

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Tina's House, Banjup****30 March 2011 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Ian Thurston

Tina Klimaitis

Coco Franklin

Neil Cunliffe-Williams

Ken Mellor

Jim Wilson

Neil Raine

Apologies:

None

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.	
2.	Resignations	
2.1	The resignation of the newly seconded Secretary, Wendy Jenkin, was accepted with regret. It was agreed that the Secretary's duties will be rotated around the Committee members until a replacement is appointed.	
2.2	The resignation of committee member Kay Zaretsky was accepted with regret.	
3.	Review of Financial Position	
3.1	Coco reported that she holds \$445 in cash for the BRG. No expenses since the last Committee meeting have been incurred.	
3.2	Coco will open a bank account at Westpac when the Banjup Residents Group is incorporated.	Coco
4.	Membership of north Banjup residents	
4.1	Tina drafted a letter to north Banjup householders and delivered copies to 60 properties.	

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5.	Web site and email	
5.1	Emails to all members will sent 'bcc' so as to protect their privacy.	
5.2	Committee members were content to be included as 'cc' rather than 'bcc' on all emails between themselves.	
6.	Council funding	
6.1	Ken reported that the BRG had received a very complimentary letter of support from Joe Francis, Member for Jandakot, that he will attach to the BRG's application for funding from Cockburn Council. The Aubin Grove residents' association has agreed to sponsor the BRG's grant application, for which the Committee expressed its appreciation.	
6.2	Ken will deliver the application to Cockburn by hand on 31 March.	Ken
7.	Incorporation	
7.1	Ken will lodge the application for incorporation when the BRG receives approval for funding from Cockburn Council, most likely in June.	Ken
8.	DCP Risk Management monitoring	
8.1	Tina, Neil CW, and Ian reported that they had met with directors of the DCP on 21 March to discuss the DCP's Risk Management Plan.	
8.2	The DCP had published a Fire Management Plan which was a template and needed to be customised to be specific for the Banjup home. We pointed out that fire management was only one of the risks that needed to be managed at the DCP home and that if their plan had been prepared in accordance with Australian Standards, then their plan would have been much more complete and, because Banjup residents would have been involved in its preparation, the plan would have had more ready acceptance and support.	
8.3	We presented to DCP a critique of the DCP plan prepared by Dan Franklin, a BRG member and practising risk manager. Dan had also prepared a 'skeleton' risk management plan for the children's home that the DCP agreed to build upon and publish to the BRG committee by early May.	

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8.4	<p>DCP appears to have diluted the commitment made by the CEO in November that: <i>"the Department for Child Protection would not place at Banjup children who exhibit behaviours such as sexual aggression, fire setting, and animal cruelty"</i>. Instead, they now say that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>'Previous behaviour that includes lighting fires, harming animals or sexual aggression will be identified prior to any placement being made. The Department will not place children in the Banjup Home where the child's behaviour poses a <u>current</u> risk to the community'</i></p> <p>The BRG committee perceived that 'current' could imply that a child might have previously exhibited fire setting behaviours but was now 'cured'. The Committee felt that this was a dilution of the commitment and that the BRG should request a description of how a 'current risk' would be assessed.</p>	Ian
8.5	<p>The Committee was pleased that the DCP was proposing to utilise an expert review panel to review the case files of children placed at the Banjup home every 6 months. The panel would be able to certify whether or not the Department was keeping to its commitment not to place children with dangerous behaviours at Banjup.</p>	
9.	Reality of Jandakot Water Mound	
9.1	<p>The Water Mound Sub-Committee has discussed the reality of the Water Mound with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Water • Water Corporation • Department of Environment and Conservation • Local Authorities • Department of Planning <p>In the final analysis, the Department of Planning will make all decisions concerning the 'reality' and the future use of the Jandakot Water Mound. All the other agencies have only an advisory role.</p>	
9.2	<p>Directions 2031 is the strategic plan for Perth's development over the coming 20 years. It includes a subsidiary report, the Outer Metropolitan Perth and Peel Sub-regional Strategy. The documents highlight the need for an additional 40,000 homes in Cockburn, Kwinana, and Rockingham over the next 20 years. The report noted that in that south west region there is a potential supply of land for 100,000 homes in 'greenfields' developments and 20,000 homes in infill redevelopment.</p> <p>The report, dated August 2010, already noted that 'Banjup Quarry' could provide land for 2,000 homes.</p>	

