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BHPA Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 19 August 2025, 7pm, Bonny Hills Community Hall

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Meeting opened at 7 pm by Kathy with a welcome to country

2. Attendees

Kathy Regan; Paul Poleweski; Tony Robinson; Bill Howell; Ian Simpson; Ross Smith; Wendy Taylor; Virginia Cox; Graeme Cox; Ian Richardson; Ann Armstrong; Neville Armstrong

3. Apologies

Roger Barlow; Pam Barlow; Sue Poleweski; Helen Smith

4. Conflicts of Interest

Nil

5. Acceptance of Previous Minutes - Meeting held 15 July 2025

The previous minutes were accepted

Moved: Paul Poleweski; Seconded: Wendy Taylor

6. Treasurer's Report

Paul presented the financial report - see Appendix 1

7. Membership Report

In absentia Pam reported that membership monies were still coming in and that there were no new members

8. Correspondence In and Out

See Appendix 2. A thank you letter was handed to John Slater and Kylie Moss thanking them for their continued support on the production and delivery of the community newsletter

9. Business Reports

a. Community projects

i. HMD/M1 intersection

TforNSW previously indicated there would be a report ready in September on possible short term safety measures. Kathy will seek an update on this during September.

ii. **Planning for the 2026 Art Prize**

The MOU for storage and use of the display stands has been accepted by the BHPA and the HVFAA

iii. **Progress on Proposed Walkway signage**

Tony spoke to the previously shared signage masterplan proposal. Positive feedback was received and the document was accepted. Comment was made about the potential number of signs but as this was a work in progress these could be adjusted as each sign proposal was addressed.

Ross reported back on his contact with John Heath regarding the indigenous name for the 'Tank Stream'. John was not aware of any name but suggested Midgeebilla which translates to 'small waterway' in English

Action

Tony to contact PMHC re the missing Bartletts Reservoir sign

Action

Contact John Heath re the proposal to move the Grants Head sign to a more prominent location

Action

Organise a planning meeting to finalise the masterplan document to be shared with council

Action

Send the finalised proposal to PMHC for approval

iv. **List of possible initiatives for BHPA to fund/co-fund**

No discussion

v. **Awards in 2025 for the two local primary schools**

Kathy reported there has been no feedback from the schools as yet

vi. **Progress towards BHPA Awards**

After some discussion Ian S moved that an inaugural BHPA Award be offered this year to be handed out at the April 2026 AGM. This was seconded by Tony R and the motion was carried. The subcommittee will finalise the details for this project.

10. PMH Council interactions

Kathy, Roger, Wendy and David Trotter met with reps from PMHC to discuss important considerations in planning for the upcoming RBRMP. The positive outcomes of this meeting are found in the recently shared posters and documentation. An information poster will be letter boxed to the residents in the vicinity of the reserve. A public meeting/workshop has been called for Wed Sept 3 at

6pm at the Surf Club Hall.

Bill is continuing to work on the list of things that require attention in and around the hall to be shared with Joel at PMHC

Action

Bill to share the list with the committee once complete and report at the next meeting

11. Environment & Sustainability

Ross spoke to the recent letter he has sent to PMHC re the problems of erosion along the dunes and at RBR. (see Appendix 3) He also pointed out the need for clarification as to where the boundary of RBR is because the beach is managed by a different PMHC department. In his role as president of the BHLC he will continue to work with PMHC to try and get the best possible outcome for the issue.

The monthly water testing data at Saltwater and Duchess Creeks for the past month have not produced any high readings

Ross brought his thoughts to a close by suggesting the need for a major tree planting initiative for the community to ensure there are wildlife corridors that offer the best possible habitat and protection for the local fauna. He is seeking ideas for the location of such a planting.

Action

Ross to keep the committee updated on this issue

Action

Ross to report again on the monthly water quality data

12. Sustainability

Tony reported on his recent visit to Grafton for the Saul Griffith book launch. Positive feedback continues from the recent Expo and Tony will work with the Energy Forever group on future potential projects in this area

Action

Tony to work with Energy Forever in regards to future Energy Saving programs

13. BHPA & Committee operation

Still a work in progress

14. Spontaneous Volunteers Program

No discussion

15. Disaster/Community Recovery Meetings

Paul has registered for the September Zoom meeting and will report at the next meeting.

16. Any other business

- a. Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce
It was decided to continue our membership in this organisation. Tony to follow up with Luke Hadfield.

- b. There was some discussion regarding Virginia's suggestion for a fundraising event for flood victims. While it was agreed by all present that this is a very worthy initiative it was also agreed that it is not within the remit of BHPA to organise such a project. The primary responsibility of BHPA is as a local community service organisation, not a charity.

It was pointed out that individual members are welcome to organise and participate in such initiatives.

- c. Paul raised the idea of a BHPA Member BBQ some time in the next couple of months. He will suggest a date and time at the next meeting

17. Meeting Close

9 pm

18. Next meeting: Tuesday 16th September 2025.

Appendix 1

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BHPA)		
No 5: RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 12 JULY TO 16 AUGUST 2025		
1) Community Support/Members Account (500031361) Balance 16 AUGUST		
Balance 12 July 2025	\$1,131.46	
Receipts		
Member Fees	\$195.00	
Payments		
Stationery (Pam Barlow)	\$26.29	
		\$1,300.17
2) Community Strength Account (500111729) \$95.21		
and Comm Strength Inv Account (100519540) \$31335.83		
Balance 12 July 2025	\$31,358.02	
Receipts		
Bank Interest	\$73.02	
Payments		
Total of both accounts		\$31,431.04
3) Grants Account (500204783)		
Balance 28 Feb 2025	\$0.00	
Receipts		
Payments		
		\$0.00
4) Events Account (100474271)		
Balance 1 March 2025	\$1,000.00	
Receipts		
Current Bal of Expo Event	\$2,217.23	
Payments		
Costs of 2026 Art Prize	\$439.05	
		\$2,778.18
TOTAL FUNDS HELD AT	BANK	\$35,509.39

Appendix 2

Appendix 3