

# BEECHMONT AREA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

**Held:** 7.00 pm Monday 8 July 2013

**At:** BEECHMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Demountable Building, 1835 Beechmont Road, Beechmont, Qld 4211

### ATTENDEES:

Allen Barker (President Community Garden sub committee), Beryl Blake, Tom Blake (*President*), Geoff Bruce, Wal Cattermole, Peter Clark, David Farnworth, Fran Gilbert (*Treasurer*), Ian Gilbert, Maurie Hansell, Diane Kuhl (Minute Secretary), Sally Mackinnon (did not stay duration), Corey Millison, Janet Moore, Lyn Moore, Janet Ritchie, Doreen Sproul (*Vice President*), Ger Vloothuis (*Secretary*), Steve Walters, Cr. Virginia West (*SRRC*) & Karen White

### APOLOGIES

Doug & Jenny Bradfield, Terri Brown, Paul English, Carol Gistitin, Alan Leach, Trish Parrot, John Ritchie, Mark Ritchie, Andrew Sproul & Wendi Trulson

### MEETING OPENED

Tom thanked everyone in attendance for making the time in his or her busy lives to attend this BAPA meeting.

### MINUTES FROM LAST GENERAL MEETING 8 April 2013

Tom asked the meeting if all present were in agreement that the minutes of the previous general meeting are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

#### Motion 1

Minutes from Meeting held 8 April 2013 are true and accurate

Moved by: Maurie Hansell

Seconded by: Doreen Sproul

All in agreement

### MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Tom announced that Cr. Virginia has informed him that Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC) have, in the 2013-2014, budget allocated \$20,000 for the repainting the cottage.

Maurie said Hugh Dunne from SRRC has told him that SRRC will be painting the cottage and Hugh has suggested we use the \$10k from BAPA's Jupiter's Casino for something else however we will need to inform Jupiter's of any change of plans, a form needs to be completed. Our usage of the Jupiter's grant has to be under the scope of what we asked for originally, ie: painting of old buildings.

Tom interjected and said that he has been told by Hugh Dunne to deal with Graham Andrews of SRRC see copy of email sent to Tom from Hugh

*Dear Tom,*

*Congratulations on receiving the grant allocation. Council has also allocated funds to the project in its 2013/14 capital budget.*

*With this in mind, Council is happy to discuss your proposals below. Please bear in mind that any project agreement would need to be subject to Council policies and procedures.*

*Please contact Graham Andrews to further discuss details regarding the project.*

*Regards*

*Hugh*

Graham Andrews has told Tom that in addition to the painting they will be installing some airflow vents in walls. Then we will have to tackle the interior mould problem, if it reoccurs, ie: lets get it all cleaned and see if it reappears.

Cr. Virginia tabled a card from "Rusty" the painter who is currently painting the Canungra Hall of Arts. She confirmed that whomever does the job is required to hold the correct tickets and qualifications. Cr. Virginia suggests we get a quote from Rusty and then make a meeting with Hugh and/or Graham.

Janet Ritchie thanked Cr. Virginia for the help in firstly the budget allowance of \$20,000 and secondly for getting the Community Centre grounds maintained so beautifully, all in agreement.

After some discussion during matters arising from previous minutes and correspondence it was agreed that BAPA would obtain 3 quotes for the repainting of the cottage exterior.

### **Motion 2**

That BAPA obtains 3 quotes for painting the cottage, one from Garth Osmond, one from Rusty and one from SRRCouncil.

Moved: Maurie Hansell

Seconded: Janet Ritchie

All in agreement

Tom & Maurie will obtain these 3 quotes and then organize a meeting with Graham Andrews.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Maurie tabled and read to the meeting the first and only quote received from Painter Garth Osmond, but it lacks detail, Maurie will revisit with Garth and noted that Garth Osmond's quote may change depending on if the current peeling paint is oil based, Tom asked Maurie to ask Garth for a full definition of his quote including "sanding".

2. Community Garden Email sent by Tom Blake, Tom read the email to the meeting and discussion was held in regard to the community garden areas. Alan and Corey confirmed that the Garden group does not touch the circular garden where George Rankin recently planted a Beechmont White beech tree as part of the "Bring back the Beech on Beechmont" campaign of 2010. The Garden group has found a Poinciana tree growing in this circular garden and Corey will dig it out and plant it in a pot. Discussion was held in regard to where it could be planted (it may look nice near our soon to be painted cottage) and/or the Garden group could sell it on market day. The Garden group to give an update on what happens with the Poinciana tree at the next meeting.

3. Letter from Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) informing that they do not currently have any grant funds available for Beechmont. Tom will write a BAPA letter back to GCCC informing him of our disappointment as many members of BAPA live in Lower Beechmont and frequent the Beechmont Community Centre for activities such as Info Centre, Yoga, Gardening, Craft, Children's music group, markets etc and also note that we have been lucky enough to be afforded grants from SRRC and Jupiter's Casino for urgent repair work to the 1930's built buildings.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Fran reported that there is currently \$23,000 in BAPA's bank account, \$3000 of which belongs to the Community Garden Group sub committee.

Major outgoings being insurance of \$2,700 for the year which now incorporates the annual Zest Fest plus BAPA now has insurance for volunteer workers added to the policy.

Market revenue has improved with 24 stalls holders at the April 2013 market; recent best was July 2008 with 34 market stalls.

Alan Barker informed the Treasurer that the Community Garden Group's bank account is now up and running and he will give Fran the bank details for the transfer of their \$3,000.

### **Motion 3**

That the Treasurers report be accepted by the meeting.

