newsletter/Nationals Propaganda	June 21
Paul Thompson	Inklings	Thanks for sharing newsletter	June 23
Nicole Kosseris	PMHC	CCAT Media Protocol	June 24
Sue Poleweski	SALT Church	Screen use	June 25
Diane King	Resident	Firebreak clearing	June 26
Paul Poleweski	RegAusBank	Changes to Cheque Books	June 28
Ian Hartley	Resident	Changes to DA at 976 Ocean Drive	June 28
Diane King	Resident	Thanks for bush clearing near her property	June 29
Terry Hilton		Request for information re JP	June 29
Michael Toohey	Resident	Changes to DA at 976 Ocean Drive	June 30
Lesley Williams	NSW Gov	Club grant opportunities	July 1
PMHC	PMHC	Have Your Say - July Edition	July 2
Deborah Kelly	KAB	Sustainable Cities/Tidy Towns information letter	July 5
Mitch Graham	PMHC	18 Ngamba Place update	July 8
Jacqui Mumford	NCC	Nature Conservation Council request	July 8
Kylie Sullivan	TforNSW	U turn bays for HMD	July 8
Deborah Kelly	KAB	Keep Aus Beautiful Congress - EB offer	July 9
David Gillespie	Com Gov	Newsletter/Nationals Propaganda	July 12
Lachlan Jones	Resident	Footbridge for Duchess Gully	July 14

## Correspondence Out

			<b>June/July</b>
Paul Poleweski	BHPA	Feedback re Housing for our Future	June 25
Roger Barlow	PMHC	Offer to good to refuse - RBMP	June 27
Paul Poleweski	PMHC	Submission - Draft Open Space Plan	June 28
Paul Poleweski		Requisition for JP information	June 30
Paul Poleweski	PMHC	NSW Gov Grant Opportunity	July 1
Paul Poleweski	PMHC	Re DA modification for 976 Ocean Drive	July 3

## General Business for discussion and actioning:

### a) **CCAT and PMHC “Have your say” on:**

#### **- Draft Recreation and Open Space Action Plan and Rainbow Beach Reserves Masterplan**

A BHPA letter was sent to PMHC on 28 June on this Draft Action Plan in which we highlighted the omission of any BH reserve upgrades that were adopted by Council in July 2022, nor the “missing” plan for the main reserve at Rainbow Beach.

#### **- Housing for our Future documents**

Paul advised a BHPA letter dated 23 June 2024 was sent in response to these PMHC documents. Discussion followed on the implications of the documented development plans for housing in the Bonny Hills area. Tony put forward the idea that the proposed development be environmentally sustainable/ carbon neutral.

**Action** - Tony to explore recent housing estate approvals to see if they are encompassing environmentally sustainable components.

#### **- Draft Integrated Transport Plan**

Kathy investigated in depth this 10-page document and replied to PMHC noting implications for Bonny Hills were included in some of the short- and medium-term plans.

### b) **PMHC Op Plan 24/25**

Paul confirmed that four of the eight PMHC Councillors’ who recommended the 0% rate peg have won the debate, to the detriment of services that will either be downgraded or funded from a yet unknown source in the Operational Plan.

### c) **BHPA response to Proposed Modification to DA at 976 Ocean Drive, Bonny Hills**

BHPA had received letters from two residents with properties near the above location concerned at what has been requested in this proposed modification. A letter from BHPA dated 3 July 2024 was sent to PMHC supporting these concerns which we highlighted showed the changes proposed were outside the Councils own guidelines.

### d) **Bands at Bonnys Event this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Roger reported that the plans are coming together well and final organisational things are underway. Final roster has yet to be sent out - expect this in the next day or two.

### e) **Feedback from Hall users** (On proposal to install audio-visual and sound system)

Not all users of the Hall have yet been contacted

**Action:** Bill to follow up with users on their opinions regarding this initiative

### f) **BHPA Constitution changes**

Roger has been developing changes for the new model constitution.

**Action:** Roger to present a draft updated document at the next meeting

### g) **New member welcome letter and Information Package to new Committee members**

Information letter to be adjusted and updated.

**Action:** Paul to work on refreshing the new member Welcome Letter and separately Roger to modify the new Committee member pack.

