



From the President...

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2011. This issue is our biggest yet! Special thanks to our fabulous committee and sub committees whose hard work helped us achieve much in our community during 2011. There's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that makes our success.

Community events this year included our very successful inaugural markets and giant pumpkin challenge held in March. We collaborated with the school and the P&C to run our second well attended Carols in Bullsbrook, and partnered with the Bullsbrook Neighbourhood Centre and the City of Swan for the *What Bullsbrook Means to Me* Photographic Competition. Our outdoor movie night was especially popular with younger members of the community. The history sub-committee meets regularly and their activities include having markers made to identify historical sites in Bullsbrook. A long term plan is to establish a museum in Bullsbrook.

BRRRA also considered and commented on a number of local, state and federal planning issues affecting Bullsbrook. These include the much discussed City of Swan Amendment 40, preservation of the West Bullsbrook Hall, redevelopment of Pickett Park Hall; the Perth to Darwin Highway; the proposed Marlen sub-division and traffic safety concerns in Bullsbrook townsite.

With best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season. See you in 2012.

Anne Sibbel



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

BRRRA Newsletter



2011WHAT A YEAR ...



*It is vain to talk of
the interest of the
community, without
understanding what
is the interest of the
individual.*

Jeremy Bentham

History Corner

West Bullsbrook Hall.....

below is an article from the Swan Express from 8th October 1904

The Progress Association here has been very active of late, and largely as a result of their efforts a brick hall has been built by Mr L Whiteman. The building is about 40ft by 25ft. On Friday of last week a social and dance was held to celebrate the opening. The speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Mr M. H. Jacoby), together with Mr Hasties, Minister for Justice, arrived by special train at 8pm to open the hall. Mr Jacoby, the course of a short address, congratulated the residents of the district on having erected a very useful and substantial brick building which was a credit to the district and to the committee. Mr Hastie also addressed the gathering, touching upon the policy of the present Government, in connection with the burning question in this district in regard to the Midland Railway, and his remarks were

heartily applauded. Upwards of forty couples were present, including visitors from Perth, Midland Junction, Swan Wanneroo, and Chittering. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers. Dancing started at about half-past 5 and was kept up till the early hours of the morning, with intervals for songs and light refreshments. All present spent a very enjoyable time, and agree that it was the most successful function ever held in Bullsbrook. The special thanks of the committee are due to MR B Turner and Mr J Gullan for the manner in which they worked to achieve this satisfactory result; also to Miss Ethel Turner and Miss Clara Ward, for decorating the hall; and to Mr Scott, who performed the onerous of MC to the satisfaction of all, as well as to a host of other helpers.



*Old (West) Bullsbrook Hall about 1925.
Photo courtesy E. Taylor.*



*West Bullsbrook Hall 2011. Photo courtesy
A. Sibbel.*

Looking for something to do in the district?

LOWER CHITTERING MARKETS

3rd Sunday of the month

The markets will recommence in 2012
3rd Sunday in the months of
June, July, August and September.

Farmers Markets on a Farm at
Christos Valley Estate Vineyard
260 Chittering Valley Rd
Lower Chittering

Local fruit and vegetables,
organic oil & olives,
capers, alpaca products,
organic avocado oil,
honey, soap & body
products, and more...

Buggy rides of the
vineyard-

Café open 9-3

Stall enquiries:

Despina Christos 0412920012



Bullsbrook

Dance

Academy

Enrolment

Day



Enrolment day Tuesday 31st
January 2012.

4-7pm at Bullsbrook Dance
Academy Studio 6 Frigate Way
Bullsbrook. (Bullsbrook
Commercial Centre)

For enquiries email
Bullsbrookdance@hotmail.com

BDA office open for phone
enrolments 10am to 2:30pm
from 31st January 2012
9571 1696

Modern, Tap, Acrobatics
Classical Ballet, Hip Hop
Contemporary, Troupe work
Stretch & flex, Music &
movement, Exams & competition
work, Private lessons.