Moved by: Fran Gilbert

Seconded by: Janet Ritchie

## REPORTS

1. Community Garden Group - Alan reported: that they require funds to do more improvements plus purchase equipment. Equipment required is a whipper-snipper. Alan and Corey confirmed that Teri is very mindful of occupational health and safety and she includes training of equipment usage at the regular gardening workshops. Alan has done some equipment investigating and suggests a Honda; Geoff suggested he could give some tips on reliable makes / brands and maintenance of garden equipment.

Alan reported: that the Community Garden Group's attendees range from 3 year olds to over 65's and is becoming very popular within the Community. The garden is looking great and growing, all in agreement.

2. Zest Fest, Wendi Trulson emailed brief report on the 23 June 2013 Zest Fest was tabled, reporting that 485 paying people went through the gate, with a total revenue \$2473, with children and market stall holder there was well over 600 people whom attended. The day was a great success and a further report will be given at the next BAPA meeting. Tom noted that BAPA requires confirmation from the current Zest Fest committee that they are willing to continue and organize Zest Fest 2014. *To be discussed at next meeting.*
3. Doreen reported that the Op Shop sales have been down, possibly due to winter weather and not as many visitors to the Community Centre. However, people are still dumping items on site, in an attempt to stop this a notice is appearing in the Gold Coast Hinterlander each month, instructing that donations to Op Shop MUST be made during opening hours or by prior arrangement, dumping is strictly prohibited. Doreen requested permission to purchase some more clothing hanging racks, or purchase timber and materials and Geoff will construct them.

### **Motion 4**

BAPA to purchase additional clothes racks for the Op Shop

Moved by: Doreen Sproul

Seconded: David Farnworth

## GENERAL MATTERS

Karen explained that weekends at the Café in the information cottage have been very slow and it's really not worth it, except of course on market day. Karen explained that some improvements are required for the kitchen and cottage to make it viable for the café to be open every weekend.

Corey suggested parking spots for motorbikes; it may get them to stop.

Cr. Virginia suggested liaising with Graham Andrews in regards to improvements.

Discussion held in regard to the Cafe "looking" like it's there and happening, a deck with tables and umbrellas, incorporate the view, offer coffee vouchers, etc.

Peter Clarke suggested that a proposal of improvements to the cottage café for next meeting so we can make plans. It was agreed that Tom & Maurie, for the next meeting, would put together some options and designs and approximate costs of suggested improvements. Tom did mention that if someone wants to run the business of the café they are welcome to put a proposal forward to BAPA.

Cr. Virginia suggested that SRRC's current round of community grants close in August and BAPA should apply for a \$2,000 grant for café improvements.

Tom queried the name of BAPA and much discussion was held; David Farnworth explained the origins and history of BAPA and explained that there still is a role politically for BAPA to represent the community on matters of progress (changes / development).

Maurie feels that the community now accepts the name of BAPA and we must be mindful that there are many new people now living on the mountain.

Ger said that there are some advertising gurus now living on the mountain and suggests BAPA could ask them to donate their time and do a re branding exercise for BAPA.

Ger and Tom reported that BAPA's email list currently has 350 addresses listed, and BAPA members should promote the [www.beechmont.org.au](http://www.beechmont.org.au) website to other Beechmont community members and suggest they join the Emailing list.

Cr. Virginia congratulated BAPA on the success on obtaining a Jupiters grant and that the Zest Fest was spectacular this year, well done. Cr. Virginia informed that the community can "Have your say" about the planning scheme which SRRC are currently asking communities of the Scenic Rim to comment on land use, SRRC is also calling for nominations of heritage listing suggestions of significant buildings, this closes 23 August.

Discussion was held in regard to nominating the Community Centre plus the triangular Cream Shed located on the roadside adjacent to the late Brian Kennedy's property.

Janet Ritchie requested that BAPA nominates the Old School Site.

### **Motion 5**

That BAPA nominates the Beechmont Community Centre 1835 Beechmont Road, Beechmont, as significant heritage buildings.

Moved by: Steve Walters

Seconded by: Janet Ritchie

Cr. Virginia tabled the updated Scenic Rim transport timetable; Bus runs from Beaudesert to Pacific Fair via Canungra, bookings are required, details on SRRC website.

Cr. Virginia also tabled a grant application from the Australian Government Community Food grants for Community gardens which unfortunately closed on 4 July but suggests the garden group monitors the Government website for details regarding the next round of grants. Handed over Allen Barker, Garden Group.

Cr. Virginia also informed that Beechmont's designated neighborhood safe places, in case of emergency and natural disasters, are the Beechmont rural fire shed and Graceleigh Park.

Cr. Virginia tabled an Economic brief of the Scenic Rim area, compiled after last census. Cr. Virginia also announced that starting at the end of July SRRC will be rationalizing the waste transfer stations, Canungra will be open 6 days from 9 to 5 and closed Thursdays. Good news is that the repairs to the Goat track up to Tamborine Mountain have been completed and this road will be reopened during July.

Discussion was held in regard to BAPA's constitution, Maurie requested that Ger obtains a copy of a current generic constitution for Community Association and we compare it to BAPA's current one. It was also agreed to publish BAPA's constitution on the website

#### **Motion 6**

Move that a copy of BAPA's current constitution be uploaded to the website, [www.beechmont.org.au](http://www.beechmont.org.au)

Moved by: Maurie Hansell  
Seconded by: Corey Millison  
All in agreement

Diane revisited a previous planned BAPA project as requested by Iris Rankin in 2012, Diane will forward to Ger the details so far regarding a request approval by SRRC that a commemorative historic notice / inscription can be posted at Nell Scott park explaining who Nell was and why this park is named after her.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00 pm

**Next BAPA Meeting will be Monday 14 October 2013 at 7pm**