

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

**Held:** 12 September 2016  
7.00 pm

**At:** BEECHMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Activity Room 1835 Beechmont Road, Beechmont, Qld 4211

**ATTENDEES:** Beryl & Tom Blake, Peter Clark, Glyn & Diane Edwards, Fran & Ian Gilbert, Carol Gistitin, Maurie Hansell, Diane Kuhl, Janet Moore, Nicole Pickering, Doreen Sproul, Cr. Virginia West (SRRC), Ger Vloothuis

**APOLOGIES:** Geoff Bruce, Janis Rossiter, Wendi Trulson & Cr. Glenn Tozer (GCCC).

**MEETING OPENED at 7.00 pm**

Tom welcomed all 15 attendees and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Firstly, Tom briefed the meeting on the results of the 10 August 2016 BAPA meeting with the Mayor, Cr. Virginia West, Scott Turner and Hugh Dunne, all from SRRC, and SRRC's request for a Material Change of Use (MCU) for the Community Centre.

BAPA representatives (Tom Blake, Glyn & Di Edwards) have been working on this and have now put together a draft MCU application, under the current zoning the Community Centre cannot have more than 2 events each year at the Community Centre site. Council have in the past "turned a blind eye" to this usage however now BAPA has 3 months to lodge an application for MCU to SRRC. Tom passed around to the meeting copies of the draft plans and documents that will only be used for the MCU but include many "pie in the sky" items that are only noted to "future proof" the MCU, the Community Centre being the main focus. Tom & Glyn plan to take these drawings and documents to SRRC Town Planning for some assistance and guidance, prior to lodgment.

Ger noted that he has investigated with State Government and apparently Council's can give temporary licenses for café operations. Glyn and Ger will discuss this further.

Cr. Virginia West requested that Tom & Glyn write an accompanying letter to Council regarding the granting of a discount to the fees associated with the MCU (SRRC contact is Scott Turner).

**MINUTES FROM LAST GENERAL MEETING 11 July 2016**

Tom asked if all agree that the minutes from previous meeting held 11 July are true and accurate.

Discussion held and it was noted that Doreen's full op-shop report was not completely included in these minutes.

**Motion 1**

Minutes from Meeting held 11 July 2016 are true and accurate

Moved by: Tom Blake

Seconded by: Janet Moore

All in agreement

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Liquor grant board that the return detailing what the recent grant was used for must be lodged by Jan 2017.
2. SRRC letter to BAPA confirming request for an MCU as per the meeting of 10 August.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fran explained the Treasurers report, and noted currently there is an under spend (year to date) of \$1900. (Copy attached\*\*\*\*\*).

### **Motion 2**

Move that the Treasurers report be accepted

Moved to: Fran Gilbert.

Seconded by: Janet Moore

All in agreement

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Current members 59 plus new members listed below:

Bernadette Fitzgerald

Maurice Fitzgerald

Warren Fitzgerald

Lolita Hopkins

Colin Pearce

Lesley Spann

Gareth Thomas

Rod and Della Burton

### **Motion 3**

To accept & ratify the new members listed above as BAPA members.

Moved to: Diane Edwards

Seconded by: Fran Gilbert

All in agreement

New Members address and email details are to be added to Beechmont.org.au database and mailing list.

## **GARDEN GROUP**

Janet Moore reported that they have not started fixing the fences as per SRRC's request because they are very short of manpower at the moment.

Janet will create a garden flyer for the notice board in Cafe as reported by Glyn and Diane Edwards; many visitors to the Café are inquisitive about the impressive community garden.

## **Market report**

In the absence of Janis Rossiter discussion was held regard last 2 market days, and unfortunately there have been only 12 market stalls at each of the last 2 markets, however everyone involved believed visitor numbers have increased.

Discussion was held in regard to the market signage and how recently one was left up (by mistake) after the market for a few days, and quite a few people turned up the next Sunday and enquired at the Café, when are the markets? So we know that the signs really do work.

## **OP SHOP**

### **Doreen's report**

Many thanks for the continuing support of my bunch of helpers' especially Di & Geoff. Also thanks to all who have donated goods for sale. I have quite a lot of new books, clothes and magazines for sale. I have had to post a sign on the door re dumping of goods. I will open anytime within reason to receive donations, I have left both my phone numbers. Also I am open now Saturdays 9 to 12 noon. I have applied to participate in the Garage Sale Trail for the Op Shop, which is on Saturday 22 October 2016, and I have approached Beechmont Rural Fire brigade to do a sausage sizzle on the day. This will be held on the grassed area between the Op Shop and the Cottage.

I have 2 copies left of "Taming a Plateau" @ \$20 each in the information centre area of the Op Shop and have some copies of "Scenic Rim" (free) with me tonight.

