

**Minutes of Committee Meeting****Ian's House, Banjup****18 August 2014 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Jemma Van Dongen

Colin Bramwell

Ian Thurston

Erika Antal

Coco Franklin

**Apologies**

Neil Raine

Brian Morton

Sebastian Scata

Stephen Thornton

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Confirmation of minutes of last meeting</b>	
1.1	The minutes of the Committee meeting of 21 July 2014 were confirmed.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
2.1	The Group has \$2404 in its bank account.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Jandakot Water Mound Policy</b>	
3.1	The Department of Planning has released for public comment its long awaited Jandakot Groundwater Protection Policy 2.3. Its release was supposed to be around the same time as the release of the South Metropolitan Peel Structure Plan but that Plan has been delayed until the end of 2014.  Public submissions must be lodged by Friday 10 October 2014.	
3.2	Jemma reported that she had arranged for a representative of the DoP to attend the BRG general meeting on 14 September to explain the Policy. This was welcomed by the Committee.	

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3.3	<p>The Committee noted that the Policy proposes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⤴ The 2 hectare minimum lot size be “reinforced”; that is the BRG proposal for 1 hectare lots is not supported</li> <li>⤴ Rezoning may be supported for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Large land holdings of previously cleared land</li> <li>◦ Land directly adjacent to existing developed areas</li> <li>◦ Land identified by DoP in its South Metropolitan Peel Structure Plan (yet to be released)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.4	<p>The Committee was disappointed that the Policy appears yet again to support the ‘big end of town’ and provide the small landowner with no opportunities. The Committee concluded that planners want to limit the number of small landowners to about 400 rather than a possible 800 so that development in the future is not made even more complex.</p>	
3.5	<p>The Committee also noted that there are many in Banjup who hold opposing views about the future of development on the Water Mound. Consequently, it would be divisive for the Banjup community if only one position were adopted by BRG.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to facilitate the preparation of several submissions to the DoP but to support none of them formally. This will be put to the General Meeting of members on 14 September.</p>	
4.	<b>BRG Meeting with Mayor and Councillors</b>	
4.1	<p>Jemma, Neil, Ian, and Coco met on 10 August with the Mayor Logan Howlett, Deputy Mayor Carol Reeve-Fowkes, and Councillors Steve Portelli and Yaz Mubarakai to discuss relations between the BRG and the City of Cockburn.</p>	
4.2	<p>The meeting was positive and the councillors maintained that Banjup residents were well respected by the City councillors and staff. All agreed to try to move forward constructively and to keep communication channels open to resolve any difficulties.</p>	
5.	<b>Bush Fire Risk Management Plan</b>	
5.1	<p>Colin reported that he, Ian, and Dan Franklin had met with Cllr Steve Portelli to discuss Cockburn’s draft Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BRMP). All agreed that the Plan as written was difficult to understand and not fit for purpose, even though council staff wanted to publish it for public comment.</p>	

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5.2	Cllr Portelli moved at the council meeting of 14 August that the BRMP not be published but reworked to make it more accessible to uninitiated readers. His motion was successful and the Plan will be reworked.	
5.3	Colin and Ian with Dan will meet again to suggest to Cllr Portelli how the BRMP could be improved. The Committee thanked them for their efforts.	Colin Ian
6.	<b>DCP Home Absconders</b>	
6.1	Ian reported that two children had absconded twice from the DCP home in recent weeks. On the first occasion they had stolen a motor vehicle in Banjup. They had been apprehended by police and dealt with under the juvenile justice system. Neither child has been apprehended following their second absconding.	
6.2	Ian reported that BRG committee members had met with representatives of the DCP and had been assured that the child who was the instigator of the absconding and theft would not be returned to the Banjup home.	
6.3	The DCP has now agreed to a protocol that will advise the BRG of significant events at the Banjup home. The DCP house manager will also attend meetings of the BRG if asked to do so.	
6.4	The Committee resolved to advise members at the general meeting of the absconding and of the steps taken by the DCP. The Committee will recommend to members to accept the DCP's protocols but keep an eye to developments.	
7.	<b>Liaison with Wandj Progress Association</b>	
7.1	Colin reported that he, Neil, and Ian had met with office bearers of the Wandj Progress Association to discuss matters of common interest to rural landowners when Banjup and Wandj are within the same local government, due from July 2015. Such matters will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rates</li><li>• Fire permits</li><li>• Future of the fire brigades</li><li>• Zoning</li><li>• Verge clearing</li></ul>	

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7.2	It was agreed to keep in regular contact and to advise each other of initiatives being taken. In the first instance this will be the response to the Jandakot Groundwater Protection Policy.	Colin
8.	<b>Plaque for Jandakot Brigade</b>	
8.1	The Committee agreed to present a plaque to the Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade in recognition of their efforts during the Banjup bush fire in February.  Jemma will organise for the production of the plaque that will be presented to the Brigade captain at the September general meeting.	Jemma
9.	<b>General Meeting Agenda</b>	
9.1	The Committee resolved to replace the meeting signs that mysteriously disappeared shortly before the last general meeting. Ian will ask Neil Williams for his assistance.	Ian
9.2	This agenda was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Plaque for Jandakot Brigade</li> <li>1.2. DCP home absconders</li> <li>1.3. Jandakot Water Mound Policy</li> <li>1.4. Cockburn's new fire permit and fire control order</li> <li>1.5. Bush Fire Risk Plan</li> <li>1.6. Heavy trucks on Banjup's roads</li> <li>1.7. Wandi</li> <li>1.8. Next meeting (AGM) – 15 February</li> </ul>	
9.3	Jemma offered to facilitate distribution of the meeting flyers.	Jemma
10.	<b>Next General Meeting</b>	
10.1	Committee members were asked to attend at 2:30 pm Sunday 14 September.	
11.	<b>Next Committee Meeting</b>	
11.1	To be determined	