

<b>Braidwood Community Association</b>			
Meeting Type: <b>General Meeting</b>	Place: <b>Braidwood Servicemen’s Club</b>	Date: <b>17 March 26</b>	Time: <b>5.30 pm</b>
<b>Committee Present</b>	Sue Murray, Sarah Leheny, David Anthony, Cathie Owen, John Tuckwell, Judy van Rijswijk		
<b>Guests Present</b>			
<b>BCA Members Present</b>	Edward Emmett, Phillip Owen, Jan Mason, Anni Chilton, Yolanda Hambidge, Les Hambidge, Gilles Bonin		
<b>Apologies</b>	Martin Glover, Louise Poland, Margaret Tuckwell, Bill Waterhouse		

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Summary/Motion</b>	<b>Motion Moved</b>	<b>Motion Seconded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b><u>Item 1:</u> Welcome and Apologies</b>	David welcomed all attendees and performed an Acknowledgement of Country.			
<b><u>Item 2:</u> Endorsement of Previous Minutes</b>	Minutes from meeting 17 Feb 26 were tabled and accepted by the meeting.	David Anthony	Judy van Rijswijk	
<b><u>Item 3:</u> Business Arising and not included in General Business</b>				
<b><u>Item 3a:</u> Draft Braidwood Structure Plan</b>	Final BCA submission sent to Council.			
<b><u>Item 3b:</u> 88 Wallace Street Redevelopment</b>	No further information			
<b><u>Item 3c:</u> U3A follow up</b>	On hold for now. Peter and Jude are over-committed. People who submitted expressions of interest have been asked if they want to run with Braidwood U3A set up.			
<b><u>Item 3d:</u> Seniors’ Festival March 2026</b>	Successful program of events was held, organised by QPRC (Sue Froewis) and Laurann Yen.			

<b>Item 3e: Amendment to Constitution</b>	Received and approved by Dept of Fair Trading.			
<b>Item 3f: Overland Flow Plan</b>	No further information.			
<b>Item 4: General Business</b>				
<b>Item 4a: Braidwood Microgrid Project</b>	<p>John Tuckwell explained the history of the project. The project is for a 5-megawatt solar farm and battery, which would be able to supply the entire district when the sun is shining. Site is 15ha at Wallace’s gap Rd at Ballalaba (Terry Neilsen’s property), and not visible from the road. Still requires a DA which will be assessed by a special body (other than council). System will be on the grid but able to be taken off the grid if the national grid goes down. Funding comes from owning company (EDPR). Opportunity for Braidwood to invest if we can raise \$1m. Project has asked for a letter of support from the BCA.</p> <p>MOTION – To send requested letter of support from BCA</p>	Sue Murray	Phillip Owen	All agreed
<b>Item 4b: Priority list for Braidwood projects for 2026-27 Operational Plan</b>	<p>Input of Braidwood’s priorities to Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add walking path around Braidwood to the list – path to be constructed section by section.</li> <li>• Prioritise issues with dangerous access around town (walking, cycling)</li> <li>• Footpath on Coghill Street between Wallace Street and Ryrie Street</li> <li>• 40kph speed limit on Wallace Street instead of 50kph.</li> </ul> <p>Mongarlowe and Majors Creek bridges to be replaced in 7 years by concrete bridges. Therefore, no maintenance will be undertaken in the meantime.</p> <p>ACTION – David to confirm with Council and confirm bridge inspections.</p>			
<b>Item 4c: Congratulations to Bente Hart</b>	Cathie sent a congratulatory email to Bente Hart on behalf of the BCA for receiving the Award for NSW Pharmacist of the Year.			

<b>Item 4d: Walking path around Braidwood</b>	Might be easier to obtain approval, funding, and construct broken into stages.
<b>Item 5: Any Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acknowledgement that Mongarlowe Hall is an amazing community asset and much used by the community.</li><li>• Need to advertise where locals can go during extreme weather events – express appreciation to the library for encouraging and supporting safe space.</li><li>• MPS looking for extra volunteer drivers – contact Leanne Backhouse</li></ul>
<b>Item 6: Next Meeting</b>	21 April 2026