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9.3	<p>The key to development of land on the Jandakot Water Mound is rezoning from P2, protection, to P3, management. If a property developer can demonstrate that his water management practices are sufficient to cause no pollution of the drinking water (and developers hire expert consultants to prove this), then the Planning department will likely approve the rezoning, as was the case with Aubin Grove and Harvest Lakes.</p>	
9.4	<p>The Outer Metropolitan Perth and Peel Sub-regional Strategy states that "a decision on whether Banjup can be developed can only be made once the likely impact of development on the Jandakot groundwater water resource has been determined."</p> <p>A review of all of the land over the state's water resources has been proposed but little budget has been allocated for it and a timetable for its completion has not been set.</p>	
9.5	<p>The sub-committee recommended that they present to the next General Meeting a brief summary of the facts so far determined and then seek guidance from Banjup residents as to whether the next step should be to lobby for the review to be properly funded and then completed quickly so that residents could at last get some clarity about the future of the Jandakot Water Mound.</p> <p>The BRG Committee supported this recommendation.</p>	
10.	Fire station	
10.1	<p>Jim Wilson sent a letter to Cockburn Council and to FESA stating the concerns of Banjup residents to possible closure of the Banjup Fire Station. At the time of the meeting no replies had been received.</p>	
10.2	<p>[Subsequent note: The next day, the BRG received a letter from the Cockburn Mayor stating that Council supports the retention of the Jandakot Volunteer Fire Brigade in its present location. The letter has been posted on the BRG web site at http://banjup.webs.com/apps/blog/.]</p>	

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11.	Fire permits	
11.1	<p>In response to the residents' petition, a Cockburn council officer wrote to us on 28 February reiterating Cockburn's fire permit policy. The letter was not constructive and included errors, unsubstantiated claims, and legal threats. The Committee expressed its disappointment with the letter.</p> <p>On three occasions over three weeks we asked the Mayor to facilitate an opportunity for our Group to address the next Council meeting about this matter. Again, the Committee was disappointed that nothing eventuated.</p> <p>The Committee believes that Council is misinformed about fire permits and that officers have made policy without proper regard to the facts.</p>	
11.2	<p>On 18 March, a letter was delivered from Banjup Residents to the Mayor and the CEO of Cockburn Council. We asked Council to supply us with the statistics upon which they base their claims of widespread non-compliance with fire permits. We also asked them to specify what legislation they rely upon to enforce their onerous policies.</p>	
11.3	<p>A telephone conversation with a council officer gave us to understand that council will reply to our letter by the end of March. Once we have council's considered reply, the Committee will meet with Council representatives.</p>	Comm- ittee
11.4	<p>We have written to each Cockburn Council ward councillor asking them to meet with the BRG Committee on our properties so they could gain a first-hand appreciation of the magnitude of the task of fire hazard prevention each year on a bush block in Banjup.</p> <p>Councillor Ian Whitfield has declined to meet with us, saying he supports council policy and : <i>"I have visited many properties [in Banjup]I believe residents can manage their rural life style within the 3 limit issue."</i></p> <p>Councillor Helen Attrill has agreed to meet with us, probably on the weekend of 9-10 April.</p> <p>We have received no response from Councillor Lee-Anne Smith.</p>	Comm- ittee
12.	Submission to the Perth Hills Bushfire Review	
12.1	<p>The BRG will make a submission to the Review. A draft will be circulated to Committee members for approval before it is sent to the Review.</p>	Ian
13.	Road safety	
13.1	<p>Coco reported that Cockburn City Council had told her that a traffic count performed last year showed that 1,500 vehicles per day used Liddelow Road, of which 6% were commercial vehicles.</p>	

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13.2	Coco will ask Fremantle traffic police to set up speed cameras on Liddelow Road in an attempt to reduce speeding on the road.	Coco
13.3	Tina will contact Main Roads requesting information about road changes to North Lake/Armadale Roads which will affect Banjup residents. Tina will also approach Joe Francis for his support in this matter.	Tina
14.	Tip passes	
14.1	This matter will not be pursued until the fire permit issue is resolved.	
15.	Trail bikes	
15.1	The correct contact information for residents when an issue with trail bikes arises has been posted on the BRG web site.	
16.	Banjup Memorial Park	
16.1	<p>The Committee agreed to rehabilitate the Banjup Memorial Park that is located on Armadale Road, just west of Warton Road.</p> <p>The Park is dedicated to the men of Banjup who served in World War I. Of the 14 who served, 6 were killed and 4 were wounded. It must have been a severe blow to the small Banjup community of those days to lose so many young men.</p> <p>It would seem that the Park originally had 14 trees planted in memory of those who served. 7 of the original planting remain but only 6 have been replaced, leaving a gap in the eastern row of trees that should be filled.</p> <p>The Committee believes that it would be appropriate for the Banjup Residents Group to replace the missing tree. Cockburn Council has agreed to supply a replacement tree.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to plant the tree on ANZAC Day, 25 April at 2:00 pm.</p>	Comm- ittee
17.	Other Business	
17.1	None	
18.	Next Meetings	
18.1	The next General Meeting of members will be on 15 May 2011 at 11am until 2pm at the Banjup Hall, Oxley Road. BBQ will be available.	Comm- ittee

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18.2	A flyer inviting all residents to the General Meeting will be prepared. Australia Post will be contracted to deliver the flyer to all 475 Banjup properties at a cost of ~\$70.	Ian Ken
18.3	The Committee will meet next on 5 May 2011 at 7:30 pm at the house of Ken Mellor, Banjup.	