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BRRA Newsletter

From the President…

What a great community we live in!

Thank you to everyone who helped to keep us safe last week when we were under threat from multiple fires. The work of the volunteer and career firefighters on the ground and in the air was amazing. It was great to have the community support provided by the City of Swan, Department for Communities, WA Police and other agencies put in place so quickly. There are some great stories out there of people helping their neighbours and strangers protect their properties, evacuate or feed animals, provide accommodation and more.

It was however very disappointing to hear of a number of antisocial acts including theft and threatening behaviours also during the fires. I guess times like this can bring out the best and worst in people but thankfully the negative incidents were minimal.

Don't forget to come along to our FREE MUSIC AND MOVIE NIGHT ON APRIL 6 AT PICKETT PARK.

See the next page for details.

CALENDAR

March

12	Suicide Prevention Forum
25	BRRA AGM

April

6	Free outdoor movie and band Pickett Park
22	BRRA Meeting

May

27	BRRA Meeting

If you have an event you would like included in our newsletter please email Kate at katherine08@bigpond.com

BRRA & the City of Swan *present*

Free community event!

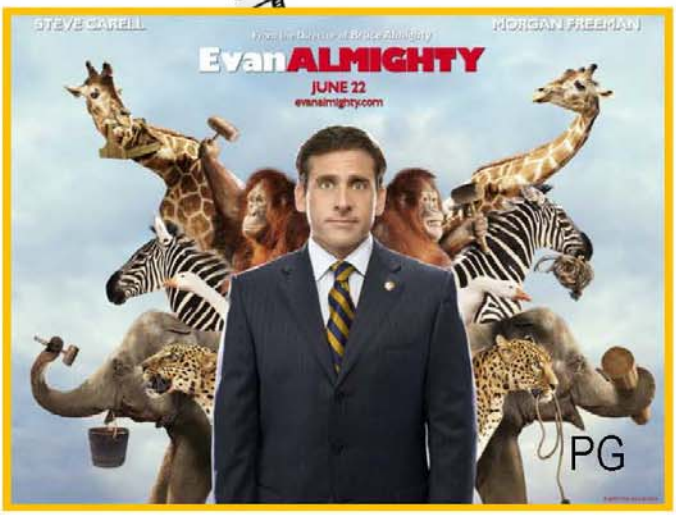
& MUSIC MOVIE

Saturday 6 April, Pickett Park, Bullsbrook

Music from 6pm

Movie from 7pm

Come along for a night out with family and friends and enjoy music and a movie under the stars. Bring a rug or beanbag. Sausage sizzle and drinks available.



This is an alcohol FREE event.

Bullsbrook Residents and Ratepayers Assoc. Inc

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KULCHA

GettingTechnical
Bringing Humans and Technology Together

Looking for something to do in the district?

BULLSBROOK RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC

BRRA AGM
Monday 25 March
7.30pm
Bullsbrook Sports Pavilion

Further information
secretarybrra@iinet.net.au or
BRRA Secretary mob 0438402344
See us on Facebook

BULLSBROOK DISTRICT (K-12) HIGH SCHOOL

P&C
AGM
Wednesday 13 March
7pm
School Administration Building.

Further information
Bullsbrook P and C
<bullsbrookpandc@hotmail.com

Bullsbrook Community & Sports Association

at The Pavillion,
Pickett Park BULLSBROOK

U.F.O. Evenings

Anyone wishing to finish off any crafts such as quilting, knitting, making models, painting, or any craft at all is invited to come to our ....

U.F.O. Nights

- **7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS of each month**
- **Bring any "unfinished objects" and join a community of people**
- **Tea and coffee available on the night.**
- **B.Y.O munchies**
- **Inquiries: 0419 929 469**

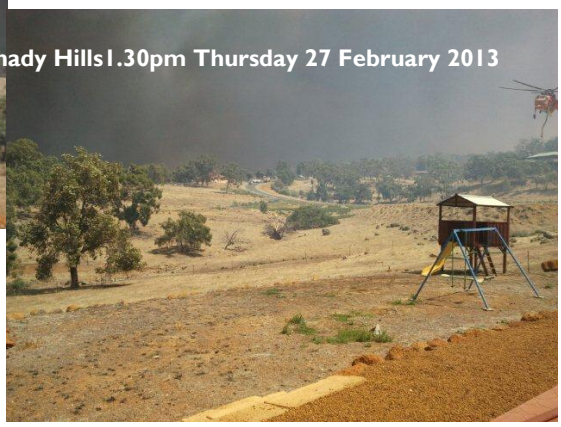
BULLSBROOK VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE BRIGADE

The brigade welcomes new members, both active firefighters and supporters.

