



BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

16th January 2024 - 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, APOLOGIES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Apologies: Phillip Owen, Bronwyn Crosby, Annie Chilton, Jan Mason, Peter and Judy Rijswijk, Martin and Kerrin Glover, Anne McVilly, Kirsty Altenburg, George Sherriff, Margaret Royds

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 28th November 2023

Moved: David Anthony **Seconded:** Trish Sargeson

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Skate Park Update: QPRC have provided funding for the 3rd shade sail. Some landscaping still to do in Autumn. The project came in on time and at budget.

b) European Wasp Offensive Update: Sarah reported that the cooler wet weather had slowed the emergence of wasps. The BEWO is ready to advise and offer subsidies (where justified) for nest baiting and is getting ready for the Autumn lure trapping.

c) Emergency procedures during fires and other natural disasters: Lorrae Stokes (QPRC Emergency Management Officer) will follow this up. She will work with Red Cross and other groups dealing with emergencies and places used as evacuation centres to organise community workshops

Margaret Tuckwell said she had spoken with the pre-school and they advised that putting a map of the district on the back of the Pre-school calendar was possible. This would help people identify places impacted by fires, floods etc. This will be considered for next year's calendar.

d) Braidwood Water Supply: Sarah, Sue, and John reported on their site visit to the Braidwood Water Treatment plant and the Sewerage Treatment plant with Gordon Cunningham. All found it fascinating and believed the community would benefit from general tours. Gordon spoke of the possibility of an additional dam for water storage, and the roll out of smart meters across Braidwood. John mentioned a review of Palerang's Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy will be starting soon.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) Update on the Community Hub at the Glasshouse (the Old Library):

The Glasshouse interior is being painted (by Annie Duke). The computer and printer arrived today (available for community groups) and were set up by Gordon. Michelle Grant asked about using the building as a smart hub / office space. Sue said they are looking into how/if we can make that work. Wifi isn't connected yet, and access to the space needs to be worked out.

b) Braidwood Community Plan: Sue explained the Community Plan and called for further suggestions for the draft plan. She has added the following suggestions:

- Enclosed dog park
- Staged plan for further improvements to Braidwood Pool
- Powerlines moved underground
- Smart hub

Sue will contact Jacquelyn Richards with BCA comments and suggestions.

c) Preparation for QPRC elections this year (14 September): The BCA plans to invite councillors to attend BCA General meetings. There will only be a one-month window between confirmation of candidates and the election in September. The BCA plans to do a community survey and present (top six) ranked results to candidates.

d) Signage re Clarke Brothers: Judy Lawson is trying to have signage in Braidwood, Araluen and Gundullion describing the Clarke brothers as murderers changed as they were not charged or convicted of any murders. Council agreed to change signs but nothing has been done and no update has been received. QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee has agreed to the changes. Judy was advised to email Katrina Willis as the Council Representative on the Heritage Advisory Committee.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Christine Leddy advised the NSW Seniors Travel Card (valued at \$250 pa) has been cancelled. She has written to local member. NSW Council of the Ageing will advocate to the Minister for an alternative scheme. Available options are very limited or not workable.

Trish responded that it is possible to get volunteer driver assistance from the hospital for transport for medical appointments if you have no other form of transport. Valmar can offer some similar services but it is not necessarily workable. Rixon's Bus Service can take you to specific medical appts in Canberra (and return), but at set times.

Chris and Trish will work together on this issue. Chris agreed to draft a letter. It was also agreed to publicise existing services in local papers.

b) Margaret T spoke about the very successful 2023 community Christmas day lunch which was held in the National Theatre. Hire fees were paid by an individual as the s355 Committee advised fees cannot be waived for use by the community. Sue advised that Council can waive costs if a request is made well in advance. Margaret agreed to take on the issue.

c) John mentioned the Lids for Kids scheme is working well. The collection bin is outside the VIC. Lids must be washed and the inserts removed.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20th February 2024

ACTIONS:

1. SUE: Discussion with BYPAA and Jacquelyn Richards about using the Glasshouse as a Smart Hub.
2. SUE: Contact Jacquelyn Richards re the draft Braidwood Community Plan
3. TRISH: Work with Christine Leddy re advocating for a replacement for the NSW Seniors Travel Card.
4. MARGARET: Send HAC minutes re Clarke Bros signs to Judy Lawson
5. MARGARET: Investigate ways to cover the cost of the hall hire for the Christmas Lunch.
6. JOHN: Look into creating a survey for the Council election.