BULLSBROOK COMMUNITY & SPORTS ASSOCIATION

AT THE PAVILION, BULLSBROOK

U.F.O. Evenings

We will be having a break over the school
holidays and recommencing

February 2012

Anyone wishing to finish off any crafts i.e.
quilting, knitting, making models,
painting, or any craft at all is invited to
come to the new

U.F.O. NIGHT

- ◆ 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 ph: 0419 929 469



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BRRRA is now on Facebook!

During the October meeting it was decided that BRRRA would open an Facebook page to further facilitate communication between those members who use this media.

When you next have the chance have a sticky beak and 'request to join' as a friend. If you have any questions or need help joining, please contact Glynn fd0503@bigpond.com.



Bullsbrook Residents and Ratepayers Association (BRRRA)

Open group

6 members Photos Docs



RAINFALL IN BULLSBROOK



This year our weather has been interesting!

Our average annual rainfall is approx. 680mm over approx. 108 days



The annual rainfall in 2010 annual rainfall was 334.4mm over 54 days
In 2011 up until Dec 13 the annual rainfall was 637.2mm in 92 days

The wettest day this year was on December 7 with 48.8mm. Last time it rained that much in December was in 1952 with 53.6mm.

Thanks to our member Alicia Windle for this interesting information!



Be Bushfire Ready

Fire Season Information

Everyone can take responsibility for reducing fire hazards in the community. You too can play an important role in protecting your family, property and community from the devastation of fire by following some of the simple advice and regulations in this section.

Your Guide to the Fire Season

Please note that we are now in a **restricted burning period**, and permits are currently required for all burning with the City of Swan. [Your guide to the fire season 2011/12](#) provides an overview of permit requirements for burning periods throughout the year, and the latest fire danger ratings can be found on the [FESA website \(www.fesa.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au)

The FESA website contains useful publications including [Prepare. Act. Survive. Your guide to Fire Season Preparation](#), Annual Firebreak Notices, and the [Home Owners Survival Manual](#). You may also like to monitor the [Bureau of Meteorology \(BOM\) website](#) for the latest weather forecasts.

Do you have biting flies?

Stable (Biting) Fly Updates

The biting (stable) fly problem is widespread through local shires this season including the Shires of Gingin and Chittering and the Cities of Wanneroo and Swan resulting in distressed cattle, horses and humans. Property owners in locations that have never had the biting fly problems in previous years are reporting severe infestations.

Our sub-committee was pleased that Hon Frank Alban MLA and Hon Grant Woodhams MLA were able to arrange a meeting for Anne Sibbel from BRRA and Jo Ottoway, Secretary and Bob Wilson, Chairman of the Stable Fly Action Group (SFAG) with the Minister for Agriculture, Hon Terry Redman in early December at Parliament House. Dr David Cook, entomologist, Ian McPharlin from DAFWA and the Minister's Principal Policy Advisor also attended. At the meeting the Minister confirmed the total ban on the use of Raw Poultry Manure (RPM) will remain in place in the 12 biting fly affected local government areas after 1 September 2013 either through extension of the current regulations or through new legislation.



Above: Left to right: Anne Sibbel, Frank Alban and Dr David Cook.

The meeting acknowledged that long term management of the biting (stable) fly problem and elimination of breeding sites requires collaboration between all stakeholders including the horticultural industry. The government is committed to working to a solution. DAFWA has recently been appointed the lead agency. They are currently investigating legislative and other options.

Dr David Cook forensic entomologist from UWA is working on a joint project with local government, including the City of Swan, and DAFWA to identify breeding sources and provide education in these areas.

Local residents are strongly encouraged to report biting fly outbreaks to their local shire health officers.

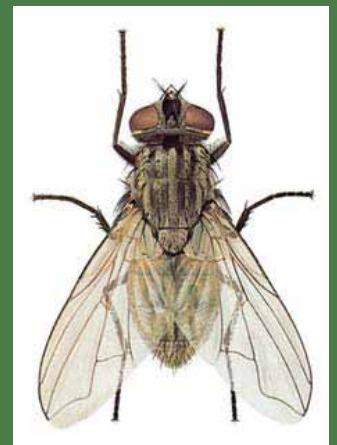
If you live in the Shire of Chittering email chatter@chittering.wa.gov.au

If you live in the City of Swan email David.Rosling@swan.wa.gov.au

More information is available from the SFAG website: www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au

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Bullsbrook Carols by Candlelight

The 2011 Bullsbrook Carols was a wonderful family event last weekend. Each community group's contribution helped the evening to work so well - the atmosphere was great and the crowd was much bigger than last year.