Join us in time for our 60th anniversary on March 24 2013

For more information please contact:
Secretary: Frank Sibbel
Mob: 0412953387
Email: vbfbscrtry@gmail.com.

Fire Matters in Bullsbrook



The young joey kangaroo that was brought in on Saturday morning by he Bullsbrook Firees is doing well. She was treated free of charge by the Bullsbrook/Midland Vets and is being cared for by Anne Graeme. Her burns and other injuries are healing well and she should make a full recovery. Thanks everyone.

Bullsbrook/Shady Hills Bushfire Recovery

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INFORMATION UPDATE

Community Information Meeting

Residents affected by the recent fires are invited to attend an information session.

Representatives from the City of Swan will be in attendance to answer any questions as well as offer ways in which the City can assist in recovery.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) staff will also be there to provide information and give an update on the fire situation.

Date: Monday, March 11, 2013

Time: 7pm

Venue: Pickett Park Hall
5 Maroubra Avenue, Bullsbrook
(off Chittering Road, near the fire station)

To register for this community meeting, please call 9267 9267 or email michael.unwin@swan.wa.gov.au

Light refreshments will be provided.

What can the City of Swan do to help?

Being involved in a bushfire can be a difficult experience to take in and accept at first, but there are people and organisations that can help you.

There are a range of services that the City of Swan provides. For more information contact the City's Customer Support Centre on 9267 9267.

Other agencies that may be able to assist are:

Department for Child Protection - Midland
Counselling and Support Services
9274 9411

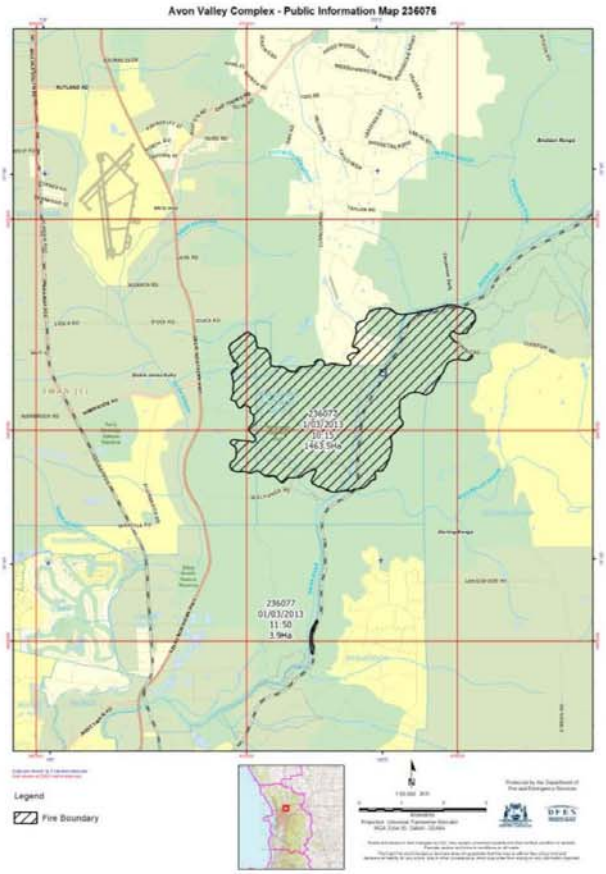
Insurance Council of Australia
General queries about claims
1800 734 621

Animals, livestock and pet welfare

The Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) assesses the health of livestock during fire incidents. For help with pet welfare, contact your local veterinarian.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) operates a 24 hour, 7 days a week "Wildcare" helpline on 9474 9055 to provide immediate assistance for sick, injured or orphaned native animals.

