

**BEECHMONT AREA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

**Held:** **Tuesday 6 October 2015 at 6.00 pm**  
BEECHMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Demountable building at 1835 Beechmont Road  
Beechmont, Qld 4211

**ATTENDEES:** Felicity Baker, Beryl Blake, Tom Blake, Peter Clark, Fran Gilbert, Coral Gistitin, Maurice Hansell, Alison Johnson, Diane Kuhl, Bronwyn McKinlay, Janet Moore, Janis Rossiter, Tom Sharp, Doreen Sproul, Paula Sproul, Wendi Trulson, Ger Vloothuis, Michael Wood.

**APOLOGIES:** Geoff Bruce, Ian Gilbert, Fay Hansell, Janet Ritchie, John Ritchie, Mark Ritchie, Andrew Sproul, Cr Glenn Tozer (GCCC) & Cr Virginia West (SRRC)

**MEETING OPENED 6.02 pm**

Tom welcomed all 18 attendees and introductions were made.

**MINUTES FROM LAST GENERAL MEETING 10 August 2015**

Tom asked the meeting if all agree that the minutes from previous meeting are true and accurate.

**Motion 1**

Minutes from Meeting held 10 August 2015 are true and accurate.

Moved by: Janis Rossiter  
Seconded by: Ger Vloothuis  
All in agreement

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Tom reported that Di & Glynn Edwards have shown interest in operating a café / gallery in the headmasters cottage, they are planning on starting 3 days a week, Friday, Saturday & Sunday and see how it goes. Tom will discuss this further later in the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ger reported that correspondence received is as follows:

Letter re: Walking Tracks, from Michael Wood & email from Bluey Dean, Tom confirmed this will be discussed later in the meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fran Gilbert, Treasurer tabled financial reports for period 1 Feb 2015 to 30 Sep 2015 (copy attached), and confirmed that at the August market there were 11 stallholders and 12 at September market.

Wendi reminded Fran to invoice Zest Fest for insurance contribution.

Tom also reminded Fran that his invoice re deck work has not yet been paid, Fran will organize payment once the Bendigo bank account is set up with all signatures. Fran reported the delay is that Doreen is required to visit a Bendigo branch for authorization.

### **Motion 2**

That the Treasurer's report be accepted

Moved: Fran Gilbert

Seconded by: Doreen Sproul

### **NEW BAPA MEMBERS**

Fran reported that there are 4 new membership applications being: Penny Bydlinski, Nicole Pickering, Roger Rich and Claudine Clarke.

Tom Sharp has also completed a membership application, however his joining fee has not yet arrived into BAPA's bank account.

Current BAPA financial members equal 70.

### **Motion 3**

That BAPA accepts the above noted 4 new applicants as financial BAPA members.

Moved to: Fran Gilbert

Seconded by: Wendi Trulson

### **Zest Fest**

Wendi reported that Di & Glynn Edwards ran the September market BBQ and will do October market as well.

The date for 2016 Zest Fest has been set and will be held on Sunday 26 June 2016.

The Zest Fest committee still requires an invoice from BAPA re insurance contribution.

The Zest Fest committee first meeting for 2016 event will be held soon, before the next market day to organize promotion of Zest Fest etc.

### **Market report**

Janis reported that the market picked up last month, from previous month, and there has been lots of feed back regarding the car boot sale planned for 18 October market day. Advertising will start soon Janis is doing a flyer for letterbox drops promoting car boot sale in conjunction with October market.

BAPA mobile phone is a prepaid and needs to be topped up, Tom will get phone from Janis and will top up prepaid \$30, BAPA pays for this and this number has been advertised for many years as the market contact number. Janet Moore expressed that the role of Market Coordinator should have been handed over to Janis correctly from word go.

Tom Blake will be away for October market but he will try and find a volunteer to put up the market signs and banner.