SCF KIDS (Save the Children Fund) is well attended and brings some life to the Community Centre on Wednesdays between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

Comments recently regarding the Op Shop have been:

*"This is Aladdin's Cave" & "This is a REAL Op Shop".*

Also all small appliances and electrical items have now been tagged and tested.

Doreen reiterated her report from last meeting regarding the lifting of some roof panels recently due to strong winds and subsequent water leaks – this will be added to the repairs and maintenance list for Graham Andrews (SRRC). Tom suggested Doreen talks to a builder / electrician to install 2 exhaust fans in opposite corners, Doreen will get quotes and then seek approval from the Executive Committee.

## **THE HEADMASTERS CAFÉ SUB COMMITTEE**

Glyn reported that Di's new knee is mending well. Glyn thanked Colin Pearce, Wendi Trulson & Delvae Edwards for helping him out when Di was off with knee operation and recovery.

Opening hours are 8am to 4pm both Saturdays and Sundays, and Glyn has increased the rent to BAPA to \$50 per day. He recently had to pump out the grease trap at a cost of \$300.

Glyn reported that they receive many comments from people that the Cafe should be doing more food and advertising etc Glyn ensures he is always positive about the Council relationship. The Council will bring the cottage infrastructure up to correct public standards and BAPA will lodge the MCU application. Glyn feels we should now be very positive with the Council.

The Café will have to close during the Council renovations and Glyn will work in with Council, Virginia hopes the reno will be completed in efficient time. The Gallery is looking nice but they are not pushing this until after renovations. They have agreements with each Artist that it is “all care no responsibility” as there is no insurance in place for the art works. Discussions regarding if there is enough funds we may need to put up some CCTV monitoring, Glyn has sought prices being from \$1300 to \$1500.

Glyn has also had interest from car & bike clubs wanting to make the Café a destination on their day trips, also the Hang Gliders club have requested the cafe be their HQ during their upcoming October competitions, that is when and if the flying is on at Beechmont.

Discussion was held in regard to utilizing the whole of site in particular the shelter shed.

### **Cr. Virginia West, Reported**

Virginia announced that there is a planned Council and General Community meeting being held 6pm to 8pm on Wednesday 28 September 2016 at Graceleigh Hall. Tom explained that BRASA instigated this meeting and if anyone would like Tom to take any questions to the meeting, please let him know, prior.

Virginia explained the plans for the planting of trees and re-vegetation of areas surrounding Back Creek in the new Aracia & Jervis acreage subdivision. Virginia explained that it funding by a Federal grant of \$80,000 and explained the involvement of the Green Army.

Tom explained he had information and a map of the plans of the proposed 4WD track, pathways and creek crossings in this Back creek area. Ger will put this on BAPA's website.

Free tree day in Canungra is Saturday 1 October 2016 from 9.30am to 3pm.

Bromelton Industry open day will be held at the Centre Beaudesert on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

EAT local week recap – it was a very successful week this year, with a 300% increase in visitors from outside the region compared to last year.

Beaudesert Draft Town Centre Master Plan in conjunction with SRRC creating vibrant towns and villages will be holding an information “have your say” day on Monday 26 September (flyer attached).

### **Community Centre Repairs & Maintenance**

Tom explained his recent discussions with Hugh Dunne from SRRC, and Tom's plan to present a yearly spreadsheet to SRRC of the Community Centre's repairs & maintenance items that require attention. Tom is planning on having a meeting soon with Graham Andrews and will create this R&M ongoing spreadsheet.

### **Bendigo Bank**

Peter Clarke reported that the Canungra Bendigo Bank official opening of the branch (which is located between the Chemist & the Outpost Café) will be held on Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 6pm and the Bank will be fully functional from 24 October 2016.

Tom said it had been a bit of a nightmare with Bendigo Bank getting BRASA's sub committees separate bank accounts etc. Two of the office holders need to be additional signatories on each sub committee bank account.

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

Tom discussed the planned community meeting with Council on 28 September 2016 and he will be positive about representing the community and its wishes.

Discussion held in regard to North Graceleigh Park and ideas for its use, items like an outdoor gym etc. Tom reiterated that it is very important that WE (The Beechmont Community) make Council aware of what exactly the Beechmont Community wants plus what has been wished for and wanted to get done in Beechmont for many years.

Tom asked the meeting if everyone is happy with the way he and Glyn are going ahead with the draft MCU as tabled tonight.

### **Motion 4**

That the tabled master plan and strategic plan only be used to facilitate the MCU process and not to ratify future plans.

Moved by: Tom Blake  
Seconded by: Diane Kuhl  
All in Favour

Peter Clarke announced in conjunction with PINK October in Canungra, there is a Pink sports day at Graceleigh Park to be held on 30 October 2016 (flyer attached)

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.