Fire Shape Map



For more information contact the City's Customer Support Centre on 9267 9267.

www.swan.wa.gov.au

Unveiling of the Bullsbrook Historical Places Plaque

On Saturday November 24 2012 more than 60 current and former residents gathered at Wally Jones Park in Bullsbrook to celebrate the opening of the first of a number of historical markers planned for Bullsbrook. Long time resident Mr Humphery Park provided the history behind the plaque and its links with the earlier Bullsbrook History Association, the Bullsbrook Chamber of Commerce and BRRA. Guests of honour, Mrs Ethel Warren and Mr Eric Taylor then unveiled the plaque and Eric explained the significance of each of the places depicted on it. BRRA history group members provided morning tea for people to share while they swapped stories from earlier days in Bullsbrook.

This project was jointly funded by funds from the former Bullsbrook History Association, BRRA and the City of Swan. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day to make it such an enjoyable event.

More historical places markers are planned for 2013.

Museum for Bullsbrook

At their meeting on Wednesday 26 February, 2013, the City of Swan Councillors unanimously voted in favour of granting a 24 month licence to BRRA to use the West Bullsbrook Hall in Turner Road as a Museum. Our very enthusiastic history sub-committee made an initial submission to Council during 2012 to start a Museum, and with the unfailing support from Cr Kevin Bailey we have achieved this outcome. Thank you Kevin, Councillors and City of Swan staff for supporting us.

The West Bullsbrook Hall is our oldest public building. It was built in 1904 with a combination of community funds, a government subsidy and donation of land by a local resident. The City of Swan is currently undertaking some repairs of the Hall and these should be finished soon.

The Bullsbrook district has a very interesting history, but to date very little of it has been preserved or made available for everyone to share. With the many changes that are planned for our district we believe it's important to take this opportunity to preserve and share our history.

We're looking for enthusiastic people to help us establish the Museum—we have jobs for everyone. Please contact Anne Sibbel on 0418 940 848 or asibbel@bigpond.com if you'd like to be part of this very exciting project.

More Historical Places in Bullsbrook

Johnston Burley Plaque

Burley Park is located on the corner of Smith and Chittering Roads in Bullsbrook. The land for this Park was given to the Bullsbrook community by Johnston Burley (1873-1955).

With funding from the City of Swan the Bullsbrook Landcare Group has recently installed a plaque detailing Johnston's very interesting life, including his military service during the first World War. You can read his story by visiting Burley Park. The plaque is on the western side of Smith Rd.

Thanks to Judith Beer for doing the research and organising the plaque.

Chittering Road Trough

Thanks to the ongoing interest of Sandy and Val Pate, the City of Swan is currently upgrading and investigating the historical significance of a Reserve opposite their property on Chittering Road. This Reserve has a beautiful old water trough that has obviously been much used in the past. We're looking forward to finding out more about who built and used this trough.

If you have any information please contact Val and Sandy at alan.pate@bigpond.com

Bullsbrook Neighbourhood Centre News

BNC UPDATE – 26 February 2013

Thanks to Gail Compe from the City of Swan for providing this update on the BNC...

In March 2012, the City accepted an invitation from the BNC Management Committee to take on the interim management of their 'family and community services' program.

Through an interim grant from Department for Communities, the City was able to support a range of activities in the Bullsbrook community until the end of 2012.

As the existing BNC building required maintenance and upgrades, the City delivered the BNC activities from a range of venues in Bullsbrook - including the Library and Bullsbrook Sports and Recreation Club.

These activities were successful in providing children and families in the Bullsbrook community with the opportunity to participate in early literacy and learning activities, as well as social activities. Examples of activities provided include: cuppa and chat sessions; art and craft; art workshop; board games evenings; Parenting WA outreach and workshops; hip hop workshop and Christmas party.

In October 2012, the Department for Communities announced a new tender round seeking applications from community organisations to provide 'family and community services in Bullsbrook. The City has recently been informed that: Unfortunately, the DfC has been unable to appoint a service provider through the previous tender round; A new tender round, inviting applications to provide 'family and community services' in Bullsbrook, will be opened to the public after the WA Government election.

