

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Rita's House, Banjup****16 April 2013 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Coco Franklin

Ian Thurston

Neil Raine

Jemma Van Dongen

Rita Zuks

Apologies

Colin Bramwell

Neil Cunliffe-Williams

Dino Elpitelli

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of 5 March 2013 were confirmed	
2.	Matters Arising	
2.1	Membership Fees	
	Neil said that he would write this month to new members who had paid \$10 at the AGM.	
2.2	Banjup Newsletter	
	Jemma presented a draft newsletter that was warmly endorsed by the Committee. It was agreed that the newsletter would be published by email twice a year: in June and in December.	
2.3	The possibility of expanding the BRG web site to include copies of the proposed newsletter was discussed. Ian noted that the current web site is free but carries advertisements and is limited to 40Mb of storage space, which is now almost all used. For \$45 annually 400Mb would be available and would have no advertisements. For \$90 annually, 1Gb would be available.	
3.	Treasurer's Report	
3.1	Neil reported that the BRG has net funds of \$4,250.65, unchanged from last month.	

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4.	Submission on Banjup Quarry Structure Plan	
4.1	The Committee endorsed the draft submission circulated last week. It was agreed that the draft should be circulated to all BRG members for their comments. The notes from the briefing by Stockland on the Banjup Quarry, as prepared by the City of Cockburn, should also be circulated to members.	Ian
5.	Fire Break Period	
5.1	Neil R, Dino, and Ian met with the Mayor, councillors, and senior officers of the City of Cockburn on 13 March to discuss the BRG's concerns about extending the Fire Break Period. However, the City proved intransigent and insisted on extending the Period to include 1 November to 31 May.	
5.2	A letter reaffirming the BRG's position and disputing the facts used by the City to justify its decision was sent to the Mayor on 18 March but received only an acknowledgement.	
5.3	Given that all BRG members at February's AGM were opposed to extending the Fire Break Period, the Committee resolved to email all members to advise them of the City's decision that was ratified at its meeting on 11 April 2013.	Ian
6.	Bush Fire Prone Area	
6.1	Coco had sought clarification from the city of Cockburn on several issues, particularly how an 'extension' is defined, but has yet to receive the appropriate documentation.	Coco
7.	Hoons	
7.1	Committee members noted that there has been a marked decline in hoon activity in Banjup over recent weeks, particularly by those centred on Grant Place. There has been some hooning in Banjup but they seem to be visitors to the area or live in other streets. Hooning in Banjup now seems to be at a level comparable with other areas in the metropolitan area.	
7.2	The Committee resolved to write to Superintendent Brad Sorrell of South Metropolitan Police thanking him and his officers for their anti-hooning efforts and encouraging them to keep up the good work.	Ian
8.	Cockburn Corporate Business Plan	

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8.1	The Committee noted that Cockburn's Corporate Business Plan has been published for comments that should be made by 30 April.	
8.2	The Committee resolved to comment on these matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Omission of a plan and adequate funding for on-going control feral animals in nature reserves• Omission of an on-going fire management plan with adequate funding• The impact of increasing council FTEs by 15% over the coming 5 years while the population of the City is expected to grow by only 12%. Will payroll costs be maintained at or below the current 71% of rates revenue?	
8.3	A draft submission will be prepared and circulated for comment.	Ian
9.	Other Business	
9.1	The Committee noted that a General Meeting of members had been proposed for April. However, it was resolved that such a meeting would be deferred until matters arose requiring direction from the membership.	
9.2	Committee members resolved to attend Cockburn's "Community Conversations" on 22 May at the Youth Centre, Wentworth Pde. Topics of relevance to Banjup would include: hoons, traffic, buses, feral animals, and a 'Men's Shed'.	
10.	Next Meeting	
10.1	At Ian's house on 10 June 2013.	