

Minutes of Annual General Meeting**Banjup Hall****12 March 2016 at 3:00 pm****Committee:**

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| Present: | Ian Thurston | Dan Franklin |
| | Dino Elpitelli | Liane Lied-Cordruwisch |
| Apologies: | Helen Pavitt | |

Members:

Present: About 70 members

Guests:

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| Present: | Mayor Logan Howlett | CLlr Chamonix Terblanche |
| | Michael Emery | Paul Maddern |

Ref. Minute**1. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting****1.1. Motion:**

The BRG accepts the minutes of the General Meeting held on 31 July 2016, as published on the BRG web site as a true and accurate record

Vote: Passed unanimously

2. Financial Report

2.1. The Financial Report to 11 March 2017 showed a bank balance of \$2,059.69

2.2. Motion:

The BRG accepts the Financial Position as reported

Vote: Passed unanimously

3. Death of John Cole

3.1. Members offered their condolences to the family of John Cole, who died suddenly on 10 February. He had operated his nursery business in Banjup for many years.

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| 4. | Civility and Communications Protocols |
| 4.1. | Dan Franklin reminded members of the Protocols that were proposed at the last General Meeting on 31 July 2016 and posted for review on the BRG web site. No comments about them were received. |
| 4.2. | Motion: BRG members approve and adopt the Civility and Communications Protocols posted on the BRG web site Vote: Passed unanimously |
| 5. | Fire Breaks |
| 5.1. | Michael Emery, the Emergency Coordinator for the City of Cockburn, reminded members about the maintenance of fire breaks around their properties and about the requirements of Cockburn's Fire Control Order. |
| 5.2. | Further information can be obtained from Michael at memery@cockburn.wa.gov.au |
| 6. | Future for north of Armadale Road |
| 6.1. | Ian Thurston outlined the amenity and planning pressures on the rural residents north of Armadale Road and how they were being squeezed by the new urban developments to their east and south and the development of the commercial park at Jandakot Airport. |
| 6.2. | Ian reported that earthmoving for the widening of Armadale Road is unlikely to start until mid-2018. |
| 6.3. | Ian alerted members to plans for building 800 new homes on the Department of Housing land east of Ghostgum Avenue, Treeby. |
| 6.4. | Ian said that the City of Cockburn had just that week published to Councillors a District Structure Plan for the urban areas of Treeby. Members asked why no ratepayers had been made aware of the planning work and why scope did not extend to the rural areas north of Jandakot Road and west of Solomon Road. |
| 6.5. | Mayor Howlett replied that he, too, had been unaware of the planning work and would be asking the Cockburn CEO about the matter in the next week. |
| 6.6. | Ian went on to describe the circumstances surrounding the Schaffer Corporation's application for additional uses for the 26 hectares of land that it owns on Jandakot Road next to Urban Stone, which it also owns. |

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| 6.7. | <p>No residents were aware until after submissions had closed of at least 3 relevant issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WAPC's approval of the subdivision of Schaffer's land for a roundabout on Pilatus Street• City of Cockburn's district structure planning for urban Treeby• ANEF contour considerations that might affect Schaffer's land <p>Residents do not know what they don't know and this puts them at great disadvantage when preparing submissions concerning planning applications.</p> |
| 6.8. | <p>Mayor Howlett recognised respondents' disadvantage and he would speak with Cockburn's Administration about improving the public consultation process.</p> |
| 6.9. | <p>Ian reported that the BRG and nearby residents had made a submission to Cockburn seeking equity between Schaffer Corporation and those caught in the planning sandwich.</p> <p>At least Cockburn should defer a decision on the Schaffer application until after a structure plan has been developed for the whole area.</p> |
| 6.10. | <p>Motion:</p> <p>The BRG requests the City of Cockburn to develop a formal structure plan for the whole rural and urban area between Armadale Road and Jandakot Airport from Warton Road to Berrigan Drive in full consultation with property owners</p> <p>Vote: Passed unanimously</p> |
| 7. | <p>Roads</p> |
| 7.1. | <p>Ian Thurston reported that a roundabout would be constructed in mid year at the junction of Liddelow and Gibbs. Work is being delayed by the slow process of extinguishing native title for the small area of land needed in the Shirley Balla reserve.</p> |
| 7.2. | <p>Ian reported that Jandakot Road use had doubled to 17,000 vehicles per day since 2010 and by 2031 it was expected to carry 26,000 vpd.</p> |
| 7.3. | <p>Members asked why such traffic was not carried by Armadale Road and why their rural amenity would be eroded still further by the construction of the 4 lane highway that Jandakot Road will become.</p> |