The City is not a service provider but will work with the DfC to promote the tender opportunity to community organisations - to ensure that there is wide awareness of the tender application process.

In the interim period until a new service provider is announced, the City will continue to provide a range of community activities through existing programs, including:

- The Swan Family Connect program
- Community and Youth Development programs
- Kulcha on Swan concert
- Free monthly community training for groups and clubs through the Community Development program. Full training calendar available at:

www.swan.wa.gov.au/Residents/Events_and_Attractions/Focus_Stories/Free_community_training_program_for_groups_and_clubs

The City has also undertaken significant improvements to the existing Bullsbrook Neighbourhood Centre building to ensure that the facility is available to accommodate a new service provider emanating from the tender round.

Australian Citizenship Awards

Anne Sibbel of Bullsbrook, was jointly awarded the City of Swan's Citizenship Award in the over 25 category on Australia Day this year.

North Ward Councillor, Kevin Bailey, who spoke about Anne's nomination at TheAustralia Day Ceremony, said many groups had benefitted from her community service.

"Anne is a very active community member and has achieved many great things for the region," he said.

Anne shared, "I feel very honoured to have received the award and also honoured to be part of these great community groups and work with wonderful people"

Bullsbrook District High School OPEN DAY

Come along on March 20 anytime from 2 to 6pm to have an opportunity to visit your local school and see the wonderful new buildings.

Bullsbrook
District High (K to 12) School
STRIVE & ACHIEVE

Bullsbrook Community Event

city of swan

IT'S ALL ABOUT ...

WE NEED YOU!! LETS WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO LIVE L.I.F.E. (Living is for Everyone)

Suicide Prevention

- Assist the One Life Team to promote the importance of Mental Health and Well being
- It's OK to seek Help - get support through difficult times
- Have your say about what your community NEEDS! Be in charge of addressing what happens in your community.
- Join your Bullsbrook Health & Wellbeing Network, YOU will make a DIFFERENCE!
- Phone or email me, to see how you can get involved if you cannot make it to the meeting

Come to:	Sports Club/Pavilion, Maroubra Ave, Bullsbrook
When:	14 March 2013 (Thurs)
Time:	6.30pm Meet & Greet: Speaker 1 - Mike Fitzpatrick - Youth Focus, Speaker 2 - Anne Sibbell, Speaker 3 - One Life "Have we captured what your community has said"

Simone Piwari, One Life WA Project Worker, 0417 987 194, simone.piwari@swan.wa.gov.au

COST: Free Please RSVP to the above email address by 13 March 2013.

Help is a phone call away:

Mental Health Emergency Response Line (24/7): 1300 555 788, **Lifeline(24/7): 13 11 14**

Suicide Call Back Service (24/7): 1300 659 467

1life

Twilight Market on Swan
Fund Raiser

Under the Lanterns in the Alfresco,
Celebrate the **Vintage Weekend** in the **Swan Valley**
with local winemakers, local artisans,
boutique food producers, quirky craft, skin care,
Miche Bags, Scarves, Jewellery,
a stall by the **Peter Hughes Burns Foundation**
and local product from the
Swan Valley and Regional Businesses.

Enjoy tasting some of the Swan Valley's premium
wines with wine tasting from **Entopia Wines**,
Neilson Estate and **Carilley Estate Winery**, colourful
atmosphere with food that can be purchased at
Taylor's Cafe and Art Gallery.
Stalls with international **Chef Sophie Budd**,
Cakes by **Vines Cakes**, to name a few;
all while helping to raise funds for
Sue and team "Living Well with CML"
in the **Ride to Conquer Cancer**,
supporting the WA Institute of Medical Research

Bookings Essential
Book on 08 92961369 - ask for Sue
or email svrn@iinet.net.au

Tickets $15

Taylors Art & Coffee House
510 Great Northern Hwy, Middle Swan
Saturday 16th March 2013
4pm - 10pm

sunsuper RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER
BENEFITTING Western Australian Institute for Medical Research

City of Swan

Planning in Bullsbrook….do you wish to make a comment?

