



# BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING

19th April 2023 at 5.30 pm - Braidwood Servicemen's Club

## MINUTES

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.*

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

**Welcome to our guests from QPRC's Land-Use Planning Team: Lorena Blacklock, Tanja Hogg and Kevin Keegan.**

**Apologies:** John Tuckwell, Felicity Sturgiss

### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

**Moved:** Judy van Rijswijk      **Seconded:** Phillip Owen

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING AND NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

**a) Skate Park Update:** A very successful opening was held on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. More work on landscaping to come - another picnic table and shelter, and shade sails for the skate park are underway.

**b) Proposed rates increase:** Council has provided a submission to IPART. Public submissions can be made until 5 May 2023. More information is available on the QPRC Your Voice website: <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/srv>

**c) Affordable Housing Update:** BCA Submission was sent to QPRC on 28 Feb 2023. The submission can be viewed on the BCA website.

**d) Community survey of issues for the NSW State election:** Results were provided to all candidates. A successful Meet the Candidates event was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**e) Future use of the Old Library in Braidwood:** Discussions have been held with Rebecca Ryan (QPRC GM) and Jacquelyn Richards (QPRC Director, Community, Arts and Recreation). A proposal for the use of the Old Library after the closure of the Disaster Recovery Centre will be put to Council at the last meeting in April.

**f) Seniors Social Events:** \$6000 Disaster Recovery Funding has been received for a series of social events for Braidwood and District Seniors. Final date to use the grant has been extended to January 2024.

**g) Heart Health Walking Group:** The walking group meets every Wednesday at the rotunda in Ryrie Park. Start time in winter will be 9.30am.

**h) Community Transport:** Discussions have been held with Valmar Support Services. They have offered a medical transport service again, but this is dependent on approved drivers being available. They have also offered a fortnightly subsidised bus service to Goulburn and other locations.

#### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a) 15 Year Review of Braidwood's heritage listing:** GML report has not yet been publicly released. QPRC have proposed a **Braidwood Community Plan**, and the Heritage Review is needed to feed into this, as well as into the Braidwood Structure Plan.

Lorena Blacklock said it has not been finalised yet, but advised draft versions were available.

- b) Braidwood Structure Plan Discussion Paper:** Presentation by QPRC Land-use Planning Team, followed by Q&A and general discussion.

George Sheriff asked who contributed to the proposals re the Bypass. A couple of Councillors raised the issue of a potential bypass in 2017. Transport engineers were consulted in choosing potential routes. Lorena outlined the constraints on the routes. Further detailed studies will be done on specific preferred route. All Council can do is feed preferences to State Govt for their decision. Forbes raised the issue of some bypass options cutting through the curtilage. Tanya said this would be considered. Sue mentioned we needed to know the outcome of the 15 year heritage review as this feeds into the Structure Plan.

Nick Kemp pointed out traffic counts have not been done for a while. He suggested another one is needed.. Maureen Horder supported Nick's view. Lorena said that would form the next stage of discussion. Arthur Baker said the traffic count 10 years ago was 3 million vehicles annually. Nick asked about council access to analysts. He believed the traffic numbers were up to 5 million annually and that the current trajectory was unsustainable. He said the current traffic and rat runs were an accident waiting to happen. Lorena advised we need to tell them about 'rat runs' so they can do correct traffic counts. Trish Sargeson wanted more signage around schools. Tanya commented that driver behaviour is out of scope for Structure Plan.

Andrew Clark spoke about water shortages and wanted to know at what stage they came into the planning process. Tanya advised the water plan (supply and sewage treatment) is currently being reviewed. The document will be available for public comment.

Barbara Gilby spoke of renewable energy for Braidwood. She said the current infrastructure is not coping and asked if there was a place for energy and communications in the plan. Some residents at Summerfield can't feed solar power back to the grid. Lorena asked if that was something residents saw as important. Barbara believed it was.

George Sheriff referred to many plans that have been done over the years that were never implemented. He said there was much work to do with this plan before it can be agreed and implemented. Peter van Rijswijk agreed and suggested we needed to get all the relevant data (including heritage review) prior to commenting on the current proposed plan.

Arthur Baker stated there was no mention of medium density housing. He suggested that needs to be addressed in the plan. Tanya pointed out all the uses of land (including some medium density) currently available in R1 zoned areas. Sue pointed out that most of Braidwood is zoned R2 and this does not apply. Sue explained that R2 includes many

permissible uses, including Seniors Housing. Lorena reiterated Council need to know what we want with zoning restrictions.

Tanya said the advantage of a structure plan is that Council can say no to developers if the people of Braidwood have said they don't want something and it is not written into the Structure plan. The Plan can be reviewed and modified, but only with community consultation.

Cecile Galiazzo asked at what point council decides to act on issues (water, electricity, etc). Tanya commented that the Council doesn't set the growth rate. Cecile's point was about growth -v- available water. Lorena advised that when growth thresholds are met, more water is required prior to more growth being allowed. More people triggers more water / sewerage facilities.

Barbara Gilby believed deciding on growth figures is irrelevant as there is no housing for people now. Tanya wanted to know what was important to us. Do we want more infill or greenspace? What do we want to retain in BWD? What is special? This is the point of requesting comments on the Structure Plan.

Sheelagh Noonan asked if there was a documented 'knowledge library' of Braidwood issues and suggested solutions. Lorena stated that all information being collected is retained and put into a report.

Peter van Rijswijk spoke about a future plan -v- issues that need fixing now. All agreed these were two separate issues.

Sue explained the Community Plan. Lorena mentioned they were having very early-stage conversations and not much is known yet. Sue explained it would focus on three, five, and ten years time and look at the 'nitty gritty' issues. It was different from the Structure Plan.

Nick Kemp asked if Affordable Housing submissions were being considered in the Structure Plan. Lorena responded that where the points were relevant they were being considered.

David and Sue thanked our guests from QPRC for attending the meeting and answering questions.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cecile Galiazzo asked what was known about the s355 committee for Braidwood Central School gym being disbanded. She said the community had built the kitchen attached to gym. This meant it was owned by the community. Her concern was that the money raised from groups hiring the gym should be going back to the Council, and not the school. George Sheriff said he will look into what is going on as he was on the s355 committee.

## **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17 May 23**