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- 7.4. Ian asked Mayor Howlett why Cockburn is trying to acquire land for the widening from properties on both sides of Jandakot Road and Solomon Road when the extra traffic was due solely to Stockland's developments in Treeby. Surely, Stockland should provide all the land for the road widening.
- Mayor Howlett said he would seek an answer from Cockburn Administration.
- 7.5. Members were disappointed that better road planning 20 years ago could have prevented Jandakot Road from becoming a major highway. Indeed, the planning of the Piara Waters and Harrisdale developments should have been predicated on much better transport infrastructure and the erosion of Jandakot's rural amenity thus avoided.
- Members formed the view that traffic should be discouraged from Jandakot Road and the load taken by Armadale Road, so returning it the rural road it was designed to be.
- 7.6. **Motion:**
- The BRG requests the City of Cockburn to cease work on widening Jandakot Road and revert it to a rural road with a 60 kph limit awaiting the duplication of Armadale Road and the resolution of the congestion of the northbound Kwinana Freeway.
- Vote: Passed unanimously
8. **Optus Mobile Phone Mast**
- 8.1. Ian Thurston recounted the circumstances surrounding Optus' application to erect a mobile phone mast in Harper Road and its subsequent rejection by Cockburn Council.
- 8.2. Ian maintained that the BRG Committee had consulted its 232 members about the mast and had received only 6 responses. Nevertheless, the Committee had made 2 submissions to Cockburn: one opposing the mast and the other not opposing it.
- 8.3. Some members were vocal in their assertion that the BRG had not listened to residents' concerns. They claimed that the BRG's consultation paper was biased and did not explicitly seek members' feedback. Dino Elpitelli refuted this and read to the meeting the closing paragraphs of the paper:
- "Unless concerned residents can provide alternative facts or can improve on the modelling shown in the diagrams above, your Committee can find no grounds for objecting to the Optus mast.*
- We welcome your views."*
- 8.4. Committee members emphatically refuted any notion that they did not listen to residents' concerns.

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8.5. Dan Franklin said that the remit of the Committee was to consult and represent the varied opinions of Banjup and Jandakot rural residents. He committed to strive to meet that goal and examine how consultation and representation of diverse views could be improved.

9. Airport Advisory Paper

9.1. Dino Elpitelli described a paper proposed by Jandakot Airport that purported to advise prospective house buyers around the airport of the noise that they would experience. Dino said that endorsing it would underscore the status quo and would give the airport even less incentive to reduce noise nuisance.

9.2. Motion:

The BRG does not endorse Jandakot Airport's advisory paper for those considering moving to nearby properties

Vote: Passed unanimously

10. Replanting Banjup

10.1. Erika Antal described the work she had been doing with some property owners to plant native trees and shrubs in Banjup, especially those that would provide food for Carnaby's cockatoos.

10.2. Erika volunteered to:

- Source seeds and seedlings for planting
- Grow seedlings from seeds
- Assist residents in replanting
- Act as focus for biodiversity initiatives

She can be contacted at: erikaantal11@gmail.com

10.3. Motion:

The BRG applauds and endorses Erika's biodiversity initiative

Vote: Passed unanimously

11. Elections

11.1. All positions were declared vacant and elections were held.

Ref. Minute**11.2. President**

Dan Franklin nominated. He was elected unopposed.

11.3. Vice President

Neil Raine nominated. He was elected unopposed.

11.4. Treasurer

Dino Elpitelli nominated. He was elected unopposed.

11.5. Secretary

Ian Thurston nominated. He was elected unopposed.

11.6. Committee

These members were elected unopposed:

- Erika Antal
- Ron Fry
- Sharon Leitch
- Liane Lied-Cordruwisch
- Helen Pavitt

12. Next Meeting

12.1. Provisionally, Sunday 11 June 2017 at Banjup Hall but watch the web site!

Note

The presentation materials used during the meeting are available for downloading on the Banjup Residents Group's web site at:
<http://banjup.webs.com/meetingsminutes.htm>