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Minutes for Committee Meeting – Tuesday 20 February, 7.00 pm

Bonny Hills Community Hall

**Meeting began: 7.00 pm**

**Welcome by Chairman: Roger Barlow**

**Attendance:** Bill Howell, Roger and Pam Barlow, Paul and Sue Poleweski, Kathy Regan, Ross Smith,, Ian Richardson, Ian Simpson, Lyndon Harris, Tony Robinson, Helen Smith, Virginia and Graham Cox, John Drinan

**Apologies:** Paul G

**Conflicts of interest:** Nil

**Acceptance of Previous Minutes Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2024:**

**Moved:** Roger B

**Seconded:** Ian S. **Carried.**

### **1. Australia Day Awards**

Kathy reported on the PMHC Australia Day award ceremony at the Glasshouse. The BHPA nominee, Francis Hoad, was not successful but was very appreciative of the nomination. BHPA itself was also nominated for an award while also not successful, with the award going to the Port Macquarie and Hastings Homeless Collective.

### **2. Houston Mitchell Drive - Pacific Highway intersection**

Kathy reports that while the Minister acknowledged our continued advocacy for this project, nothing further has occurred to bring it closer to fruition. Interim measures, such as 'U-Turning Bays', have been mooted by Transport for NSW representatives and we await for working examples of such measures elsewhere on the Pacific Motorway. We do not support such measures, instead suggesting the money incurred for such measures would be more wisely spent on actual plans for and overpass.

Some more suggestions, such as a fixed speed camera or the banning of right turns into Huston Mitchel Drive, were put forward. But our focus is to get funding for planning for an

overpass. Anything else will only be an interim measure in our view. Anything else is really only moving the risks from one spot to another, in our view.

#### **Action**

Report on the outcome of the meeting with Bridget Mckenzie, David Gillespie and Pat Conaghan at Port Macquarie on Thursday February 22.

### **3. Sewage and stormwater**

Ross reports that testing for 2024 is now up on the website. Sampling reports show that the numbers were high on the 16th Jan at both Saltwater (VH) and Duchess (H).

RAIN testing - still haven't heard where this is up to, especially the illegal connections

No further information re Purple Pipe.

#### **Action**

Roger to write to PMHC to obtain try and obtain information about this initiative.

### **4. CCAT**

Paul P reported on the feedback form from Council that was not up to scratch. They are looking to upgrade this. We need to look at the old CCAT recommendations and update and reprioritise these. Paul is still working to try and ensure this process is worthwhile and meaningful. Anything that is not in with council by now will unlikely be in the 2024/25 budget.

### **5. Electrify 244X**

Two events over the past month - Everything Electric Australia at the Sydney Showgrounds, and the Electrify 244X Expo at St Columba School PM.

Paul P has shared information about grants from ARENA re funding grants for regional Microgrids.

Tony has been in touch with an Essential Energy representative re this and he has promised to get another representative from EE to contact me to talk through their interest/involvement with the possible project.

Warwick from EE contacted Tony and while very supportive of the initiative, saying they would be very willing to offer their support for such a project, there are a number of barriers to work through such as appropriate PMHC land and overall funding for such a project. He reported they do already have pilot projects around, such as the one as Cassegrain, and have just installed a Bi-directional Charger at their Port Macquarie office to test its capabilities, as proof of concept for such initiatives.

Subsequently Tony sent an email to VSUN Energy about the possible cost of a Veridium Flow Battery that might serve such a project. A representative from the company, Zamien Summich, replied asking for more information. I will attempt to get some numbers regarding battery input and output requirements. This will help determine the amount to request in the ARENA submission.

#### **Action**

Paul P, John D and Tony get together and determine the best way forward for the initiative.

## **6. Bonny Hills Historical Record Project**

See accompanying document from Ian R. (See attachment 2) The official date for the name Bonny Hills is 1 November 1948.

Roger, on behalf of the committee and the BHPA as a whole, thanked Ian for the effort he has gone to research this information.

### **Action**

Add info to FB Page and Website Roger

### **Action**

Tony to archive this research

## **7. Housing Policy**

Nothing new to report

## **8. Interpretive Signage at Bartletts Reserve**

Tony has been in contact with representatives of the Bunyah LACL. The request for support for this project was discussed at their December meeting and they are very supportive of our proposal and will forward a confirmation letter in due course. We are still waiting.

Tony also reported that he has been in contact with the new Camden Haven Historical Society president requesting a letter of support for the project. This is forth-coming. She also requested a letter of support from the BHPA for the work of the CHHS.

Due to the extreme environmental conditions where our signs are to be located it will be best to look for materials and a design that will require the least care and maintenance, such as timber and powder coated metals.