Please visit the City of Swan website
http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/Our_City/Have_Your_Say
to check for any development proposals affecting the Bullsbrook area. Comments should be in writing on or before the nominated closing date.
Submissions can be emailed, faxed or posted to the Chief Executive Officer, City of Swan, PO Box 196, Midland, WA 6936 quoting the relevant reference number.

Don't forget you can contact your local councillor about City of Swan related issues.
Cr Kevin Bailey
Ph: 9571 2726
Email: kevin.bbailey@bigpond.com

Services and Support at your local City of Swan Rural Place Office

The City of Swan's Bullsbrook Rural Place Office provides services to assist residents, community groups, businesses and other stakeholders in the Bullsbrook Place area.
Location: Rural Place Office, Lot 5 Bullsbrook Road, Bullsbrook
Hours: Wednesdays (9 am – 12 noon), Thursdays (9 am – 4 pm) or by appointment
For more information, please contact Gail on 9267 9446
or email gail.compe@swan.wa.gov.au

Swan Family Connect

Swan Family Connect is a free information and referral service for City of Swan families with children under 12 years of age.
Swan Family Connect Bullsbrook is located at Bullsbrook Community Library.
Louise Mihailovic (Wed & Thurs, Fri afternoons only) is the contact there.
Email: Louise.Mihailovic@swan.wa.gov.au
Mob: 0417 208 931

A Timely Reminder

The current fire season is not yet over.
We've had no summer rain this season so everything is very dry and easily flammable as we saw last week.
Don't forget to:

⇒ Keep your Fire Plan up to date
⇒ Maintain your fire breaks
⇒ http://video.heraldsun.com.au/2339634212/Nine-News-Train-sparks-fire

Bullie Bits and Pieces

Perth to Darwin Highway Update

As many of you will be aware the issue of traffic, and in particular large trucks going up north, is often on BRRA's agenda. Many Bullsbrook residents have terrifying stories to tell about being caught trying to cross Great Northern Highway to get to the shops from Chittering Road. We're all very keen to have this issue addressed by government.

It's great to see that our local section of the proposed Perth-Darwin Highway (known as the Swan Valley Bypass) is on the agenda for the forthcoming State election. The Liberal party has promised $196 million of the estimated $830 million the project will cost. The Liberal's plan is to start the project in 2016. There has been concern raised about the proposed plan which at this stage appears only to include funding for single lanes each way with some suggestion there will be traffic lights at Neaves Road and Stock Road. While we definitely need to move heavy vehicles off Great Northern Highway, we need to be careful that design of the project is going to meet Bullsbrook's needs now and into the future.

Stable (Biting) Flies

BRRA has a sub-committee that is actively involved in the ongoing work to effectively manage the breeding and spread of stable (Biting) flies which cause untold misery for livestock, humans and wildlife.

A group of residents from districts such as Bullsbrook, Gingin, Woodridge, Lancelin etc that are particularly affected by the flies, is writing to Coles and Woolworths to alert them to the problems associated with these flies. The letter and its associated petition ask Coles and Woolies to include fly control in their quality assurance programs that they have with their suppliers. Those of us who live "down the hill" in Bullsbrook have had a shocking summer with the flies despite the best efforts of the CoS and UWA entomologist Dr David Cook.

There are both hard copy and on-line versions of the petition and letter. Hundreds of signatures have already been collected by hard copy and the number on the on-line petition is growing. You can access it at the following web address and read the letter that accompanies it. And please feel free to sign it and/or pass the link on if it's something you feel you can support
http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/inclusion-of-stable-fly-breeding-in-quality-assurance-c.html

Bullsbrook Waste Water

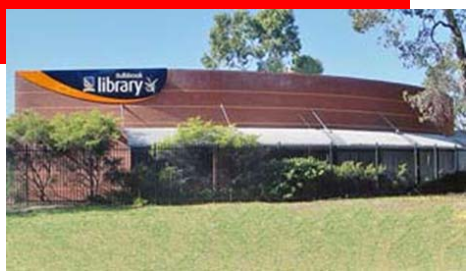
Members of Chequers Golf Club recently held a meeting to forward their plan to keep treated water from the Bullsbrook Water Treatment Plant in Bullsbrook for use at the Golf Club and on other Bullsbrook facilities. The meeting fully endorsed the idea and steering committee comprising representatives from the Golf Club, BRRA, Bullsbrook Landcare and the Chamber of Commerce has been formed to develop a feasibility plan.

