



# BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING

28<sup>th</sup> November 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: David Anthony, Martin Glover, Helen Rolland, Christine Leddy

### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Moved:** Phillip Owen

**Seconded:** Trish Sargeson

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

**a) Skate Park Update:** Shade sails should be erected in the next couple of weeks. A garden bed on the western side is under preparation for planting native shrubs in Autumn. Annie Duke received a grant from Veolia for shrubs.

**b) European Wasp Offensive (BEWO) Update:** Sarah Leheny reported that 660 European Wasp queens has been trapped by the BEWO. Many Braidwood residents have purchased traps and lure from BEWO and have reported big numbers of queens caught. We are now moving into the baiting season and Sarah referred people to professional exterminators to lay baits.

George Sherriff said he had been speaking with food businesses on the main street. Many believe they don't have an issue with wasps and have not taken any measures.

**c) Emergency procedures during fires and other natural disasters.** QPRC organised a public meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November. The SES, RFS, Braidwood Fire and Rescue, and Red Cross all gave very informative presentations. Lorrae Stokes, QPRC Emergency Management Officer, answered questions on evacuation arrangements. Lorrae hopes to set up a Community Emergency Action Team to help co-ordinate local responses to future natural disasters. Lorrae has been asked to put an article in the papers.

George Sherriff wanted to know potential evacuation sites prior to the emergency. Lorrae has been asked that but says they won't tell us until there is an emergency due to a range of factors.

### 4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

**a) Braidwood Water Supply:** This issue was discussed at the community meeting with Council on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Gordon Cunningham gave a detailed presentation and answered many questions in the breakout session time. John Tuckwell and Sarah Leheny report that:

- the population growth estimate used was incorrect and an underestimation for Braidwood. Gordon acknowledged that was a problem.
- Aquifers under Braidwood were not big enough for bores.
- Recycled water was being investigated for use on council properties (Rec ground and Ryrie Park).
- Non-revenue (unaccounted for) water was an issue Gordon is tackling.
- Smart water meters are being installed at private properties around Braidwood in an effort to better track water use and read meters more effectively.
- Gordon is looking into the possibility of a Kiosk in McKellar Street which would charge people for the water they draw.

George Sherriff raised the issue of inadequate water pressure in some areas of Braidwood and the implications of that on a house lost recently lost to fire.

#### **b) Braidwood Structure Plan submissions report.**

Sue explained what the Structure Plan is and responded to procedural questions and explained the next steps.

#### **c) Braidwood Community Plan.**

**Public transport options:** Discussion of Rixon buses. Peter van Rijswijk mentioned our ability to travel on the school buses for a nominal fee.

**Braidwood Pool:** Alisa Stephens spoke of remedial action required at the pool. She said the pool needed more than new change rooms and a new kiosk. It also required a heating upgrade or a roof over the pool. She believed accessibility issues were important, but increased accessibility, functionality and longevity by heating is necessary. The pool is not usable when it is 18 degrees. Alisa said the pump room has not been maintained by Council and will need replacing at some stage.

General discussion occurred about ways to make the pool useable for longer than the short summer season. Sue suggested looking for grant opportunities, getting quotes for work required, and contacting QPRC's grants officer to be kept informed about grant opportunities.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** nil

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024