## **9. AGM**

Individual reports on the progress of the various projects that are underway, and been completed, over the past year. It will be on March 26 at 7pm in the Bonny Hills Community Hall.

## **10. Constitution Amendments**

Roger reported on the what is needed to make the necessary changes. It will be quite a convoluted process and so we will need to work step by step through it. It is however, worth the effort and so this will occur over the next few months of the coming year.

## **11. Pickleball**

No further development in the Pickleball space. There is a need for someone from the community to drive the process to bring this to fruition in Bonny Hills.

## **12. Art Prize Report**

John has shared the report from the subcommittee's most recent meeting.

Roger reported on a thank you letter for contributing artists and sponsors.

There was a call to keep on the lookout for sponsors to assist with the positive outcomes this project brings to the community.

### **Action**

John to followup with PMHC re the process involved in getting more covered tables at RBR.

### **Action**

Roger to report on where the local biodiversity study of the BH area is currently up to.

# Treasurer's Report

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BHPA)			
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 14 JAN TO 17 FEB 2024			
<b>1) Community Support/Members Account (500031361)</b>			<b>Balance 17 Feb</b>
Balance 14 JAN 2024		\$359.93	
<b>Receipts</b>			
Misc Direct Credit		\$15.00	
<b>Payments</b>			
Logitech pointer for PC		\$89.00	
			<b>\$285.93</b>
<b>2) Community Strength Account (500111729) and Comm Strength Inv Account (100519540)</b>			
Balance 14 Jan 2024		\$18,547.63	
<b>Receipts</b>			
T Shirt Sales		\$55.00	
<b>Payments</b>			
			<b>\$18,602.63</b>
<b>3) Grants Account (500204783)</b>			
Balance 14 Jan 2024		\$0.00	
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>Payments</b>			
			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>4) Events Account (100474271)</b>			
Balance 14 Apr 2023		\$2,400.00	
<b>Receipts</b>			
Art Prize Balance (See separate sheet details)		\$8,472.11	
<b>Payments</b>			
			<b>\$10,872.11</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD AT</b>		<b>BANK</b>	<b>\$29,760.67</b>

**Moved:** Paul Poleweski; **Seconded:** John Drinan that the Treasurers Report be accepted. **Carried.**

### 13. Correspondence In: September/October

Subject	Correspondence	Date
<b>IN</b>		
Anne Zycki	HMD OP - U-Turn Bays option	Feb 19
Water Tower Mural	PMHC - various emails - final	Feb 16
Kathy R	Bridget Mackenzie visit to PM - Feb 22	Feb 13
HMD OP	Leslie Williams	Feb 11
OD Pathway	Alex Gray - response to HYS re Path and request for input re Walking and Cycling Review	Feb 6
<b>OUT</b>		
NRMA - Kathy	Request for information regarding HMC OP	Feb 8
Gordon Gray	Congratulatory letter re OAM Award	Feb 2
Members	Electrify 244X Poster	Jan 31
Members	AGM Nomination Form	Jan 27
Members	Jan Meeting Digest	Jan 26
Members	Change in CCAT operations	Jan 23
PMHC - John D	Ask for response to earlier request re covered seating RBR and Water Tower mural	Jan 22
Members	Have You Say - TAFE	Jan 21
Bunyah LALC	Followup re support letter for signage	Jan 20
PMHC - Roger	Thanking Nicole for her attendance and query re BHRMP	Jan 19
Committee - Roger	Biodiversity notes	Jan 19
Committee - Roger	Constitution changes	Jan 18

## General Business

### 13. New members

Nil.

### 14. Donate the BHPA megaphone

Jock from Lake Cathie Primary School gladly accepted it - there is always a need for such things at schools!

### 15. Continue with Bands on Deck for 2024?

Roger reported on a discussion with Jock re this. There is a real need for sponsorship money to ensure that the initiative is viable and sustainable.

Roger also suggested that discussions with Aaron Johnson look promising. He may pick up on this and run it in the future. He is in touch with a lot of the local bands and we can then support him in this process. He is happy to run with this - or at least talk about what it might look like in the future.

Tim Mazlin - Got Your Back - is another who may be interested in to assisting or doing something in this space as well.

### 16. Membership of Camber of Commerce?

Is there anyone interested in being a member of this this group?

#### Action

Kathy to check with them to see whether its feasible or worthwhile and report back at our next general meeting.

### 17. Camden Haven Gazette

### 18. Query re Bill's info sent out re development and environmental costs

### 19. Virginia reported that the collection of documents are unable to be housed the originals at the Library.

It was decided that they should be stored here in the Hall cupboards.

**Meeting ended:** 9.24 pm

**Next meeting:** 19 March 2024

**President**

**Roger Barlow**

**Secretary**

**Tony Robinson**