The Department of Water has plans to build a pipeline to take Bullsbrook's raw sewerage many kilometres for treatment at a metropolitan treatment plant. The committee will investigate opportunities to keep the water in Bullsbrook. If you would like to be part of this group please contact Jon Stanley at Chequers Golf Club email info@chequersgolf.org

Bullsbrook Landcare Group

Congratulations to the Bullsbrook Landcare group for being nominated as a finalist in the 2012 Western Australian Environment Awards. The group was nominated because of their tireless work over many years to develop the Bullsbrook Biodiversity Corridor.
Thank you to the City of Swan for supporting 10 of our members to attend the Awards dinner.
The next Chittering Landcare Centre event is a First Time Fencing Workshop on March 20 from 9-3 at the Landcare Centre. Phone 9571 0200 or email chitteringlandcare@iinet.net.au for details.

Bullsbrook Library



Rhymetime (babies 2 to 24 months old)
Singing rhymes and songs together is a lovely way to bond with your child and will help them learn to talk. Sharing books, stories, songs and rhymes builds vocabulary and the language and listening skills which are essential in preparing children for school.
All members of the family can join in the fun, including dads! We're sure they'll get a kick out of it.
Thursday 9:30am on March 14, 28, April 11, May 9 and 23.

Storytime (pre-schoolers 2 to 5 years old)
Storytime is a unique opportunity for both adults and children to focus on books, stories and rhymes. These free weekly sessions are held at all City of Swan Libraries for under fives. We look forward to sharing stories, rhymes and fun with you and your family.

Monday 9:30am on March 11, 18, 25 April 8, 15, 22,29, May 6,13,20,27.

Book Clubs provide an opportunity to discuss books and literature in a relaxed and friendly environment. The library also ahs Book Club sets available for loan if you have your own Book Club or would like to start one.

Kanga Club (children in Year 1) and the Platypus Club (children in Years 2 to 4)

These clubs are a free, reader rewards club. It's open to all children who are in year one, two or four, live in the City of Swan and are library members.

If your child is not already a member, simply complete a membership form to join them up and bring some proof of your current address with you. Membership of the Kanga-Readers Club lasts as long as your child is in year one at school.

Kanga Club—With each visit to your local City of Swan library, your child will receive a stamp or sticker on their Kanga-Log. There are prizes to be earned with five and 10 visits to the library.

Platypus Club- With each visit to your local City of Swan library, your child will be asked to complete a task on their Platypus Card. Once completed, their card will go into a draw for some great prizes at the end of each school term. And, during school holidays, a special Platypus Club event will be held just for members.

To find out more, please contact the library:
Tel: 9571 2631
Email: bullsbrook.library@swan.wa.gov.au
http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/Lists/Venues/Facilities/Bullsbrook_Community_Library#

Don't forget WE ARE NOW ON facebook

Don't forget to look us up!
Check in regularly as Glynn, our dedicated Vice President keeps the site updated with many activities occurring around our local community.
These might be important to you.

BULLSBROOK RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC

'Connecting, supporting and empowering our community'

WELCOME NEW AND EXISTING BRRA MEMBERS!

Welcome to all of our new members - our numbers are certainly growing and we're really pleased to have you join us. We'd love to see you at our monthly meetings but we also understand if you prefer to take a less active role. If you would like to be on one of our subcommittees or have an idea for a new subcommittee please come along to our next meeting or contact me on 9571 2080 or asibbel@westnet.com.au

Reminder: Please don't forget to renew your BRRA membership for 2013. Your membership is very important as our strength is in numbers. 2013 membership of $10 +gst is due at the March AGM.

