



BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

20th February 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 AND APOLOGIES:** Sheila Noonan, Margaret Tuckwell, Bronwyn Crosbie
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 16th January 2024**
Moved: David Anthony **Seconded:** John Tuckwell
3. **BUSINESS ARISING AND NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - a) **Skate Park Update:** 3rd shade sail is being organised by QPRC.
 - b) **Update on the Community Hub at the Glasshouse (the Old Library):** Peter van reported a podcast, circus, craft and maker's studio, and karaoke were all being run at the Glasshouse, and were well attended by kids. Jacqui Richards is looking into Wi-Fi.
 - c) **Emergency procedures during fires and other natural disasters:** No further information from QPRC or Red Cross. Bill Waterhouse mentioned Braidwood Radio will run workshops for emergency broadcasting.
 - d) **Signage re Clarke Bros:** Judy Lawson spoke with Cr Katrina Willis. Council is considering when the signs will be changed. She has also emailed Eurobodalla Council to change the sign at Nelligen.
 - e) **Community Transport and Seniors Transport Card:** Trish reported she is still talking with Valmar. They are very short of volunteers and funding. She will put info together to put proposal to Valmar. She feels she is getting some traction and will organise pamphlets at the show to drum up new volunteers.
4. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
 - a) **Braidwood Community Plan:** Sue reported on discussions with Jacquelyn Richards (QPRC Director, Community, Arts and Recreation). Jacqui will collate all responses received into a draft and allow us time to comment. Sue raised the swimming pool, which requires a replacement plant room (\$800,000). Jacqui provided an estimate for a retractable cover for pool (\$2M). There are no funds available at present. A fenced dog park (to be costed if feasible) was also mentioned. It could be a suggestion for inclusion in the 2024-25 Operational Plan.
 - b) **Childcare Services in Braidwood:** The Purple House has closed as they can't get staff. There is a waiting list at the pre-school. Jacqui Richards will raise this at a Council Workshop. Michael Crosby will draft a letter to Federal MP Anne Aly (stating essential

workers are moving away due to no childcare). A suggestion was made to put pressure on QPRC to run childcare centres. All attendees were advised to raise the issue with both local members. George Sherriff suggested Michael have a conversation with the BAVBC. Jan Mason will mention the issue to a meeting of **Chief Executive Women**¹, an advocacy organisation to which she belongs, and possibly mention it in an upcoming meeting with the Treasurer.

MOTION: Michael Crosby to draft a letter and send to organisations for their onforwarding to MP and local members.

PROPOSED: David Anthony

SECONDED: Sue Murray

c) QPRC Community Strategic Plan Consultation: (open until 15 March) John explained the context of the Plan and how it dovetails with other Council Plans. He stressed how important our input was via the survey. Proposal of Kitchen Table group – consisting of at least Judy and Trish. Peter van will ask for parents and teenagers via BYPAA.

MOTION: Put together a Kitchen Table group to provide feedback on Plan.

PROPOSED: David Anthony

SECONDED: Bill Waterhouse

d) QPRC Affordable Housing Working Group: EOI's by 8th March 2024. Sue asked for anyone interested to be involved.

e) QPRC Rates Structure Review Panel: EOI's by 26 Feb 2024. Jan Mason and Bill Waterhouse have submitted EOI's.

MOTION: That Sue email the Council supporting Jan's EOI.

PROPOSED: Sue Murray

SECONDED: John Tuckwell

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 19th March 2024

¹ CEW is the pre-eminent organisation representing prominent and influential women leaders from the corporate, public service, academic and not-for-profit sectors. <https://cew.org.au>