

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Coco's House, Banjup****27 June May 2012 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Neil Raine

Ian Thurston

Martin Rimmer

Coco Franklin

Colin Bramwell

Apologies

Neil Cunliffe-Williams

Dino Elpitelli

Jim Wilson

Liane Lied-Cordruwisch

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of 1 May 2012 were confirmed	
2.	Matters Arising	
2.1	Considered during the meeting.	
3.	Treasurer's Report	
3.1	The Treasurer reported income to date in 2012 of \$1,739 and expenditure of \$363, giving a surplus for the year of \$1,376. Taken with last year's surplus, the BRG now has \$2,328 in funds.	
4.	Cockburn Council Meeting 14 June 2012	
4.1	Neil R reported to the Committee on the proceedings of the Cockburn Council meeting that he attended with Ian and Neil W. With the support of Cllr Smith, the BRG has been successful in securing budget for the construction of footpaths in Banjup.	
4.2	The Committee resolved to publish on the BRG web site observations of the proceedings of the council meeting.	Ian
4.3	The Committee noted that the BRG should make earlier representations to the City of Cockburn about Banjup's needs that it had done this year. It was resolved to seek guidance from members at the next general meeting about what to lobby for in Cockburn's 2013/14 budget and to begin such lobbying in November 2012.	Comm- ittee

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5.	Better Publication of Notices by the City of Cockburn	
5.1	The Committee noted that the Cockburn Mayor and CEO had indicated that the City was considering better and more prominent publication of its notices. The Committee resolved to write to the Mayor congratulating his initiative and urging that all City notices be far more prominently published than they are now, not just those for the Objects and Reasons consultation.	Ian Neil R
6.	Cockburn's Sister City Relationships	
6.1	The Committee reviewed the City of Cockburn's answers to the BRG's written questions concerning the value to ratepayers of the City's sister city relationships. The Committee also reviewed Cllr Portelli's written comments in support of the relationships.	
6.2	The Committee remained unconvinced that there was any value to ratepayers in the relationships, particularly as the City had acknowledged that there were "few, if any, economic outcomes". The Committee resolved to continue to press Cockburn to cease funding the relationships.	
7.	Fire Break Period	
7.1	The Committee noted that the BRG had made a submission on 12 June to the City of Cockburn strongly opposing the City's proposed changes to the Fire Break Period.	
7.2	Ian reported that he had that day spoken with Don Green, Cockburn's Director of Community Services, who had said that the City had withdrawn its proposal to change the Fire Break Period for this fire season because there was insufficient time to progress it through all of the legal processes.	
7.3	Don Green went on to say that the City would reconsider changes to the Fire Break Period for the 2013/14 fire season. He had assured Ian that the BRG would be consulted about the City's proposals, most likely beginning in September 2012.	
8.	Bushfire Prone Areas	
8.1	The Committee noted that the City of Cockburn had that week written to every Banjup resident advising of its proposal to declare Banjup a 'Bushfire Prone Area' in accordance with the recommendations of the Keelty inquiries into recent bushfires in Western Australia.	

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8.2	The Committee recognised the sense of the measures proposed by Keelty but were concerned that some devil might lie in the detail of their implementation. Consequently, it was resolved the BRG should open a dialogue with the City of Cockburn about the proposals, particularly about the implications for extensions for existing homes, with a view to making a formal submission by 7 August 2012. Coco agreed to lead BRG's submission process.	Coco
9.	Banjup Memorial Park	
9.1	The Committee noted that Main Roads WA was likely to seek to reposition the Banjup Memorial Park, if and when it receives funding to widen Armadale Road to dual carriageway. Reports and correspondence about the repositioning have already been received by the BRG. The tree that the BRG planted on ANZAC Day 2011 would not be affected by the repositioning.	
9.2	Ian reported that, in response to the recent email poll of members, there were 5 in support of the repositioning and 2 against – hardly sufficient to determine a policy.	
9.3	It was suggested that any changed Memorial Park might be expanded to include remembrance of men of Banjup who served in other wars.	
9.4	The Committee resolved to maintain a dialogue on the matter with the City of Cockburn, which is the custodian of the land.	Comm- ittee
10.	Community Aviation Consultation Group	
10.1	The Committee noted that the BRG had received a copy of the terms of reference for the Jandakot Community Aviation Consultation Group proposed by its chairman and that there was some concern that the Group might concern itself with more than aviation matters.	
10.2	The Committee endorsed the alternative terms of reference prepared by Ian and resolved to seek the BRG's inclusion on the CACG.	Comm- ittee
11.	Feral Animal Control	
11.1	Neil R reported that he had received several emails from members expressing concern about the increased numbers of foxes in Banjup. The Committee resolved to continue pressing the City of Cockburn for increased control measures.	

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11.2	The Committee noted that Cockburn will convene a 'Feral Animal Workshop' on 18 July. BRG members should be encouraged to attend.	Ian
12.	Road Safety	
12.1	Coco reported that trail bike riders and recently 4WD drivers were hooning around the Reserve north of Gibbs Road. She had reported the occurrences to Cockburn rangers. The Committee resolved to continue to press the City of Cockburn to prevent hoons using the reserves.	Comm- ittee
13.	Cockburn Strategic Community Plan	
13.1	The Committee noted that Cockburn had recently invited the BRG to attend a community consultation workshop on 3 July. Neil R and Coco will attend.	Neil R Coco
14.	Western Power	
14.1	In the wake of the recent power outages in Banjup, the Committee resolved to ask Western Power whereabouts in its list of priorities did Banjup sit, bearing in mind that without electricity Banjup has no water and no sewage and so houses can quickly become unviable.	Ian
15.	Other Business	
15.1	None	
16.	Next Meeting	
16.1	Early September or when events so require.	