### **Garden Group**

Janet Moore reported that all is going very well, everything is growing, however, regarding behind library building in front of the toilets area, circular garden and a great spot for market visitors to sit and eat and soak up the view BUT it is an eye sore, the

garden group have agreed and are willing to tidy up along the fence line etc. Wendi expressed her desire to have this area cleaned up. The garden club is aware of the 3 significant trees that are now established in this area. After some discussion it was agreed that maybe BAPA needs to inform Pat Fitzgerald of this planned tidy up, Doreen will discuss this with Pat.

Tom reiterated that the double gate near the tennis court is to be shut at all times, due to previous mains road rulings as it is dangerous access on the bend of Beechmont road at this area and that is why the roundabout and car park were built.

Janet Moore thanked Ger for forwarding to her the grant details from Scott Buchholz Federal MP but unfortunately it is not suitable for them.

## **OP SHOP**

Doreen reported as follows:

*“Winter has been reasonably quiet at the Op Shop, see Treasurers report, but donations of goods have been steady. Many thanks for the continuing support with time and donations. With this in mind I have registered with the Garage Sale Trail to be held on Saturday 24 October 2015 in an effort to recycle some large items. Thanks to Marie Robb for running the ad in the “Hinterlander” and thanks to Cr. Virginia West for bringing the Garage Sale Trail to my notice.*

*It is with regret, but in the interest of harmony, that I withdraw my proposal to relocate the Op Shop to the Cottage, which would have seen a reduction in volume of the Op Shop and a reinvigoration of the Information Centre.*

*I will continue to trade / recycle from the current (library) building and look forward to the present support I am receiving.”*

Tom thanked Doreen on behalf of BAPA for her many years of hard work, going on 5 years in the Op Shop and for many years prior to that in the cottage café and information centre.

## **Cottage report**

Tom reported that with the last grant BAPA applied for is still awaiting the results published late January 2016.

Deck – Tom is planning to hold on Friday 13 November & Saturday 14 November a working bee to complete the final items for the cottage deck construction. Items include; replacement of some cracked boards, fill some gaps, Tom has a 20-point list from Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Tom continued discussions regarding Di & Glynn Edwards proposal to operate the cottage as a Café/Gallery starting 3 days a week, Tom will be meeting and discussing with them to nut out what they are proposing and then it will be put to the executive committee for determination.

## **Cr. Virginia West (SRRC) report**

Tom read out aloud email received from Virginia at 2.36pm today:

*Hi Tom*

*My apologies for the meeting tonight, had planned on attending but am Acting Mayor this week and have an appointment at 5 pm now.*

*Just wondering if you might read out the points I would have raised please?*

*\* Funding from the Vibrant Towns and Villages project, \$35,000 has been itemised to fund the upgrade of the Beechmont Memorial in Graceleigh Park , with the plan that work commence after Remembrance Day so it is completed by Anzac Day 2016.*

*Council officers working with the Anzac Committee on the project.*

*The memorial was constructed over 20 years ago and has stood the test of time admirably but time for a refurbish.*

*\*Nominations are now open for Australia Day Awards 2016, forms on the website or I can email one to who ever may require it.*

*\* new Scenic Rim Tourist magazine, I will bring some up for Doreen for the Information Centre.*

*\* let me know any progress on the proposed walking trails.*

*Kind Regards, Virginia*

*Virginia West, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Division 3*

*Scenic Rim Regional Council*

Tom reported regarding the Walking trails; that verbally Virginia has told him that track A is not factored into Council budget this year.

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

Walking trails – Tom explained that he and Wal Cattermole have been investigating all the gazetted roads & footpaths around Beechmont and they would like to re create some for the school children and walkers to have safer walkways than the narrow windy roads of Beechmont.

A sub-committee of BRASA has been formed and Tom and Wal are the only members so far but are putting the call out there for others that are interested to join. The attached map is the discussion paper and discussions were held at great length.

Tom's plan is to pay for some gates and road base to be installed and Tom would like to suggest that BAPA donates \$2000 as a show of support to the creation of some more walking tracks. Tom explained that this is only a "think tank" at the moment. Bluey Dean's email said he and his neighbours would not like people on their property and that the tracks are not maintained and people would wander into private lands.