### h) **Compiling a list of initiatives that could be progressed with Community Grants**

Paul had requested at the last meeting that committee members advise him of possible project or purchase initiatives where grants could support such initiatives. Only one was received

**Action:** All Committee members to list suggestions on to Paul before the next meeting

- i) **Houston Mitchell Drive/Pacific Highway intersection - new correspondence received**  
Kathy shared her frustration with the response from TforNSW re UTurn Bays. She expressed dismay at the response that came on July 8, commenting that the examples given are unlike the HMD intersection situation. However, Kathy will take up offer to visit the offered examples at Halfway Creek and New Italy to prove the point.

Kathy also reported fixed speed camera at the site are not an option (mobile cameras are policy now) and any further review of the situation will not occur before the end of 2024.

Wal from NRMA has been in touch with the TforNSW Minister and mentioned that, in their discussions, Kathy is known to her which is a positive thing. He recommended that she continue to make recommendations to the relevant authorities on the case for an overpass at HMD.

**Action:** Kathy to take up the offer for a visit with TforNSW representatives of offered examples of UTurn Bays.

- j) **Membership of Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce**  
After the presentation by Rod Bucton re membership of the CHCC at the May committee meeting, Paul moved that we pay the \$70 to become a Not-for-Profit member of this group.

Carried by assent.

**Other on-going business items being progressed/monitored**

- k) **NSW Govt Grant (via PMHC) – Spontaneous Volunteers Support Program**  
Paul P coordinated a proposal from BH RFS to PMHC for funding of an identified communication need. Council has now summarised all proposals across the shire and submitted to NSW Govt for decision.

- l) **Stormwater/Sewerage monitoring.**  
Ross reported on the current readings from regular water testing. There are a couple of instances where the pollution readings were relatively high. This was no doubt due to the recent high volumes of rainfall.

Purple pipe is now scheduled to be active in Sept 2024.

- m) **Electrify 2445**  
Nothing further to report at this stage

- n) **2025 Art Prize** – next Sub-Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept

- o) **Proposed Walkway signage.**  
Emailed and phoned Vivien Mitchell at PMHC but have been unable to get in touch as yet, so there is nothing further to report at this stage.

- p) **Local Fire Management**  
Paul G commented on the recent firebreak clearing behind homes on the southern side of Panorama Drive. It was not clear who was responsible for the widening of the fire breaks, with some residents grateful, others not so.

Paul G also reported that in his communication with local authorities, it has been 25 years or more since the last burn at Grants Head Reserve and so there is a planned Controlled Burn scheduled in the coming weeks.

- q) **Coastal Residents United.**  
Paul P reported a big win at Yamba against a developer trying to build on an inappropriate site.

- r) **Vegetation clearance issue in Ngamba Place.**  
This is still being investigated by the NSW Govt authority.

**s) Camden Head Master Plan**

Ross, in his role as President of the BH Land Care, has lodged a submission on this proposal.

**New Business**

**t) Frequency of Committee Meetings**

Paul put forward the idea that we meet every two months. Think about the possibilities and the best way forward to share at the next meeting.

**Action:** All come up with what they think the best way to share information and to get things done in the community in the best and most efficient way

**u) Footbridge over Duchess Creek**

In response to a resident's proposal to PMHC to upgrade the paths around Duchess Creek, including a proposal for a footbridge across it, a number of issues were raised. There is a problem with the changing nature of sand dunes. It would be a very expensive undertaking, and not one likely to receive support from council.

Comment was also made regarding all the walkways that connect to the main walkway to RB. Many are undulating and not safe, with reports of some older people being injured from falls in recent years. A clear example is the most northern track to the creek from Ingenia CP which is severely eroded and needs a lot of work if it is to remain open.

**Action:** Paul P to write to Council requesting an on site review of situation and potential risks to walkers

**v) Need to review and upgrade BHPA website and Facebook page**

Paul G has volunteered to work with Roger on finding someone/where to update the BHPA Website linking in with Camden Haven Chamber for possible guidance.

**Action:** Paul G and Roger to investigate best way forward by the next meeting

**w) Paul G spoke about the possibility of CFU (Community Fire Unit) for training and rapid response to fire emergencies in the local area. He will continue to work in the area to look at the possibilities for us**

**Action:** Paul G to report on his findings at the next meeting

**Meeting closed: 9.07pm. Next meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024, same place, same time.**

President

Paul Polewski

Secretary

Tony Robinson