

BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 17th 2021

BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMENS CLUB

AGENDA

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1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:**

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2ND 2020**

Moved:

Seconded:

3. **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES SURVEY**

To meet QPRC timelines re the 2021-22 Operational Plan, we need to submit our list of priorities by 31st March. To do this we are proposing a Kitchen Table group be formed to create a community survey. Suggested time frame:

17/2 Form a kitchen table group to develop a survey of community priorities

23/2 and 2/3 : Kitchen table group meets to determine questions.

28/2 to 29/3: Publicise survey in media and Facebook.

3/3 to 30/3: On-line survey open. We will use SurveyMonkey for this.

23/3 to 30/3: Write up survey results report (actual results from survey are available in a table and can be dropped into the report at the end).

31/3: Send survey report to QPRC.

Early April : Councillors consider draft QPRC Operational Plan 2021-22, which is adopted at their meeting in late April.

We will be looking at short, medium and long term priorities. Short-term goals feed into the **2021-22 Operational Plan**. Longer term goals feed into the **2021-24 Delivery Program**. With this information we will be prepared for the QPRC elections in September.

Depending on what the Kitchen Table group decides, there may be two surveys: the first prioritising short term priorities and seeking input into medium and long term priorities; the second prioritising medium and long term priorities in good time before the September elections.

Nominations for kitchen table group:

4. **BUSINESS ARISING AND NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL BUSINESS**

a) **Lascelles St Upgrade:** Work is expected to start early in 2021.

b) Plans for Council Customer Service Area and Library: Council voted on Dec 16th to “finalise the design prior to seeking tenders, and if required, seek additional grant or Council funding to supplement the budget.”

c) Swimming pool upgrades: Sue Lyons and Roger James are in touch with QPRC about the next stage, including upgrading the change rooms and kiosk, and installing a new heating system.

d) Monkittee Creek Bridge: Work is expected to start soon on upgrading the pedestrian pathway across the bridge to improve safety.

e) Skate Park Grant Application: An application has been submitted for a BLERF grant, with 85 support letters. The BCA Youth Activities Sub-Committee and the Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association (BYPAA) raised over \$5000 through printing and selling -shirts and bags, and running the Braidwood Book Fair for a day. Bendigo Bank generously supported the screen-printing workshops, which were a great success. Thanks to the many generous and talented people who helped with these activities. T-shirts are still available for sale.

f) BCA Website is now up and running. See information below. Thanks to John Tuckwell for the enormous amount of work he has put into this, with help from Gordon Waters.

g) ‘Share the Dignity’ Pinkbox has arrived and will soon be installed in the toilets behind the library. Sarah Leheny will co-ordinate this.

h) Bushfire Recovery: QPRC Bushfire Recovery Team will be developing a Community Resilience Plan, in consultation with the community.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) To and from QPRC – Ricky Tozer, Debbie Sibbick, Joanne Wilson-Ridley, Terry Campese, Melissa Higgins, Ashleigh Brady, Colin Grant.

b) To and from Nick Fry (Bendigo Bank) and **BYPAA** re fundraising for Skate Park.

c) To and from Marjorie Lemin re Book Fair

d) To Tim Overall re proposed Braidwood Structure Plan

6. TREASURER’S REPORT:

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) Affordable Housing: Janene Collins/Trish Sargeson

b) Braidwood and Curtilage Heritage Advisory Committee: Margaret Tuckwell

c) ‘A Community Under Fire’ Documentary: Don Jones

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

WEBSITE INFORMATION

The Braidwood Community Association now has a website up and running at <http://www.braidwoodcommunity.org.au/>. This has three features which are of particular interest to the community:

Community Calendar – This is still being populated, but contains meetings of community organisations and events around town. These could be music events at the pubs, club and national theatre, films, markets, art exhibitions openings, special events, when the Services NSW Mobile Service Centre is in town and even garage sales. Hopefully it will in due course take on a ‘claim the date’ function for planning events and avoiding clashes of events on the same day. Putting events up is easy through a simple online form at:

<https://www.braidwoodcommunity.org.au/community-events-2/> (submit event button).

Listing of community and not-for-profit organisations – this directory is useful when you want to join or contact an organisation new to you. The listings contain contacts, when they meet and a summary of what the organisation is. This is currently being updated and can be found at <https://www.braidwoodcommunity.org.au/community-groups/>

Inventory of Braidwood Community Assets – this contains venues, equipment and facilities which various organisations have and which are available for the community to use for a fee or for free. These range from the APEX children’s jumping castle, Lions portable PA system to Majors Creek Festival’s Composting toilets. This is currently being populated a various community groups provide their information and is at:

<https://www.braidwoodcommunity.org.au/braidwood-inventory-of-community-assets/>

Otherwise the website contains information about the BCA’s, records of all its open meetings and submissions made on various issues as well as a gallery of photograph taken around town.