

BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING MARCH 16TH 2021

Braidwood Servicemens Club

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

The meeting opened at 5.35pm. Sue M welcomed the group and thanked them for coming.

Apologies : Sue Lyons, Cecile Galliazzo, Kirsty Altenburg, Anne McVilly,

Barry Osmond and Derek Tooth from QPRC were welcomed as guest presenters.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17TH 2021.

Moved: Trish Sargeson, **Seconded:** John Tuckwell

3. PRESENTATION BY DEREK TOOTH AND BARRY OSMOND FROM QPRC.

Sue introduced Derek Tooth and Barry Osmond, engineers from QPRC. Derek showed a PowerPoint presentation about the Lascelles St upgrade. The road is being rehabilitated, storm water drainage is being upgraded, new street trees are being removed and footpaths will be added to halfway up the street. Car parking will have new line marking, and new water mains will be installed. What is NOT happening: A roundabout at Wallace street, and retention of existing trees. An arborist has found them not to be significant and the plan is to have a street scape of medium sized shade trees. Trees selected are Chinese Pistachio and Gleditsia (Honey Locust).

So far, the designs and arborist's reports are complete. Consultation has included a QPRC Your Voice public consultation. Representatives of the BCA were consulted, and also the Garden Club and the QPRC Braidwood Heritage Advisory Committee. NSW Office of Heritage are to provide comment by next Friday. The Braidwood Develop Control Plan is key to the design, with the footpaths being considered in the context of the 'look of the town'.

The driveways will be lifted on the northern side, and the crown of the road shifted to improve storm water drainage. In front of the supermarket, a hot mix pavement will be installed. Disabled parking spaces will be included. Kerb extensions at the Wallace St end will be storm-water designed, and new storm-water pipes installed. The kerb extensions will include small shrubs. These will be similar to the extensions outside the bank/theatre. The design is sympathetic to Heritage requirements. This design should improve traffic and pedestrian movements at the Wallace St/Lascelles St intersection. There is a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the road. The approved heavy vehicle access is not through Lascelles St and this design should deter the heavy vehicles currently using it. The question of a possible bypass was raised, and Derek responded that there was a council resolution several years ago to investigate options for a bypass. This is a future discussion.

The next steps are to receive the NSW Heritage comments and then determine how the contract will look, and when it will commence. Expected start date is August 2021, and completion date Dec 2021.

Derek opened the floor to questions. John T asked what would happen if Heritage NSW do not approve? Derek commented that the safety of the street crossing is very important. Further discussion followed about the Heritage process, regarding possible changes to the DCP, and the construction techniques to be used. Barry Osmond explained the engineering behind these projects, and the challenges that have been faced.

Margaret Royds asked if the Wallace Street section of the supermarket corner would be paved. Derek will consider it – it is not in the current project.

David A thanked Derek for his time and introduced Barry Osmond.

Barry spoke on the plans to upgrade the intersection of Nerriga Rd and Kings Hwy. Barry had plans on display. This is Stage 4 in the current Nerriga Road upgrade project. Being a Kings Hwy intersection, several departments are involved, and lighting requirements and other issues are being considered. Nerriga Rd is earmarked as a heavy haulage route, so this intersection needs upgrading to allow for that. Water management is changing to ensure the hydrology of the site is captured optimally. A turning lane from Canberra will allow one truck space for the turn. This design is based on traffic flow (historic, with a growth factor). The turning lane will not allow trucks to completely leave the road in order to turn. The residents that will be impacted have been consulted. The project does not include planting, and some trees will be removed. A garden may be added in the future. Guard rails will go along the creek. This project will start soon.

Cheryl Raper asked for signage to ask trucks not to use airbrakes. Barry said this can be done.

Sue asked about the Monkittee Bridge pedestrian path project, and Barry had a plan to show. The concept proposal is not yet fully funded, and negotiations with Transport for NSW continue. A fence is planned for the bridge, and the guard rail will be replaced. A sewerage pipe was removed to help improve the situation until a better solution is made. Storm-water changes are also being included. Footpaths leading onto the bridge are planned but not yet funded. Cheryl asked about a separate pedestrian bridge. QPRC supports this, but at this point no funding is available, and there are no firm plans in place. QPRC is committed to supporting us with this endeavour. There are engineering challenges, and safety considerations and a definite need for a stand-alone footbridge. We are encouraged to lobby Transport for NSW and our State MP. Derek commented that QPRC are continually seeking grant opportunities.