CAROL explained the Tuesday morning walking group walks up the easement from Beechmont Rd opposite the new school to Southwest Road, as it is quiet and safer than the main road.

Michael Wood from Doomben Court would not like more people coming to Track D and parking cars up in Doomben Court, he believes that Track D is not needed as it is just another path to the Denham falls track. Michael feels Tom is uninformed; Tom suggested Michael discusses with Wal Cattermole 5533 3037 who has set up the Walking Trails sub committee under BRASA. It has been put on Face book but only as a discussion paper trying to get this information out to the community. Doreen suggested the neighbours from Doomben and Doncaster meet and discuss. Tom has been to the Department of Roads and has been told that all gazetted roads and footpaths are owned by State Government but managed by local councils.

Di suggested BAPA asks Cr. Virginia West if some funds for maintenance of track A & parts of track C be included in the Council's budget for next year. Doreen explained that council previously attempted this when the school changed location but the tracks soon became overgrown. Felicity Baker is keen to have safer walking tracks to the school, much discussion was held. Maurie explained that he and Wal via Land Care know of some waterfalls near the Summit Estate that could have tracks to them.

Tom welcomes all proactive Beechmont residents to join the BRASA sub committee for walking trails. Tom articulated that it is very early days and much more discussion held in regards to walking tracks is required.

Open Studios – will be held over the weekend of 28 & 29 May 2016, areas of the Community Centre that Wendi can utilize over this weekend were discussed. Wendi will require the demountable, Doreen confirmed that the OP shop will be open that weekend and Wendi confirmed that the Garden Group should definitely be involved that weekend holding an interactive workshop (compost making, seed raising etc), Janet will discuss with Garden Group and get back to Wendi. Wendi needs to know soon as the paperwork is required to be lodged by 31 October 2015. Wendi confirmed that in the advertising we could include the whole Beechmont spread with artists and community centre activities.

Bendigo Bank - Peter Clark reported and updated the meeting that the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank recently gave the go ahead to establish a Canungra branch, there will be lots of information distributed over the next few weeks, with the prospectus launched in about a months time. Looking at January / February 2016 before sufficient capital is raised to build the Canungra branch.

Beechmont Tennis Club - this Sunday 11 Oct 2015, 10.30 am onwards is the official opening of the new grass tennis court at Graceleigh Park, Beechmont it will be a fun day for families to entice children and families to take up tennis, this year there are 12 children attending Tennis Coaching lessons. On Sunday there will also be exhibition matches and coaching squad demos, plus the netball girls have been invited.

Street Lights - Carol queried the lack of streetlights around Beechmont, she has been asked about why there are only streetlights in the new road areas. Janet Moore explained her recent experience at Lower Beechmont, she attempted to get a light installed on a light pole that is already in place and has a light number noted on this pole but had no luck. Carol is concerned about the corner of Binna Burra Road and Boongalla Road for safety reasons she believes a streetlight is required at this location.

Polo Field - Wendi informed the meeting that up at the Summit Estate a Polo field is being construction apparently the DA was approved in just 2 days. The streets are not wide enough for the construction trucks and heavy traffic. Local residents are putting details together for discussion with Cr Virginia West, who unfortunately could not be here tonight. Discussion was held regarding the local community not being informed about this development. Wendi will forward Craig Perkins letter to Ger re off flow into Back creek etc. Wendi explained that, in mid September, Council did a letterbox drop of a flyer to the Summit estate, giving the link to the approved DA. Further discussion was held in regard to it being Council's obligation to consult the community. Wendi is keen to write a letter to Cr Virginia West and Cr Glenn Tozer, and discussion was held in regard to the details and apparent non-consultation. A letter from BAPA requesting more information from SRRC will be sent to Cr Virginia. Wendi will work with Ger to produce this letter.

#### **Motion 4**

Ger on behalf of BAPA will send a letter to Virginia requesting additional information plus request that she attends BAPA's next meeting on Monday 14 December 2015.

Moved by: Tom Blake

Seconded by: Ger Vloothuis

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

**Next BAPA Meeting Monday 14 December will be 2015 at 6pm**