

Minutes of Inaugural General Meeting**Banjup Hall****6 February 2011****Present:**

- Over 80 Residents of Banjup
- Joe Francis, Member for Jandakot
- Logan Howlett, Mayor of Cockburn

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1.	Formation of the Banjup Residents Group	
1.1	<p><u>Motion:</u> "That the Banjup Residents Group be formed"</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Proposed:</i> Ian Thurston <i>Seconded:</i> Tina Klimaitis <i>For:</i> Unanimous <i>Against:</i> None</p> <p><u>Motion carried</u></p>	
2.	Rules of Association	
2.1	The model Rules of Association from the WA Department of Commerce were discussed and amendments proposed to make them specific to the Banjup Residents Group.	
2.2	<p><u>Motion:</u> "That the Banjup Residents Group Rules of Association be those discussed and amended at this meeting".</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Proposed:</i> Ian Thurston <i>Seconded:</i> Tina Klimaitis <i>For:</i> Unanimous <i>Against:</i> None</p> <p><u>Motion carried</u></p>	
3.	Membership Fees	
3.1	Costs likely to be incurred by the Banjup Residents Group in a year were discussed. Hall hire, flyers, and street signs were seen as being significant. Consensus was that membership fees should be sufficient to cover \$250 costs annually.	

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3.2	Residents debated fees per household or fees per person. Consensus was that fees should be set per person on the understanding that typically both adult persons in a house would become members.					
3.3	<p><u>Motion:</u> "That the membership fees be set initially at \$5 per member per year".</p> <p><i>Proposed:</i> Ian Thurston <i>Seconded:</i> Tina Klimaitis <i>For:</i> Unanimous <i>Against:</i> None</p> <p><u>Motion carried</u></p>					
4.	Membership Applications					
4.1	<p>Banjup residents were invited to apply for membership of the Banjup Residents Group. 81 residents made application, paid their annual fees, and were admitted to membership.</p> <p>\$421.70 was collected in membership fees with a further \$20 by IOU.</p>					
5.	Inaugural Barbecue					
5.1	<p>While completing their membership applications, residents enjoyed a barbecue.</p> <p>Residents donated \$182.00 towards the costs of the barbeque and the inaugural meeting.</p>					
6.	Election of Office Bearers					
6.1	<p>Nominations were invited for the office of President.</p> <table><tbody><tr><td><i>Nominations:</i></td><td><i>Votes:</i></td></tr><tr><td>Ian Thurston</td><td>Unanimous</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Ian Thurston was elected President.</p>	<i>Nominations:</i>	<i>Votes:</i>	Ian Thurston	Unanimous	
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6.2	<p>Nominations were invited for the office of Vice President.</p> <table><tbody><tr><td><i>Nominations:</i></td><td><i>Votes:</i></td></tr><tr><td>Tina Klimaitis</td><td>Unanimous</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Tina Klimaitis was elected Vice-President.</p>	<i>Nominations:</i>	<i>Votes:</i>	Tina Klimaitis	Unanimous	
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6.3	Nominations were invited for the office of Secretary. <i>Nominations:</i> Kim Rudiger	<i>Votes:</i> Unanimous
	Kim Rudiger was elected Secretary.	
6.4	Nominations were invited for the office of Treasurer. <i>Nominations:</i> Coco Franklin	<i>Votes:</i> Unanimous
	Coco Franklin was elected Treasurer.	
6.5	Nominations were invited for membership of the Management Committee. <i>Nominations:</i> Kay Zaretsky Neil Raine Neil Cunliffe-Williams Ken Mellor Jim Wilson	<i>Votes:</i> Unanimous Unanimous Unanimous Unanimous Unanimous
	All nominated were elected to the Management Committee.	
7.	DCP Update	
7.1	Tina Klimaitis reported that on 24 January she and Ian Thurston had visited the DCP house in Casuarina and met with the staff there. All glass windows have been covered with security film to avoid breakage. All opening windows have steel security screens across them, opening from the outside, in case of fire. Each bedroom door is fitted with an alarm so that the carers know if someone is out of their room at night. None of the children at Casuarina go to regular high school - apparently they do not function well in that environment, so they have separate, individual education programmes, mostly concerned with how to function in the outside world once they leave the DCP's care at 17 or 18. The carers' job is to give structure to their charges' day so that they have limited opportunity to get bored and then up to mischief.	