The BDHS Choir and Band were fantastic and the Joey and Cub Scouts added to the great entertainment.

A special thanks to our Santa for braving the hot humid night for the second year running, and to the Bullsbrook Firees for providing Santa's transport.

Thank you also to the members of the Bullsbrook Ambulance Sub-Centre for being there in force.

Looking forward to Carols next year in the new look school.



Anne Sibbel presenting the first prize of the P&C raffle to Holly and Blake Dunham



No carols would be complete without a visit from Santa

Midland Communities for Children Plus (CfC+)

A number of our BRRAs Newsletters this year have provided information and updates about the Midland Communities for Children Plus (CfC+) project. This federal government (FACHSIA) initiative provides funding for communities that are identified as having families with children under 12yo who are "at risk".

The Midland CfC+ project has \$3million to be spent on capacity building projects over the next 3 years in various City of Swan communities and some of this money has been identified to be spent in Bullsbrook on a number of different projects.

The Midland CfC + Committee identified that regular community markets would be good for the Bullsbrook Community

and accordingly have invited BRRAs to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) in running 5 markets over the next two and a half years. They would provide \$30000 for us to run the markets – this money would have to be used to employ someone to help organise the events.

We have until January 3 2012 to respond to this EOI. At an initial meeting held to discuss the EOI our members are pleased the money is available for our community but have reservations about our capacity to commit to run 5 markets in 3 years.

We are currently discussing our options with the CfC+ manager, Vicki Johnson. If you would like more information or would like to help with the project please contact Anne: asibbel@bigpond.com

6 or Greg: gregory.west@inet.net.au

Bullsbrook Photo Competition

Members of BRRRA joined Jenelle Dunn, City of Swan Community Development Coordinator - Rural Place on a holiday program taking photos for the Bullsbrook Photo Competition. A great morning was had by all. We took photos from a property on Chittering road, animals at the Bullsbrook Animal Farm and photos on the Bullsbrook Fire engines. The morning concluded with sausage sizzle at the Bullsbrook Sports Pavillion.

The winners of the Bullsbrook Photo Competition were announced at the Final 2011 Swap Meet at the Neighbourhood Centre on 4 December 2011 and BRRRA was very proud to help support this event and the winners announced were as follows:



Under 12yrs category

Runner up – Saskia Henderson

Winner – Amelia Henderson

12-17yrs

Runner up – Shannon Melican

Winner – Robbie Hunt

Over 18yrs

Runner up – Jon Greenwood

Winner – Carol Mulhearn



*Above: Under 12 winner Amelia taking photos
Left: Children ready to embark on a morning taking photos*

What happened at the Bullsbrook Free Movie Family Night?

BARRA hosted its second outdoor movie night during October. Funded by the City of Swan, this free event attracted a large crowd to Pickett Park. The weather was perfect and people came early to enjoy a picnic while being entertained by Huaira. This Latin American band provided a perfect introduction to the featured movie Rango. Our local Fire Brigade also took the opportunity to promote their services and interact with the community. The kids especially loved the opportunity to use the fire hoses. Thanks to the BARRA members who helped with our stall and sausage sizzle on the evening. Thanks also to Lisa Chapman at the CoS for her assistance in making the event run smoothly. We look forward to more outdoor movies during 2012.



The Bullsbrook Free Movie Family Night? Continued....



The band "Huaira"(pronounced, why-ra) performing as the sun sets



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BRRR Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Bullsbrook Sports Club.

BULLSBROOK VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE BRIGADE

The brigade welcomes new members, both active firefighters and supporters. Recently the brigade had a display at the Outdoor Movie Night and many children took the opportunity to use a real fire hose. One of the brigade members Dwayne assisted at the recent fires in Margaret River. For more information please contact Frank Sibbel on 0412953387 or email bvbfbscrtry@gmail.com.

