

President's Report

on behalf of the

Bonny Hills Progress Association (BHPA) Committee

Annual General Meeting, 15 August 2020

[delayed by COVID-19, and conducted by ZOOM]

BHPA and its purpose

BHPA committee is a group of volunteers elected annually. The nub of our charter is to champion and protect the Vision for Bonny Hills agreed by our community and recorded in the Bonny Hills Community Plan, 2019.

What did we do in 2019/20?

Highlights were:

1. Brought Bonny's **Community Plan** to fruition together with Council staff and community members on CCAT¹.
2. Purchased and installed a **covered table and seating** at the Hall Reserve and a bench seat overlooking the skate park, with funding from a Council grant.
3. Purchased and installed a **basketball tower** on the netball court. Funding for this came from the Back to Bonny's History book sales.
4. Together with Council conducted a mural design competition with the winning design by Kim McLean being painted TWICE on the Rainbow Beach amenity block – the second time due to destruction of the amenity by fire!
5. On behalf of the Bonny Hills Hall Committee a successful grant application was lodged to the Stronger Country Communities Fund [Round 3] for a verandah extension on the Community Hall.
6. Together with RFS ran a bushfire planning event



A hallmark of all these projects was the huge effort put in by community volunteers.

¹ CCAT = Community-Council Action Team, on which BHPA has 4 members

Behind the scenes

- COVID-19 has delayed the roll-out of Community Plan actions, particularly the Review of the Reserves MasterPlan, but be assured we are on the case.
- BHPA submissions to Council and others can be found on our website at – www.bonnyhills.org.au/bhpa_actions.html
- Supported Bonny Hills Landcare in their approaches for assistance
- Follow-up with EPA and Council regarding Water quality in Duchess Creek and dying trees adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant is delivering promising results.
- Collated responses from our community on mobile black spots and conveyed these to our Federal member
- Encouraged Council to run a successful Wastewater Treatment Plant Open Day.

Community consultation

- BHPA Facebook pages
 - Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BonnyHillsProgressAssociation> has 560 followers.
 - The Back to Bonny's Facebook page has a specific role of gathering historical material
- The BHPA website www.bonnyhills.org.au serves as a publicly available resource regarding BHPA modus operandi and activities.
- Bonny Hills Newsletter articles and press releases

Report Card

Were BHPA's efforts in 2019/20 a useful contribution to Bonny's? You be the judge.
A special thanks to:

- Our great outgoing committee – Bill, Elizabeth, Ian, John, Kathy, Pam, Ross, Tony; to Florence Williams our auditor; and for the support of BHPA members
- PMHC staff for all their efforts on our behalf over the last 17 months
- And to our donors and volunteers.

Challenges for the incoming committee will include:

- Progressing projects in the Community Plan:
- Build on the engagement and communication forged in Back to Bonny's
- Raising funds for projects – public art and adult exercise equipment.
- Membership – we aim for 10% of our households engaged

Roger Barlow, President
On behalf of the 2019/20 BHPA Committee.