

Minutes of Annual General Meeting**Banup Hall****10 February 2013 at 3:00 pm****Committee:**

Present:	Neil Raine	Ian Thurston
	Coco Franklin	Colin Bramwell
	Dino Elpitelli	Jim Wilson
	Neil Cunliffe-Williams	

Apologies:	Liane Lied-Cordruwisch	Martin Rimmer
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Members:

Present:	About 100 members
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Apologies:	Ron & Shirley Arnold	Tony Robinson
	Richard Blaquiere	Stephen Thornton

Guests:

Present:	Joe Francis, Member for Jandakot	Mayor Logan Howlett
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	Klara Andric, Candidate for Jandakot	Cllr Lee-Anne Smith
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Apologies:	Cllr Steve Poletti	Cllr Yaz Mubarakai
	Shane Harris, Captain of Jandakot Volunteer Bushfire Brigade	

Ref. Minute**1. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting**

1.1 Minutes posted on BRG web site - No comments received

1.2 Motion:

The BRG accepts the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 7 October 2013 as a true and accurate record

- Proposer: Ian Thurston
- Seconder: Dino Elpitelli
- Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands

Ref. Minute**2. Financial Report**

2.1 The Financial Report showed income for the year ending 31 December 2012 of \$3,861 and expenditure of \$990, giving a surplus of \$2,871 for the year.

Combined with the surplus of \$952 from 2011, the Banjup Residents Group now has funds of \$3,822.

2.2 Coco informed the meeting that \$2,241 had been received from the Commonwealth Bank as 'unclaimed money' from the now defunct 'Jandakot Water Mound Committee'. The only surviving committee member is Barbara Whyte, now a member of the Banjup Residents Group. She had directed the unclaimed money should be passed to the BRG.

2.3 A finder's fee of \$427 had been paid to 'Fortune Finders' for uncovering the unclaimed money.

2.4 Motion:

The BRG accepts the Financial Position as reported

- Proposer: George Limmer
- Seconder: Neil Raine
- Vote: Passed unanimously on show of hands

3. Elections for 2013

3.1 The out-going President of the Banjup Residents Group, in accordance with its articles of association, declared all positions vacant and called for nominations for the office bearers and the management committee for 2013.

3.2 These office bearers were elected unanimously by a show of hands:

President	Coco Franklin
Vice-President	Ian Thurston
Treasurer	Neil Raine
Secretary	Vacant

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3.3 These members of the management committee were elected unanimously by a show of hands:

Colin Bramwell
Neil Cunliffe-Williams
Dino Elpitelli
Rita Zuks
Jemma Van Dongen

4. Hoons

4.1 Ian Thurston gave a presentation covering these topics:

- Hoon gang based in Grant Place
- Visitors to property likely doing more hooning than occupants
- Apprehending Banjup hoons is difficult
- BRG committee proposes improved anti-hoon legislation
- Visit by Minister for Police increased focus on Banjup
- Police have genuine commitment to stop hoons in Banjup
- Witnesses must make statements and go to court
- Police officers had come to the meeting to tell Banjup residents how they are tackling the hoon problem

4.2 Senior Sergeant Dan Steinbeck of Murdoch police and Sergeant Steve Sloan of Fremantle traffic police described what they were doing to curb hooning in Banjup.

They noted that other parts of the south metropolitan area had 40 times more crimes than Banjup, yet Banjup was receiving disproportionately high police attention because of the need to stop hooning.

4.3 Police asked residents to notify them of vehicles suspected to be involved in hooning. Details would be recorded in the police data base and drivers given special attention if apprehended.

4.4 Residents noted that, in contrast to burglaries that target a few houses, hooning is a crime brought to the streets where all of us live. Hoons should keep off our streets – Kwinana Motorplex was mentioned as an alternative.

4.5 Residents warmly applauded the police officers for giving them their time during their day off and for their commitment to curbing hooning in Banjup.

4.6 Mayor Logan Howlett addressed residents to explain that hooning was just one of many crimes that the City of Cockburn was working to reduce.

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4.7 Finally, residents who are witnesses to a hooning event were reminded to report it to police on 131 444 and to advise the Committee of the Banjup Residents Group at president.banjup@gmail.com

5. Road Safety

5.1 Ian Thurston summarised the road and pathway improvements that are scheduled for Banjup in the coming months.

6. Future of Banjup

6.1 Neil Raine informed residents that 3 government projects would determine the future of Banjup:

- Review of the Jandakot Groundwater Protection Scheme
- Development of the South Metropolitan and Peel Structure Plan
- Strategic Environmental Assessment

6.2 The reports will be published in mid 2013 and will show what areas could be used for development over the next 20 years.

6.3 The BRG will monitor the Department of Planning for the publication of the reports and will notify residents of the implications for Banjup.

7. Fire Brigade

7.1 Neil Raine reported that a donation of \$200 had been made to the fire brigade volunteer who had been badly burned while attending a block burn at a Banjup property. The donation was acclaimed by the meeting.

7.2 Neil reported that Shane Harris, Captain of Jandakot Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, who had planned to speak about Fire Brigade issues, was unable to attend because he and other members of the Brigade had been fighting fires overnight in Armadale.

8. Fire Safety

8.1 Neil Raine explained that the City of Cockburn wants to extend the Fire Break Period by 3 months. The City also wants to abolish Local Laws concerning fire breaks and replace them with council adopted 'procedures'.

8.2 Members debated the City's proposed extension of the Fire Break Period but could see little justification. Nevertheless, they noted that intransigence would not be a constructive approach.

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8.3 Neil Raine reported that he and Ian Thurston had met on 2 February with Shane Harris who had proposed that starting the Fire Break Period on 1 November would ensure that all Banjup properties had their fire breaks fully cleared by the start of the fire season. Shane saw little merit in extending the Period beyond the end of March.

Many residents, based experience with managing their own fire breaks, voiced their support of this proposal.

8.4 Cllr Smith said that at the October meeting of the City of Cockburn's Bushfire Reference Group, the Jandakot Brigade had voted unanimously for the Fire Break Period to be extended to 1 November to 31 May.

8.5 Motion:

The BRG recommends to the City of Cockburn a Fire Break Period of 1 November to 31 March as being workable and effective.

- Proposer: Neil Raine
- Seconder: Adrian Lewis
- Vote: Passed by a large majority on show of hands

Note: The dissenters had spoken against any change in the Fire Break Period.

9. Jandakot Airport

9.1 Dino Elptelli spoke about the frustrations in dealing with Jandakot Airport, particularly as the Commonwealth government facilitated Community Aviation Consultation Group was little more than a talking shop that spent only a few hours a year on residents' concerns and did not require anyone to do anything

10. Other Business

10.1 None

11. Next Meeting

11.1 Provisionally, Sunday 14 April 2013 at Banjup Hall.