Special thanks to the Fires for providing transport for Santa to the 2011 Bullsbrook Carols.



Do you want to know what is happening in the City of Swan? You can subscribe to be emailed the City of Swan Council Agendas and Newsletter. Go to <http://www.cityofswan.com/newsletter/default.asp?sel=A>



City of Swan Annual Report 2010/11



You can view a copy of the document [online](#) under the publications section of the site by selecting 'annual reports', or in hard copy at any of the City's six [libraries](#) or [Administration Centre](#).

<http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/General/Publications>

Have you say on the draft Sustainable Environment Strategy from the City of Swan

The City of Swan has released its draft Sustainable Environment Strategy for public comment and encourage us to have our say.

The strategy is a significant part of the City's emerging environmental management system. With about 115,000 residents living in dispersed and diverse communities, combined with the significant growth that has been forecast, the City faces unique challenges in managing the impacts of human settlement on our environment.

Communities in the City of Swan range from industrialised Malaga in the northwest, to rural Gidgegannup in the east, with many residential communities also within our boundary.

Each of these communities has a different set of impacts on the ecosystem and servicing the needs of these communities in an environmentally sensitive way presents an ongoing challenge for the City.

The City is committed to the principles of environmental, social and economic sustainability, and this draft strategy

has been developed by staff as a clear statement of our intent to improve our environmental performance, in addition to ensuring we contribute to the development of communities that are resilient to future environmental pressures.

The draft Sustainable Environment Strategy contains a range of environment activities in seven focus areas that the City will undertake in cooperation with our partners, to achieve our environmental objectives. These focus areas are biodiversity retention, water quality, water efficiency, carbon reduction, adaptation for the future, waste minimisation, and corporate capacity. It also contains our environmental targets for the next five year reporting period.

Members of the public wanting to [comment on the strategy](#) can forward written submissions to the City's Chief Executive Officer by **December 23, 2011**.



Opportunities to comment on City of Swan Planning Proposals for Bullsbrook

There is a proposal to establish an Industrial precinct in South Bullsbrook in the vicinity of Stock Rd. The developers have proposed to change the zoning of this land through an MRS amendment.

This amendment has been advertised for public comment. The documents are available from:

<http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/6129.asp>

The purpose of the amendment is to transfer approximately 428.97 ha of Rural zoned land to the Industrial zone in the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS), as

shown on Figure 1. The amendment also seeks to reserve and widen Stock Road as Other Regional Roads (ORR), and the adjustment of the associated Bush Forever (Site 296) Notification in the MRS.

The proposed Industrial zoning will allow for the staged primarily light industrial development of the land following a local scheme amendment, detailed structure planning and subdivision approval.

Project manager Anthony Muscara

Submissions close **Friday 10 February 2012**

Amendment 40 Update

Amendment 40 to the City of Swan Local Planning Scheme 17 has now been gazetted and as such has been incorporated in our local planning scheme.

It is recommended that commercial vehicle operators who park their vehicles at their residence contact the City to make sure they know how the Amendment affects them .

The City has waived the Development Application fee of \$135 from now until February 3 2012 to give people the opportunity to gain any necessary approvals. For further information on the parking of commercial vehicles please contact the City of Swan on 9267 9267 or visit www.swan.wa.gov.au

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

The City of Swan's Rural Place Office provides decentralised services to assist residents, community groups, businesses and other stakeholders in the Bullsbrook Place area.

Staff at the Place Office can help with general City of Swan services including community development and funding matters, fire and community safety concerns, bush care, environmental and land use queries, business development and tourism, environmental health, building queries, youth matters, local events, community planning and much more.

Location: Rural Place Office, Lot 5 Bullsbrook Road, Bullsbrook

Hours: Wednesdays (9 am – 12 noon), Thursdays (9 am – 4 pm) or by appointment

Please note: There are also offices at **Giddegannup** (behind Shell Garage, Toodyay Road) – open Tuesdays 9 am to 12 noon - and **Middle Swan** (opposite Midland Brick on Great Northern Highway) – open normal office hours.

