



# BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING

21 May 2024 - Braidwood Servicemen's Club

### AGENDA

*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:

David welcomed all attendees and performed an Acknowledgement of Country. He welcomed our guest Derek Tooth, QPRC Manager Contracts and Projects. Derek was invited to speak about the plans for Stage 1 of the carpark behind 88 Wallace Street.

**Apologies:** Sarah Leheny, Martin Glover, Virginia Hooker

Derek distributed concept plans for the carpark to be funded by a \$3m Federal Govt grant and some existing Council funds.

#### 1. Long term plan for the site

- Move depot
- Deal with contamination on the D&S and depot sites
- Studies and consultation re future use.

#### 2. Carpark (Stage 1)

- Plan is a concept only – no details as yet
- Layout of spaces and location of EV charging stations to be determined
- Trees will be retained.
- Use by Council employees and local business staff is envisaged
- Will include smart lighting, CCTV, solar panels, EV charging substation,
- Vehicle entrance and exit from Duncan Street, with signage on Duncan St to indicate number of spaces available,
- Pedestrian access to Wallace St will be provided
- Water and sewer connections from Duncan Street to provide for potential future use of the site.
- Some "incidental parking" currently used behind 88 Wallace St and the National Theatre will be retained.

#### 3. 88 Wallace Street - Old D&S Motors site

- Future use will be "whatever the town decides"
- It will be used as a public space with access to the off-street carpark
- The building will be pulled down but some parts will be saved. The old wooden trusses will be incorporated into any new development.
- Initial decontamination study has been done but exact locations of all previous fuel pits is unknown
- History of the site is available on the QPRC website. (include a link)
- A concept sketch of a possible development is on the QPRC website, but the final design will be open to further consultation.

- *New public toilets included in future plans.*
- *Fencing on the southern side next to Fyre Gallery will be provided*
- *Disabled parking is planned for Wallace St*
- *Stormwater drainage onto Wallace St will retain heritage granite gutters but make them functional*
- *Some sheds behind 88 Wallace Street will be removed.*

#### 4. **Next steps**

- *Engage a design consultant*
- *Create plans*
- *More consultation on future development*

## 2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Moved:** John Tuckwell

**Seconded:** Sue Murray

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

### **a) Childcare and Early Childhood Education Centre closure** – Michael

Crosby has reported that there is interest from a private provider in reopening and expanding the Purple House Centre.

**b) Community Transport and MPS Services** : Information re the Community Transport Service operated by Eurobodalla Shire Council has been received and will be passed on to QPRC. Support letters could be sought from Medical Centres and Summerfield. Questions were asked about the current use of the hospital bus.

**c) Braidwood Community Plan:** Final comments from BCA's review of the draft plan have been sent to Council staff.

**d) QPRC Affordable Housing Strategy Working Group:** The group includes Cr Katrina Willis, Council planning staff and community representatives. It will meet regularly to provide input to Council on the QPRC AHS Implementation Plan 2024- 26. Sue Murray and Sarah Leheny are volunteer members from the Braidwood community. Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**e) QPRC Rates Structure Review Panel:** Sue and Jan Mason attended the second and final meeting of this panel on 29<sup>th</sup> April. After extensive discussion the attendees unanimously recommended that there should be no change to the current Rates Structure.

**f) NSW Fire and Rescue Zone for house fires:** Sarah has received a reply from NSW Fire and Rescue Service advising F&R boundaries in the LGA will be reconsidered towards the end of the year. Both F&R and the RFS will respond to house fires in the Braidwood town area.

## 4. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**a) Drainage at the Rec Ground:** Sue contacted Jacquelyn Richards, QPRC Director Community, Arts and Recreation about the repeated flooding of the Life Centre. Council has allocated \$200,000 in the draft Operational Plan for 2024-25 for work on drainage at the Rec Ground.

**b) QPRC Integrated Plans 2024-25.** John Tuckwell briefly summarised the main points in these plans relevant to Braidwood and district. The BCA will provide a written submission. John noted the allocation of \$1.2m to rural roads

funding with the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grading team for unsealed roads, and the allocation of funds for drainage at the Rec Ground.

John noted that the Palarang Water Access charge is to increase by 15.6%. This is a result of a decision by the previous Council and was predicated on taking out loans which have not eventuated. The BCA will argue strongly against this increase in our submission.

Our submission will include an assessment of Council's performance on the 6 Braidwood and District community priorities identified before the election of the current Council.

**c) Regional Drought Resilience Plan:** QPRC are working with Yass Valley Council and Snowy Monaro Regional Council to develop a Regional Drought Resilience Plan. Sue Murray was invited to take part in a Regional Drought Resilience Planning Stakeholder group. This involves 2 meetings with other QPRC representatives. The first meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**a)** It was noted that the pensioner rebates for rates and other charges are not clearly advertised on the annual rates notices. All present agreed that this needs to be rectified so all those eligible receive the rebates. ACTION: BCA to include this in our submission on the Integrated Plans 2045-25.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024