BRRA Officebearers 2012
President
Anne Sibbel: ph. 9571 2080
Secretary
Karen Warner ph. 9571 2290
Treasurer
Anne Melville ph. 9571 2279

BRRA Membership Application

Name:	
Bullsbrook Address:	
Postal Address (if different from above):	
Phone:	Mobile:
Email:	
Are there any things it would be useful for us to know about you? For example, are there any local issues of particular interest to you (education, aged care, development etc) or do you have any special skills, knowledge or access to facilities that could be used to assist BRRA?	
Membership fee* paid? Y / N	
Signed (person applying for membership):	
Date:	
Committee use only Application approved: Y / N Meeting date:	Receipt number:

* Membership fee is $11 per person per annum. Payment can be made into the BRRA Bendigo Bank Account. BSB 633000, A/C NO. 139454375. Please use your surname as a reference. Please bring your completed form to the next meeting or post to BRRA, PO Box 513, Bullsbrook WA 6084, or email the information to karenwarner@westnet.com.au

Renew your 2013 membership early and get a bonus

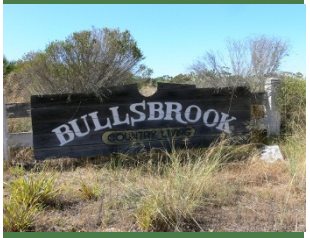
Looking for a group to join in Bullsbrook ?

Group Name	Contact Person	Contact Details
BDHS P&C	Paulette Embling /Secretary	bullsbrookpandc@hotmail.com
Bullsbrook Basketball Assn	Fiona Park /President	firuss4@bigpond.com
Bullsbrook Bowling Club		PO Box 105 Bullsbrook
Bullsbrook Chamber of Commerce	Val Pate / Secretary	alan.pate@bigpond.com
Bullsbrook Community and Sports Association	Helen Dowdell /Manager	helene.dowdell@bigpond.com
Bullsbrook Community Kindy	Tamara Carpenter	tamara.carpenter@bigpond.com
Bullsbrook Fire Brigade	Russell Bom /Captain	bvbfbscrtry@gmail.com
Bullsbrook Football Club		bfc.secretary@yahoo.com.au
Bullsbrook Girl Guides	Jo Manning /Leader	jo manning@bigpond.com Ph 9571 3555
Bullsbrook Neighbourhood Centre	In recess	
Bullsbrook Playgroup	Karyn Parker /President	karynp73@gmail.com
Bullsbrook Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc	Karen Warner /Secretary	karenwarner@westnet.com.au
Bullsbrook RSL	Penny De Grussa /Secretary	degfam@iinet.net.au Ph 95712382
Bullsbrook Scouts/Cubs	Faye and Geoff Lund/ Leaders	faye.geoff@bigpond.com
Bullsbrook Seniors	John Thompson /President	singhill@bigpond.com Ph 9571 3129
Bullsbrook St John's Ambulance		Ph 95711622
Bullsbrook Toy Library	Lois Gearing	gearings@timegate.net.au
Bullsbrook Landcare Group	Anne Janes /Secretary	annejanes@bigpond.com

Regular Meetings

Organisation	Meeting Information
Bullsbrook & Chittering Chamber of Commerce *New members welcomed.*	Currently in recess: next meeting 12 September, contact Secretary for further information
Bullsbrook District High School P&C *New members welcomed.*	2nd Wednesday each month 7.00pm at the secondary staff room, Bullsbrook District High School
Bullsbrook Residents & Ratepayers Assoc. Inc. *New members welcomed.*	4th Monday each month 7:30pm at the Bullsbrook Sports Pavilion, Pickett Park
Bullsbrook Seniors *New members welcomed.*	Meet on the third Monday of each month at Pickett Park pavilion at 10.30am.
Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire Service Brigade *New members welcomed.*	2nd Wednesday each month 7.30pm at Bullsbrook Fire Station Chittering Rd Bullsbrook
North Swan Landcare Group (NSLCDC) *New members welcomed.*	Check next meeting date with Secretary 7.30pm Lowery Park Hall

Be in the know in your community by joining the BRRA. Members receive all newsletters, meeting agendas, email updates and minutes, and are welcome to attend all meetings.

Thank you to Hon Alison Xamon MLC, Member for the East Metropolitan Region, for kindly printing this newsletter and other BRRA documents.

Would you like your group's meeting included in this list? It's free and a great way to reach potential new members. Please email details to Kate at katherine08@bigpond.com