Gail Compe is currently the acting Rural Place Manager. Gail provides a local point of contact for enquiries and requests and ensures that the services provided by the City of Swan are planned and delivered in a way that reflects the diverse needs of the community.

For more information, please contact Gail on 9267 9446 or gail.compe@swan.wa.gov.au



FREE Chittering Landcare Workshops 2012

Tues 7th Feb 6-9pm	Feral Animal Control	Chittering Landcare Centre
Sat 25th Feb 9-4pm	Bushfire Behaviour	Chittering Landcare Centre
Sat 10th March 9am-12	Bushfire Survival	Chittering Landcare Centre
Tues 13th March 6-9pm	Bushfire Survival	Chittering Landcare Centre

A full brochure with all 2012 workshops can be downloaded at

<http://www.chitteringlandcare.org.au/downloads/centre/brochures/2012%20WS%20bookletweb.pdf>

From Chittering Landcare Environwise

Did you know?

WA Christmas Tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*) is the largest member of the mistletoe family and may grow to a tree of up to 10m tall. It is parasitic on the roots of a great variety of plants, as well as being able to photosynthesise to produce energy for itself. Its host plants do not need to be large or very close by, in fact they can be up to 150m away! Unlike other members of the mistletoe family, which have berry like fruit containing a sticky seed which is spread by birds, Christmas Tree seeds are dry and have papery wings and are spread by the wind.



A SPECIAL BABY STORY!

This story was sent in by our own BRRR Treasurer Stacey Rocca.

On the 9 October 2011 Jasmine Rocca gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Myla Rose.

Myla Rose is the 5th generation (alive) in the Rocca family.

Joy- my grandmother
 Barbara- my mother
 Stacey- that's me
 Jasmine- my daughter
 Myla Rose- my granddaughter





Don't forget WE ARE NOW ON



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!

WELCOME NEW AND EXISTING BARRA 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 BARRA membership. If you have already done so thank you. Your membership is very important as our strength is in numbers. Help us to make the remainder of 2011 and 2012 a great one for our community.

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BARRA 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 BARRA?	
Membership fee* paid? Y / N	
Signed (person applying for membership):	
Date:	
<u>Committee use only</u>	
Application approved: Y / N Meeting date: Receipt number:	

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Don't forget to renew your 2011 membership

* Membership fee is \$10 per person per annum. Payment can be made into the BARRA 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 BARRA, PO Box 513, Bullsbrook WA 6084, or email the information to gregory.west@inet.net.au

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	Shayley Abbett /Coordinator	bullsbrooknc06@bigpond.com
Bullsbrook Playgroup	Karyn Parker /President	karynp73@gmail.com
Bullsbrook Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc	Greg West /Secretary	gregory.west@inet.net.au
Bullsbrook RSL	Penny De Grussa /Secretary	degfam@inet.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 Ph 95711622
Bullsbrook St John's Ambulance		
Bullsbrook Toy Library	Lois Gearing	gearings@timegate.net.au
Bullsbrook Landcare Group	Anne Janes /Secretary	Anne.Janes@det.wa.edu.au

Be in the know in your community by joining the BRRR. 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 BRRR documents.



Regular Meetings

Organisation

Bullsbrook & Chittering Chamber of Commerce
New members welcomed.

Bullsbrook District High School P&C
New members welcomed.

Bullsbrook Residents & Ratepayers Assoc. Inc.
New members welcomed.

Bullsbrook Seniors
New members welcomed.

Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire Service Brigade
New members welcomed.

North Swan Landcare Group (NSLCDC)
New members welcomed.

Meeting Information

2nd Tuesday each month 5pm at Mean Bean Café Bullsbrook

2nd Wednesday each month 7.00pm at the secondary staff room, Bullsbrook District High

4th Monday each month 7:30pm at the Bullsbrook Sports Pavilion, Pickett Park

Meet on the third Monday of each month at Pickett Park pavilion at 10.30am.

2nd Wednesday each month 7pm at Bullsbrook Fire Station Chittering Rd Bullsbrook

Check next meeting date with Secretary 7.30pm Lowery Park Hall

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 ksgoh@activ8.net.au

