

Bullsbrook Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc

Annual General Meeting
Monday 25 March 2013
7.30pm
Bullsbrook Sports Club

Minutes

1. Open: 7.35pm
2. Apologies: Kate Goh, Maureen Rose, Kathy Crofts
1. Present: Karen Warner, Monique van der Lee, Val Pate, Sandy Pate, Humphery Park, Alicia Windle, Judith Beer, Richard Janes, Anne Janes, Lisa Young, Joanne Rose, Bev Reid, Brendon Groves, Michelle Mackenzie, Michelle Arton-Williams, Jim Plummer, John Low, Noelene Sharman, Jocasta Sibbel, Glynn Davies, Cr Kevin Bailey, Frank Sibbel, Anne Melville, Anne Sibbel.
3. Minutes of 2012 AGM
Confirmed by meeting
4. Annual Financial Report

BULLSBROOK RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION, INC FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

INCOME STATEMENT	Notes	Year ending 31 Dec 2012	Year ending 31 Dec 2011
INCOME			
Subscriptions		518	740
Stalls & Fetes		1,616	525
Grants-City of Swan		2,000	6,198
Grants - Tiwest		-	909
Donations		-	100
Funds ex Historical Association		6,000	-
Total Income		10,134	8,471
EXPENSES			
Purchases	1	1,116	580
Fundraising		3,033	4,344
Advertising		-	179
Funds Contributed		-	200
Office supplies		-	18
Insurance		394	540
Hire Premises		120	60
Total Expenses		4,663	5,922
SURPLUS		5,471	2,550

Note 1-Purchases 2012:T-shirts & candles

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	31 Dec 2012	31 Dec 2011
ASSETS		
Bank	8,813	4,086
GST Paid	710	419
Total Assets	9,523	4,505
LIABILITIES		
GST Received	397	850
Total Liabilities	397	850
NET ASSETS	9,126	3,654
MEMBERS SURPLUS to 2011	3,654	1,105
Plus Current Year surplus	5,471	2,550
MEMBERS SURPLUS	9,126	3,654

Financial report confirmed by meeting

5. President and Sub-committee Reports

Congratulations everyone – BRRRA is 3 years old and we're growing well. I'd like to acknowledge the work of our formative office bearers and committee and all of our members who have been part of this.

Our last 12 months have been busy and I'll report on the achievements of our group and our sub-committees. But before I go any further I'd like to remind you of the aims of BRRRA – so we can reflect on how our activities match these

Our aims are to:

1. Make representation to all levels of government on issues affecting the Bullsbrook Community and its land.
2. Promote the interests of residents and ratepayers of the Bullsbrook community.
3. Operate as a not-for-profit organisation.
4. Bring about civic improvements in the Bullsbrook district.

Our year started with some new and old faces on the team. Karen Warner took over from Greg West as Secretary and Anne Janes, Jocasta Sibbel, Val Pate and Alicia Windle made up the Committee. Glynn Davies remained as Vice President and Stacey Rocca as Treasurer. During the year Anne Melville took over from Stacey as Treasurer. Thank you to everyone on the committee for their hard work.

During the year we continued to lobby the city of Swan and the State Government on issues such as the ongoing anti-social behaviour in our community, the Perth to Darwin Highway, traffic issues in Bullsbrook, the Bullsbrook Townsite and Rural Strategy and of course the facilities in Bullsbrook. I'd like to thank local state government members Alison Xamon and Frank Alban for their ongoing support. I'd also like to acknowledge Cr Kevin Bailey for his support at the local government level. These people are our representatives and it is vital that we have good working relationships with them.

Thank you also to Gail Compe and those COS officers who work with the Bullsbrook community.

It's timely to remember that we only represent our members – so from this perspective connecting with the wider community is important and there are a number of ways we try to do this.

1. Our BRRRA Newsletter – we continue to produce these every couple of months and try to distribute them as widely as possible with an email version and hard copies at places like the Burger van and the post office – it's an important way for us to link to our community. Thanks to Kate Goh for continuing to be the backbone of the newsletter.
2. We also have a Facebook Page which is growing thanks to Glynn's careful nurturing – thanks Glynn – Facebook can be both a good and a bad tool depending on how it is managed and I'm pleased to say ours is proving to be positive indeed. I was dismayed recently to hear that someone who has a position of responsibility in our community used facebook to spread negative comments about our community which were not based on fact – this is not helpful. So thanks Glynn for making sure our site is true to BRRRA's aims about promoting the interests of our community.
3. There are other ways we connect with our community for example:
 - this year I again attended Bullsbrook District High School P&C meetings

- we collaborated with the school, Bullsbrook scouts and joey cubs, and Bullsbrook Ambulance service for the Carols by candlelight – unfortunately the weather was against us that night but we still got positive feedback. A big thank you to Anne Janes for her work organising the carols for the third year in a row. I think she wants a break this year so if anyone is interested.....
- we also use the sports pavilion for our meetings to support that group,
- we are working with Chequers Golf Club at the moment on the proposal to keep Bullsbrook grey water in Bullsbrook. Humphrey Park, Glynn Davies, Frank Sibbel and Val and Sandy Pate and myself represent us on that committee. Not sure how it will go but it was great that they approached us to work with them this time as it's usually the other way around – we tend to be the ones who reach out to the other community groups.
- We also collaborate beyond the immediate Bullsbrook district. We support the Stable Fly Action Group which consists of people from other districts who are impacted by these nasty biting flies. A significant milestone this year was that stable flies have now been declared a pest under the state government's Biosecurity in Agriculture Act. This will lead to much better management of the issue – I was invited to sit on a reference group that is developing the regulations to accompany the declaration. The other significant occurrence is a petition and letter from the stable fly affected communities requesting Coles and Woolworths to consider including stable fly breeding into their quality assurance programs – we still have a way to go but we are having some success.