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7.2	DCP's intentions, though not yet firm plans, are for their home in Liddelow Road to admit its first children, four 14 year old girls, in early April. Those girls are unlikely to attend local schools.	
7.3	DCP will publish its risk management plan to Banjup residents on 14 March. Dan Franklin volunteered to assist the Committee in its review of the plan. A meeting with DCP will be held in Banjup at 5:00 pm on 21 March.	Dan Franklin
8.	Issues for the Committee to Pursue	
8.1	<p>Web Site</p> <p>The Banjup Residents Group has its own web site at: http://www.banjup.webs.com/ . The site has been built with free tools and is hosted for free and so carries some advertisements.</p> <p>Anyone can sign up to be a member of the web site but this is a different membership to that of the Banjup Residents Group.</p> <p>The web site has a forum where residents can post their opinions on any matter that they believe concerns Banjup. The Committee will monitor forum posts in order to gauge community support for potential initiatives that it could take to facilitate improvements in Banjup's security, safety, and amenity.</p>	Comm- itee
8.2	<p>Incorporation</p> <p>A significant benefit of incorporation is that members and office bearers are generally not liable to contribute towards the payment of debts or liabilities of the association.</p> <p>The costs of incorporation with the WA Department of Commerce are currently about \$168.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>"That the Banjup Residents Group incorporate under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1987".</p> <p><i>Proposed:</i> Ian Thurston <i>Seconded:</i> Tina Klimaitis</p> <p><i>For:</i> Unanimous <i>Against:</i> None</p> <p><u>Motion carried</u></p>	
8.3	<p>Funding from Cockburn Council</p> <p>Cockburn Council supports community groups and makes funds available for certain approved purposes, including incorporation, mailing, and signage. Applications for funding can be made twice a year, the next opportunity being by 31 March.</p>	Comm- itee

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8.4	<p>Sub-Divisions in Banjup</p> <p>In December 2010, Cockburn Council resolved to support the WA Planning Commission's plans to rezone from 'Industrial' to 'Urban' the 165 hectare old sand mine north of Armadale Road and so allow for the construction of 2,295 new dwellings.</p> <p>The Mayor of Cockburn, Logan Howlett, was invited to address the meeting on this matter.</p> <p>The Mayor prefaced his remarks by congratulating members on the formation of the Banjup Residents Group and extending his best wishes for the Group's future.</p> <p>The Mayor described how the Banjup rezoning fitted into the 'Directions 2031' plan for the development of Perth prepared by the WA Planning Commission'. He recognised that there were many challenges with rezoning over sensitive areas such as the Jandakot Water Mound, and that the term "world's best practice" water management could mean different things to different people. He assured the meeting that Cockburn was committed to preserving the integrity of the water mound.</p> <p>Members discussed how, over time, protection of the Jandakot Water Mound had changed to meet land development pressures. Its margins had been eroded by Planning Ministers and large swathes had been excised for land developers such as Satterley and Stockland. Small landowners, though, were prohibited from developing and even limited to the number of animals that they might keep and the fertiliser that they might apply.</p>	Comm- itee
8.5	<p>Banjup Volunteer Fire Station</p> <p>Joe Francis was invited to address the meeting. He reported that some authorities had proposed moving the Banjup fire station to Coogee. He believed that fire-fighters' response times to Banjup fires would be compromised if this happened. This view was shared by many members of the Group.</p> <p>By acclamation, members instructed the Committee to lobby all relevant authorities to reject the proposed relocation of the fire station.</p>	Comm- itee

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8.6	Fire Permits In 2010, with no consultation, Cockburn Council limited to 3 the number of fire permits that it would issue to a property in a year and each would be valid for one week only. This implies that for many residents, they have only 3 weekends to cut back and burn the clippings of 600 metres of firebreaks. Members were very concerned about the high-handedness of Council officers in making such an arbitrary decision. Members added their names to a petition to Cockburn Council requesting that it not limit the number of fire permits issued to a resident during a year. The Committee was instructed to deliver the petition to Council as soon as practicable.	Comm- itee
8.7	Road Safety - Junction of Liddelow and Armadale Members expressed their concerns about the dangers of turning right into Liddelow Road from Armadale Road. Joe Francis was invited to address the meeting. He reported that the Main Roads Department had plans for 2 years' time to revamp Armadale Road completely and to build a flyover from North Lake Road to the Tapper Road intersection. He thought it unlikely that any remodelling of the junction of Liddelow and Armadale would be entertained in the meantime. The Committee was instructed to investigate what options might be available to improve safety at the junction.	Comm- itee
8.8	Road Safety - Speeding Members expressed their concerns about speeding on Liddelow Road, particularly by through traffic and heavy trucks. Similar concerns were expressed about speeding on Harper Road. Members were not supportive of traffic calming measures on Liddelow Road or on Harper Road. The Committee was instructed to request improved enforcement of speed limits on Liddelow Road and on Harper Road.	Comm- itee
8.9	Tip Passes Members expressed their concerns about Banjup residents receiving only 6 tip passes in a year, the same as suburban residents, but having no green waste collection. The Committee was instructed to request more tip passes be allocated to Banjup ratepayers.	Comm- itee

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8.10	Trail Bikes Members expressed their concerns about noisy trail bikes on reserves in Banjup and the disjointed manner in which Council rangers and DEC rangers try to apprehend miscreants. The Committee was instructed to provide contact information for reporting trail bikes on reserves.	Comm- itee
9.	Next General Meeting	
9.1	By acclamation, members resolved that the Group's year will run from 1 January to 31 December and that the Annual General Meeting would be held in early February each year. By acclamation, members resolved to hold every year an annual general meeting and three other meetings. The next general meeting will be in May 2011.	Comm- itee
10.	Resignation	
10.1	As the meeting closed, the Secretary, Kim Rudiger, resigned her position.	
11.	Meeting Closed at 3:00 pm	
11.1	The meeting closed hurriedly as bush fire smoke rolled in from the east.	