Nick Kemp pointed out an issue regarding the parking area and a tree near Troopers Rest. Barry will ask that an assessment of the tree be made by QPRC's arborist. Margaret Royds asked if QPRC could assess the hydrology from the school playing fields into Mackellar Street.

David thanked Barry for his time, and members expressed their appreciation to Derek and Barry for the information provided.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Community Survey is underway online and in hard copies around town. The 'kitchen table' group has met twice. Sarah Leheny created the survey on SurveyMonkey, with help from John Tuckwell. Responses due by 26th March. John has started a submission to Council, which needs to be completed by 31st March.

b) Swimming Pool upgrade. Latest news from QPRC is that work completed last year (tiling, fixing leaks etc) cost around \$513,600. The upcoming work on the change rooms, heating etc is being funded from a \$1m NSW Govt grant. Final designs for this will require DA approval and a 2 week public notification. If not started by mid-year, it may need to be deferred till March 2022. Alternatively, temporary toilet facilities could be set up. Next year's swimming season will not be affected. There is currently no funding for a new pool.

c) Monkittee Creek Bridge Pedestrian path. As above, plans were provided and explained by Barry Osmond from QPRC.

d) Share the Dignity Pink Box has been installed in the female toilets next to the Library.

e) Bushfire Recovery. Community Meetings are underway as the first step towards developing local Resilience Action Plans. The Braidwood meeting on March 9th was well-attended.

f) Fenced off-leash dog park: to be raised at QPRC Community Meeting in May.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) To and from QPRC – Ricky Tozer, Michael Goiser, Debbie Sibbick, Joanne Wilson-Ridley, Terry Campese, Melissa Higgins, Cristina de Jongh

b) To and from Samantha Lloyd (Aurelia Metals), Bonnie Daniel (Royal Mail Hotel), Michelle Buckley (Baptist Care), Maggie Hickey (BRAG),

6. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer not available.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) Affordable Housing: A Sub-Committee has been formed. Janene Collins is the convenor. The next steps are to hold a meeting of people interested in the issue, and build a core that can undertake the work. Various steps will be identified, eg land, zoning, potential partners. Specific tasks would be allocated as appropriate, and Janene asked for interested parties to sign up with her, and she would provide details. This is to commence within the month.

b) Dargues Gold Mine Community Grants. Chase Dingle and Samantha from Aurelia Metals were introduced to speak about this grant program.

Chase thanked the BCA for the time to share their news. He also thanked Phillip Owen, our representative on the Dargues Mine Community Consultation Committee who organised this presentation. The Dargues Gold Mine community grants program is intended to contribute sustainability to a variety of projects – education, cultural, environmental...it is broad. They need community support to grow the program, and more applications will help this process. They hope to facilitate this through application-writing workshops. The cap is currently \$3000 per application. In the last round, Braidwood Tennis Club received funds for astro-turf, and BYPAA also received some funding. Previous projects are Majors Creek BBQs and Gundillion Hall. Information is available on the mine website or via the community hotline. The next round will open in April for 8 to 10 weeks. Sue asked them to keep sending us info, and to come to meetings anytime.

c) Reverse Vending Machine: Update: Jamie Raynolds has pointed out that an automated machine is necessary, as the Royal Mail Hotel needs this to move on. David Cooper and Jamie are meeting with Tim Overall soon to discuss possible sites for a return and earn facility. Jamie will pass on community consensus for this project, and BCA will write a support letter.

d) Braidwood Water Supply. BCA has received the following information from QPRC:

“Council has engaged NSW Public Works to assist with a review of our water security for Braidwood. This review includes an assessment of the yield from the Shoalhaven. Depending on the outcome of that review, further work may be considered regarding additional source options.”

The survey responses so far indicating this is a key issue. QPRC is aware of this.

e) Braidwood Structure Plan

In reply to a question from BCA, following a mention of this in a recent newspaper article, QPRC stated:

“Braidwood Structure Plan has always been planned to be developed following the adoption of the Bungendore Structure Plan (finalised in 2020.)

f) QPRC Community Meeting (held every 6 months). Date of next meeting is Tuesday 11 May from 6-8pm at the Club. Items can be added to the Agenda by the community.

g) Neighbours Day Picnic: 28th March, North Ryrie Park, 12.00-2.00pm. BYO picnic.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) AGM is coming up, and membership renewals are needed. Going forward, memberships will be due at the end of each financial year.

b) Chase Dingle commented that a Mine planning committee has approved a one off contribution to the Rec Ground of \$460,000. Those funds are ready to be paid.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: AGM Tuesday 20th April

Meeting closed at 7.05pm.