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Bonny Hills Progress Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Tuesday 17 January, 7.00 pm

Bonny Hills Community Hall

Meeting opened: 7.00 pm

Welcome by Chairman

Committee members attending: Bill Howell, Tony Robinson, Ian Simpson, Paul Poleweski, Roger and Pam Barlow, Ross Smith, John Drinan.

In attendance: Odette Counsell, Dave Hofmeyr, Lyndon Harris, Ian Richardson, Jim Tredinnick and Chris Waters, Helen Smith.

Apologies: Kathy Regan, Marty and Ness Dures.

Conflicts of interest: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Minutes Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2022:

Moved: Ian Simpson, Seconded: Ross Smith, *Carried*.

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Houston Mitchell Drive - Pacific Highway intersection

John and Roger outlined the recent discussion with Anne Zycki, Transport NSW. Agreed to publicise need for recording incidents. Need to impress issue on candidates for the upcoming state election, perhaps with petition.

2. Sewage and stormwater

Ross reported on outcome of last letter to Council in September. Smoke testing of the sewer and stormwater systems is in train to identify links between the two that lead to WwTP plant overload and sewage contamination of stormwater and streams.

3. Bonny Hills Art Prize 2023

An outstanding result was evident in many more visitors, their obvious enjoyment, and more sales. It's value in building community spirit was very evident and the Children as Artists workshops were very popular. Great support was received from Sponsors, Supporters, the

Francis Retreat, volunteers and media. The Mayor's announcement of an annual Mayor's Choice Award was a welcome surprise. A meeting to review the event will be held on 31 January. A plea was made for new and younger people to join the committee because it looks likely that it will become an annual event.

4. Development Approval - 976 Ocean Drive

This was approved despite strong objections from many adjacent residents and submissions from them and BHPA pointing out the deficiencies in Council's assessment criteria and processes. Reasons given for the decision showed no evidence of any notice being taken of submissions and appeared to ignore non-compliance issues.

5. Australia Day Awards

Roger reported that BHPA representatives have been invited to the Awards ceremony at which BHPA's nominee, Jock Garven, is a candidate.

6. Matters to follow-up with Council

The following matters require follow-up because they have either been ignored by Council or have emerged as significant concerns:

- Plans for Ocean Drive pathway
- Long term planning for a Bonny Hills Bypass
- Cessation of meetings with CEO and Mayor
- Dissatisfaction with CCAT
- Deficiencies in development approvals processes
- Progress with rezoning land adjacent to Saltwater Creek along Beach St

Roger noted he had copied an ABC report to councillors about consequences of poor developments such as the Heat Island Effect, and that Cr Rachel Sheppard has invited BHPA to meet with her to discuss further.

7. Twilight Markets and Christmas Carols

The Surf Club offered BHPA opportunities to set up its new marquee and promote its community service role and sell some merchandise at these events. Committee members who participated were impressed, especially by the market. Thanks are due to the Surf Club.

8. 75th Anniversary wrap-up

Ian reported that it was unlikely that we can get "Heritage" funding to mark the foundation of the post office.

Treasurer's Report

Balances at 15 January 2023. **Note:** Amounts in () are at 13 November 2022

❖ Community Support (general/administration):	\$1,442	(\$ 1,310)
❖ Community Strength (projects):	\$11,872	(\$11,738)
❖ External grants:	\$ 4,124	(\$ 4,124)

❖ Events

\$ 10,000est (\$ 9,963)

Total funds held

\$ 27,439

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: Moved: Paul Polewski, Seconded: Tony Robinson.
Carried.

Correspondence In: 15 November – 17 January

Subject	Correspondents	Dates of correspondence
Council Procurement processes	Inez Young, PMHC;	18/11,
Australia Day Awards	Alex Gray, PMHC;	22/11,
Water tower	Bev Williams, Camden Haven Historical Society;	29/11,
Smoke testing of sewage system	Alex Gray, PMHC; Cameron Hawkins, PMHC;	30/11, 16/1,
Art Prize Mayoral welcome	Linda Kocis, PMHC;	6/12,
Have Your Say – Graffiti Management, CCATs, Australia Day Awards	PMHC	8/12,
North Coast regional Plan 2041	Kay Holton, Dept Planning and Environment	8/12,
976 Ocean Drive approval	Ben Roberts, PMHC;	13/12,
Lake Cathie Sports Fields	Katrina Boulet, PMHC;	15/12,
HMD- PH intersection	Brad Crispin, Transport NSW;	16/12,
Clearing on Ocean Drive N of Garden Centre	Dave Hofmeyr, resident	17/12,
Meeting with Anna Zycki, NSW Transport	Terry Sara, office of Leslie Williams MP;	18,19/12,
Invoices and Statements	PMHC;	20/12,
Sporting Infrastructure and Priorities Working Group	Alex Gray, PMHC;	20/12,
Lake Cathie Amenity	Alex Gray, PMHC;	21/12,
Concrete jungles	Cnclr Rachel Sheppard, PMHC;	17/1,

General Business

1. New members

Natalie Southwell is our new, 69th paid up member.

2. AGM preparation

The AGM will be held on 21 March. It is becoming urgent that we call for nominations and decide on the program, particularly if we decide we should have a guest speaker.

A plea was made for nominations to renew and refresh the committee. John advised that he will be standing down as secretary, and Roger expressed his wish that he be replaced after 14 years service as president.

Discussion about a potential program revolved around the following possibilities:

- Reports on current issues/projects
 - Storm water infiltration of Sewerage system
- Land management and developments
- Community building initiatives
- Connections with Birrpai
- Youth engagement
 - A talk by our nomination for Citizen of the Year
- Use of Art Prize profits
- Surf safety signage and education e.g. identification of rips

3. Grant for enhanced Hall storage

A grant has been received for this. Designs are yet to be made and agreed. The job must be paid out by March 2024.

4. Cate Faehrmann proposal re coast alnd development

Paul outlined how the proposed development on Bonny View Drive led to a rally addressed by Cate Faehrmann MP. Since then she has set up a Coastal Resident Action Group to bring together groups along the coast concerned about poor developments. BHPA will not join this because it is not associated with any political party but it can help determine the strength of community concern and, if significant, facilitate the formation of a community group to represent concerns.

5. Sympathy card for Leslie Williams MP

It was agreed that a card will be sent to express BHPA sympathy on Leslie's loss of her husband.

6. Driving tour of Bonny Hills

Ian Richardson's initiative has led to preparation and distribution of a brochure, requesting feedback from buyers. None received so far. Paul will distribute to members at next BHPA meeting.

Meeting closed: 8.59 pm

Next meeting: 21 February 2023

President

Roger Barlow

Secretary

John Drinan

Reserve items

This section of the Minutes will maintain a list of items requiring monitoring though not currently on the live agenda.

- Beach Street rezoning (*letter to Council 16/6/21*);
- Paragliders
- BHPA risk assessment
- Light Industrial Area
- Quarry
- Pathway along Ocean Drive
- Uses for Art Prize surplus