The recent fires obviously had a huge impact on our community. I know as individuals we reached out and helped where we could. Following the fires BARRA coordinated funding and placement of an advertisement in the West Australian newspaper acknowledging and thanking all of the firees and other agencies who helped keep our community safe – thanks to those who donated to the cost of the advertisement and to Glynn for coordinating the donations - we've had lots of positive feedback from this initiative – we were even asked to speak on Geoff Hutchinson's show on 720 - I have to confess I referred to DEFES as doofuss on air.

A group of members including Glynn, Maureen and Judith held a successful information stall at the school during the recent elections – this was a great opportunity for people to get to know more about us, to discuss local issues and to join BARRA. Thank you.

Together with the COS we're holding an outdoor movie night on APRIL 6 – it's great that local young people with an interest in BMX and Skate boarding are joining with on to provide the entertainment that afternoon and evening. It'll be across all ages. Thanks to Jo Sibbel for all of her working coordinating this event – let's hope for good weather and lots of people. We can't whinge about having nothing on in Bullsbrook and then not attend events that do happen.

We had a number of guest speakers at our meetings this year including the CoS One Life Suicide Prevention Program coordinator Simone Piwari and Louise Mikhailovic from CoS who stepped into the BNC role. And of course we've been pleased to have Cr Bailey attend most of our meetings.

One of our aims is to bring about civic improvements in Bullsbrook – this time last year in response to our ongoing frustration with the lack of facilities in Bullsbrook BARRA member Roger

Joyner invested a lot of his personal time to develop some concept drawings for modifications to Pickett Park Hall to incorporate more diverse and appropriate spaces to accommodate the needs of the different groups in our community. These drawings were presented to our April meeting for comment and put on public display at the Air Show. They were also passed on to the City of Swan - and lo and behold - the next we heard was some concepts were being discussed at COS re the redevelopment of Pickett Park - just coincidence? I don't know - unfortunately Roger wasn't successful in gaining the work but at least something was happening. Kevin announced at our February meeting that the CoS discussed funding for the new buildings at their budget planning meeting - this still has to be ratified by Council, but it's looking very hopeful and we look forward to a positive outcome there.

During the year we held a number of very positive public events.

We were successful in gaining a grant to fund our display at the Air Show in May and also to purchase some BRRRA t-shirts for volunteers to wear - here modelled by much in demand Sandy - thank you so much everyone who gave up their time to look after our display over the weekend - and it didn't end there a lot of the photos and information from the weekend are now on display in the library for the school and the community to share - thank you to Judith Beer for looking after this display.

We also ran a successful swapmeet in Lowery Park in October - what a lovely location it was - we've had lots of requests for us to run another one so maybe later this year. Thank you so much to Jocasta Sibbel and Kate Goh and their committee of workers who made it all happen.

And finally, the History Group's events - What can I say but WOW! This dedicated group of BRRRA members has been very busy this year. Last year the Bullsbrook Chamber of Commerce handed to us some money from the original Bullsbrook History Group which was to be spent on preserving Bullsbrook's history and hopefully what we have done so far is ok. In November we opened the Historical places Map plaque in Wally Jones Park - we were thrilled that more than 60 former and current residents attended the event. More plaques are planned to be put in place this year. Sandy and Val Pate have been working to preserve and promote an historic well opposite their property which is great. And just last month we found out we were successful in the City of Swan agreeing for us to use the West Bullsbrook hall as a Museum. This is a significant achievement as the City had this Hall earmarked for demolition. Our earliest public building that was built with community donations in 1904. Thanks to Kevin for all of his support at the Council for this outcome.

Thanks to the great time team of Humphrey Park, Judith Beer, Kath Crofts, Val and Sandy Pate, Greg West, Bev and Eric Taylor. We have a lot of work ahead of us to establish the Museum so if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us please let them know we meet for the time being at the Place Office at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Thank you to the general committee and our sub-committees, we have a lot of people sharing the load - of course we could always do with more. On reflection, I think we have worked well towards achieving our aims this year, there's always more we can do but as a voluntary group who have lots of other interests and responsibilities I think we're doing a great job - there are always people who will knock and criticise groups like BRRRA using spaces like facebook to make a point before they find out what the real story is - at times like that I think we take the opportunity to correct any wrong stories, take on board any constructive critique and then go forward.

So looking forward - some of the challenges for the future will be:

- making sure CoS sticks to its commitment to fund Pickett Park redevelopment
- working with all of the different developers who have commercial, industrial and residential plans for Bullsbrook to ensure that everyone's interests are represented and that no more ad hoc development occurs
- keeping on about the Perth to Darwin Highway
- ensuring that there is something to replace the services that were provided by BNC – this is both a state govt and CoS responsibility
- looking for opportunities for the wider community to share and access the wonderful new facilities at the school

Thank you for the opportunity to be inaugural president of BRRA – it was an honour and fun – it's been a great opportunity to meet people I probably wouldn't have met otherwise.

6. Election of Office Bearers

a. President

Glynn Davies elected unopposed

b. Vice President

Anne Janes elected unopposed

c. Secretary

Anne Sibbel elected unopposed

d. Treasurer

Anne Melville elected unopposed

e. Committee

Jocasta Sibbel, Noelene Sharman, Alicia Windle, Val Pate

7. General Business

a. Annual membership fees

Meeting agreed to keep annual fees at \$10 +gst (\$11)

8. Closed 8.15pm