

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Coco's House, Banjup****19 August 2013 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Coco Franklin

Ian Thurston

Neil Raine

Jemma Van Dongen

Rita Zuks

Apologies

Neil Cunliffe-Williams

Dino Elpitelli

Colin Bramwell

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of 24 June 2013 were confirmed	
2.	Treasurer's Report	
2.1	Neil reported that the BRG has net funds of \$nn. Neil Williams has yet to submit an expenses claim for signs and printing, which are estimated to be \$600.	
3.	5 Metre Rule	
3.1	The Committee expressed its deep concern that the Council of the City of Cockburn had adopted a Fire Control Order that is materially and significantly different from that advertised and about which the BRG had made extensive submissions.	
3.2	The Committee noted that Cockburn had just published its 'Community Perceptions Survey' that showed satisfaction with bush fire prevention and control. This is the same result as in previous years. On enquiry with the surveying company it became apparent that only 2 Banjup ratepayers were included in the survey. More representative research would likely have rendered a different result. Be that as it may, councillors and staff are likely to be under the misapprehension that Cockburn does a good job with bush fire prevention and control.	

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3.3	The Committee welcomed the support of Cllr Steve Portelli in lobbying for the '5 metre rule' to be withdrawn from the recently issued Fire Control Order and that procedures be put in place to ensure that ratepayers are properly consulted about any future changes.	
3.4	The Committee resolved to make a deputation to the 12 September meeting of Cockburn council. Coco, Ian, Neil R, and Rita will attend. Ian will prepare a briefing paper.	Ian
4.	Doubling Banjup Housing Density	
4.1	The Committee noted with appreciation Ian's briefing note researching the possibility of doubling Banjup's housing density.	
4.2	The Committee resolved to seek a meeting with the Department of Planning to see how the BRG's proposals could be taken forward.	Ian
4.3	Subsequent to Meeting The WA Planning Commission will consider the DoP's review of the Jandakot Water Mound at its meeting on 27 August. Any meeting with the DoP before then will be unproductive. Jemma will call the DoP in mid September to determine the current situation.	Jemma
5.	Footpaths	
5.1	Cockburn's Director of Engineering, Michael Littleton, has written to the BRG to say that Cockburn is assessing the verges within Banjup to identify high fire risk areas and reviewing the Trails Master plan and Footpath Network plan to identify gaps in the network between Thompsons Lake Reserve, Success and Dennis De Young & Shirley Balla Swamp reserve, Banjup	
5.2	Littleton will write to the BRG next week with the results of his reviews. A subsequent meeting with Littleton will likely be required, say after 6pm. Coco and Neil R will attend.	Coco Neil R
6.	DCP Home	
6.1	Ian reported that on 2 August he had met with a home's neighbour and with Amanda Sheppard, now an assistant director of the DCP responsible for all homes south of the river, and Olive Spain, the Banjup acting house manager, to discuss sightings of the DCP's charges outside the property.	

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6.2	Amanda was aware of one child leaving the property but she said that he was under observation at all times. Another child who had written graffiti on road signs and kerbing was no longer at the house. The graffiti has since been removed.	
6.3	Amanda appreciated the opportunity to meet with neighbours and discuss their concerns.	
7.	Aircraft Noise	
7.1	The Committee resolved to write to Melissa Parke, MP, about the ineffectiveness of the Jandakot Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group and the need to enforce compliance with flight path rules.	Ian Dino
8.	Timing of Road Upgrades	
8.1	Cockburn has written to the BRG about the timing of road upgrades around the new Banjup Quarry development. The letter is quite non-committal and does not allay the BRG's concerns. The Committee resolved to press Cllr Portelli for the upgrades to be made more timely.	
9.	General Meeting	
9.1	The Committee resolved to hold a general meeting of members on Sunday 27 October at 3pm in the Banjup Hall. Main topics for discussion will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 metre rule• Doubling housing density• Aircraft noise• Feral animal control	Ian
9.2	Jemma will contact Adam Harris at Cockburn to invite him to address the meeting concerning what landowners should do to control feral animals on their own properties.	Jemma
10.	BRG Web Site	
10.1	Jemma will sponsor the BRG web site for 2 years in return for an advertisement for Anthony Murray Real Estate. This was agreed by the committee.	
11.	Local Council Elections	

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11.1	On 12 September, nominations close for the council elections to be held on 19 October. The Committee resolved to meet with the candidates for the east ward to discuss how they would each support Banjup during their term.	Coco
12.	Next Meeting	
12.1	At Neil R's house on Monday 20 October 2013 at 7:30 pm	