



BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

19th September 2023 - 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:

Apologies: As per AGM minutes

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 15th August 2023

Moved: David Anthony

Seconded: Martin Glover

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Ongoing business items were covered in the President's report at the AGM. These included:

a) Skate Park Update:.

b) Use of the Old Library in Braidwood Rose Ricketson asked if single people could book the venue. Sue explained it could only be booked by groups and that commercial groups were able to book through council.

c) Community Transport

d) 15 Year Review of Braidwood's Heritage listing

e) Transport for NSW Review of the transport network in and around Braidwood and Bungendore.

f) Draft QPRC Operational Plan 2023-24. Felicity Sturgiss asked if the public were able to access the draft report. Sue explained they could do so. Consultation is advertised on the QPRC Your Voice website. The Operational Plan is the Council's annual budget.

g) Braidwood Community Plan

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) European Wasp Update: Sarah and Sue updated the meeting on what the Braidwood Ewasp Offensive is doing. They have distributed 20 Lure traps around town in likely hotspots near the creeks. These are aimed at catching emerging Queens to prevent new nests from being formed. Traps are checked every few days and Queen numbers are recorded. A mail-out in Braidwood of the European Wasp information leaflet (developed by BULG, the BCA and the BAVBC) is being organised. Council kindly arranged to print the flyer and the mail-out costs are being met from a grant from the Braidwood Bendigo Bank. Members of the Braidwood Ewasp Offensive, representing BULG and the BCA, will be at the Braidwood Markets on Saturday with information + wasp traps and lure for sale at cost price. For more information or to order Lure traps, contact Braidwoodewaspoff@gmail.com.

Nick Kemp and Jamie Raynolds (BAVBC) said that local businesses were interested and taking all information on board. The Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber (BAVBC) have spoken to businesses and distributed leaflets around town. George Sherriff mentioned there are many groups using the Rec Ground and a plan of action is required. Phillip Owen asked if there was a map of Ewasp hotspots. Sue advised that Michael Squires (Euro Wasp Control) was updating a map based on his observations and we would try to obtain a copy.

b) Braidwood Water Supply Report: Sue noted the NSW Public Works Advisory (PWA) report on the Braidwood Water Supply, dated March 2021 was presented to a Council meeting on 13th September 2023, and was now on the QPRC website. The link to the report is below.

[Braidwood Water Supply - Water Security Assessment and Drought Contingency Plan](#)

Due to confusion about current Water Conservation Measures, Sue sent some questions to QPRC.

Sue read through the responses she had received from Council. Nick Kemp said the BAVBC had made representations to Council regarding the water issue as the PWA report was already outdated. Trish Sargeson suggested Council could decrease Braidwood's water pressure in an effort to save water. Felicity Sturgiss recommended we promote water saving in town. Sue asked **Sustainable Braidwood** representatives Rose Ricketson and Felicity Sturgiss to put their suggestions in writing. George Sherriff asked where the Council's promised Braidwood Flow Management Plan was. Annie Chilton said Phil Hansen (QPRC) had said it was underway.

Olivia Bernadoff said she had heard there was a massive artesian basin under Braidwood. George Sherriff said there are underground water supplies around Braidwood but did not believe it was the answer to our water issues.

ACTION 1: Water Supply questions from the BCA will be put to QPRC before the Braidwood Community Meeting on 31st October 2023. We have asked that this issue be placed on the agenda for that meeting.

ACTION 2: Sue asked Felicity to organise a working group (BCA, BAVBC, Sustainable Braidwood) to look at workable options for water use and water saving in Braidwood.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Preparation for Bushfires: George Sherriff put on record that Reidsdale residents were developing fire plans which ultimately aided the RFS. He wanted to know what Council's fire management plan was for QPRC assets in and around Braidwood. He also mentioned that a community gymnasium with a large catering kitchen was built at BCS, which was then not allowed to be used in the 2019-2020 fires. Cecile Galiazzo asked whether the money from the BCS gym was coming back to the community, as it was a community asset.

Sue commented that since the 2019-20 fires, Bushfire Recovery funding had been received and used to update the Old Sunday School Hall and the Servicemen's Club for use as evacuation centres. This was a combined grant application and each venue will serve a different purpose. David Anthony suggested we should invite Lorrae Stokes (QPRC Local Emergency Management Officer) to speak with us about planning for future disasters including bushfires. The RFS are currently conducting bushfire preparation information sessions and we could ask for their input.

ACTION: Sue will contact Lorrae Stokes to invite her to attend a BCA meeting ASAP. The RFS will also be contacted.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17 October 2023