



BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

16th May 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.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

Apologies: Cecile Galiazzo, Annie Duke

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 19th April 2023

Moved: Martin Glover

Seconded: Judy van Rijswijk

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Skate Park Update: Sue reported there has been a delay in the funding. The Skate Park builders have not been fully paid. Sue believes, as of yesterday, all of the funding had been received. A slab for the picnic table and shelter are yet to come, as well as a 2nd drinking fountain, and footpath from the skate park to the carpark, and another solar light pole. Annie Duke is looking into shade sales for the park. They have been quoted as costing approx. \$45,000. She is looking for funding from Bendigo Bank, Dargues Mine, Veolia, etc.

Judy van Rijswijk suggested the old shade sail from Braidwood Central School may be available for use. It has been taken down but not reused.

b) Future use of the Old Library in Braidwood: On April 26th Council unanimously agreed to BYPAA's proposal to manage the Old Library for community use, from 1 July. Peter van Rijswijk reported BYPAA is currently using it on Monday nights for a workshop. Wi-Fi and internet exist but they will need to find funds to use it. Council will manage commercial bookings. BYPAA will maintain cleaning of the building and will pay an annual fee. They are keen to hear from young people as to how they want to use the space.

c) Braidwood Structure Plan Discussion Paper: The BCA submission was sent to QPRC on April 28th. It is available on the BCA website and has been emailed to members. David Anthony believed our submission covered the opinions of most local people.

d) 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. Luke Watson has organised some local events to use his remaining bushfire recovery funds before June 30th, so we will keep our funds for events later in the year. If people have ideas of how the money can be used, possibly for ongoing events, please let us know.

e) Community Transport: Trish Sargeson reported Valmar Support Services in Goulburn have published a schedule of bus trips to Goulburn and other locations for the rest of the year. We are advertising these in local media and posters. Medical transport is possible, but Valmar relies on drivers from other places, and they have limits on travel time. Trish is advertising the bus service.

f) Heart Health Walking Group: The walking group meets every Wednesday at the rotunda in Ryrie Park. Start time in winter will be 9.30am. The walk finishes at Casanova's for coffee. Trish Sargeson is the BCA contact person. Thank you to Kathy King who looked after it in Trish's recent absence.

g) 15 Year Review of Braidwood's Heritage listing: John Tuckwell updated that he had emailed Damian Tybussek and received a response. The response split into 3 milestones – 1 – Desk Study report, 2 – Consultation, 3 – Recommendations. John said proceedings were dragging on and he is not confident we will get a response.

h) S355 Committee for the BCS gym: The Committee has been disbanded by Council with little explanation. Chris Duncan said the reason was that they were not getting anywhere with the school. David said the s355 committee would have been set up with guidelines about who could hire the facility and the reasons for it. Sue agreed we could approach the Department of education or our local member. Trish believed Steve Whan needed to be made aware that the school gym was not available to the community during the fires.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Transport for NSW: Review of the transport network in and around Braidwood and Bungendore. Responses due on June 2nd. Advertised in The Bugle and on Facebook. John said there was a previous study in 2013, so this could be an update of that. The question was asked about discussing a 40km/hr limit on the main street and some side streets. Barbara Gilby suggested 40km/hr from 8am to 4pm. Trish suggested signs stating children are in the area and at school. Andrew Griffith suggested we need cameras like the UK system. He commented that if we had a bypass most of our traffic issues would be fixed. John has started a draft response which he is able to circulate so people can add to it, due to the short timeline. David suggested we list the suggestions from the community in our response.

b) QPRC 2023-24 Draft Integrated Plans: Includes Draft Operational Program 2023-24, Draft Fees and Charges 2023-24 and Draft Revenue Policy 2023-24. John commented that the Operational Plan was based on the IPART submission being successful. Council is trying to balance maintaining services while reducing debt. Most money for new projects is coming from grants. John ran through current and projected projects in the Plan. He said the problems was they don't include current projects being rolled over, so it's only half the story. It was agreed we would post the Major Project Update on our website.

On exhibition at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au until Monday June 12th.

c) Braidwood Community Plan: The proposed Plan will look at things that we want action on now, 5 years, 10 years. Jacqui Richards at Council is leading the plan. She is looking to talk to different groups – youth, Summerfield, BCA, etc. Each village and town will have their own plans which will feed into Council's other plans.

d) European Wasp Information Evening and Survey: 17 May, 6pm. Council provides funding to a contractor on Council land. They will get information from Michael Squires and Sean Kaden and look at what else we can do. Where do we put the traps will also be discussed. BULG has some money for traps.

Link to the Wasp survey - <https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/zE9z5f>

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Gilly Burke issued a huge thank you to all who attended the opening of Old Anglican Hall.
- b) Margaret Tuckwell has taken photos of electricity poles in the main street. Some are very damaged and rotting. She has sent the photos to Essential Energy.
- c) Barbara Gilby spoke of the increase in Unimproved Land Valuations. Her small block at Summerfield has seen an increase in unimproved land value from \$60,000 (a couple of years ago) to \$381,000. Some in Summerfield have increased even more. She cannot understand why such an increase. Others on bigger blocks in town are valued the same as hers. Summerfield is zoned 'rural' not 'residential'. This may have had some impact on the increase. Summerfield residents will challenge the increase with the Valuer General.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 20 Jun 23?