



DRAFT MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held 23/04/2017 at 0800 hrs at Graceleigh Park, Beechmont Road, Beechmont.

ATTENDEES: Tom Blake, Tom Sharp, Greg Slater, Ger Vloothuis, Alison Johnson, Judy Slingsby, Dan Blunt, Raymond McKenzie, Irene Zoubakin, June Haebich, Janis Rossiter

APOLOGIES: Greg & Donna Cavanagh, Shane Mobbs, Vin Slingsby, Linda & Derek Friend, Peter Clark, Penni Conlan, Lisa Richards, Iain Bailey, Sally Sharp, Neil Connolly, Josephine Harding.

Meeting opened by Greg Slater at 0810 hrs

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

“That the minutes from the previous general meeting of 17/02/2017 as distributed to BRASA members be ratified.”

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Greg Slater:

I’d like to welcome everyone to the meeting and I am pleased to report that after a hectic six months the cricket/soccer clubhouse on Graceleigh Park is now complete. Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC) has issued building and plumbing approvals and the Department of National Parks, Sport & Racing (DNPSR) grant has been acquitted.

As everyone was advised in the BRASA newsletter, the official opening is today at 12noon and I hope you will join us to celebrate this special occasion. I’d like to thank everyone who worked on the Clubhouse project. There are far too many people to thank individually, but I would like to make special mention of the BRASA members who provided professional expertise with architectural drawings and engineering specifications. Without them we wouldn’t have this magnificent building.

I’m sure most of you have noticed how good the oval is looking and with the irrigation system now in place it’s only going to get better. I’d like to thank BRASA member Chris ‘Eddie’ Edmond, who has taken charge of the roster for mowing the oval. He’s out there now mowing ready for today’s cricket match. Chris has done a tremendous amount of work on the grounds around the clubhouse and the fine state of the pitch is largely down to his efforts.

The next project is the installation of floodlights on the oval. This project has been made possible through a grant applied for by the soccer club. All the paperwork has been lodged with SRRC and we are expecting the green light to begin the works any day now.

I would encourage all clubs to incorporate, so that you can apply for grants. We wouldn’t have this wonderful facility if it wasn’t for grants. Who knows, we even may be able to finally get the netball facility and then the tennis court can be upgraded. We would then have the facilities we have been seeking for years.

If any of you have ideas, please come forward, offer your help and together we can apply for grants and work to achieve infrastructure for our kids that is of a standard matching that of any other community.

Alison Johnson: I’d like to say congratulations for all the work on the Oval. It looks fantastic.



Question: Is the Zoning OK to instal lights on the Oval?

Answer: Yes: Graceleigh Park is zoned Sport & Recreation. It has always been designated for recreational purposes and lighting for sporting activities is part of this. Lighting is only necessary in winter. It also means that Beechmont can become part of a wider competition. SRRC have installed electricity meters, so usage of the lights and both the cricket/soccer and tennis/netball clubhouses (tennis already has lights) will be required to pay for electricity usage on a user pays basis.

Question: Will the showers and toilets and the cricket/soccer clubhouse be available for use by others apart from those two clubs?

Answer: Yes. The Cricket Club is in charge of that. There will be a small fee. Already Wings are using the showers after exercise sessions. The Beechmont Choir is using it for training and the clubhouse will also be used for guitar lessons. Speak to Dan Blunt if you are interested in making use of the facilities.

Question: Will the toilets in the cricket/soccer clubhouse be available for use on ANZAC day?

Answer: Yes. You are welcome to use them. They will also be used by the school when they are using the oval. Some arrangements will need to be made for cleaning. The large toilet accessible from the outside, whilst not a disabled toilet is disability friendly and there is a baby change table on the wall behind the door for mums to use.

Question: What has happened to the security cameras?

Answer: Members will remember because of a few instances of vandalism, last year cameras were installed at a couple of locations around the park. The BRASA member who was looking after them has recently moved off the Mountain, so if anyone is interested in taking over the job, please speak to Greg Slater.

Question: How is the bore working out?

Answer: Great. There is no shortage of water; 5.2 litres per second, water at 100 feet (not that we have needed to use it recently.) The water diviner really knows his stuff. SRRC have asked if they can use it to water the ANZAC memorial. It will save them the expense of having to bring up a tanker.

The President vacated the Chair for the Secretary to conduct the rest of the meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Janis Rossiter reminded members that the BRASA Newsletters are designed to provide as much information as possible to members so that they know what is going on in the BRASA community. The April Newsletter came out recently.

The BRASA Committee has been trying different venues and different times to hold General Meetings, to encourage as many members as possible to attend. However feedback is that members would rather attend the various community events run by BRASA; the Newsletters provide the information they want. So please keep reading the newsletters and the emails that go to members. Queries are always welcome.



The Lower Beechmont Park Project has been completed. This is a prime example of how much value is provided by volunteers. The Federal government provided \$6,000, GCCC \$30,000 and BRASA \$10,000. For an input of \$10,000, Beechmont gained a community facility valued by GCCC at \$250,000.

The Cricket/Soccer Clubhouse is another example of the power of grants. A \$72,000 grant provided a facility that cost BRASA \$14,000. This grant required BRASA to input 20% of the total cost of the project. This is not unusual with grants.

The BRASA Committee is well aware that the 2015/2016 AGM is overdue. Members would be mindful of the fact that a previous committee requested permission to delay their AGM by 6 months. This delay has put the AGM's ever since out of sync. Members would also be aware that this Committee has been considering bringing AGM's back into line.

This Committee is therefore proposing, with your agreement, the 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 AGM's are both held at the same time at 3pm on 9/9/17.

As the financial year for BRASA ends 30 June, this date will give the Committee, and successive committees, ample time to prepare the End of Year Financial Audit report.

There were no objections.

Question: Has the original minute book turned up yet?

Answer: No, unfortunately. I've never seen it, but it was apparently a beautifully copperplate written document. Someone must have it, but they have not handed it over.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Irene Zoubakin reminded all members that the 2015/2016 Draft Financial Audit had previously been distributed and reported on the financials as at 21/04/17: Bank of Queensland Term Deposit \$102,908.58, Ordinary a/c \$3,248.70, Bendigo Bank Term Deposits \$111, 578.16, Working a/c \$49,625.37, Shares Canungra BCB \$10,000, Debtor Beechmont Cricket Club (Astroturf) \$1062.43 Total \$278,423.24.

Question: That means current assets have reduced by \$50K ?

Answer: No, approximately \$100,000. This is due to grant monies received last financial year, but expended this year, additional expenditure on grants and the cost of maintaining Graceleigh Park, including insurance.

Question: Why is BRASA registered for GST?

Answer: Because it is cost effective for BRASA to receive a GST refund on project costs.

REPORTS FROM THE CLUBS & Sub-Committees: (Not all Clubs were represented at the meeting)

Beechmont ANZAC Committee: Raymond McKenzie reported the 2017 Remembrance Day Service numbers were slightly down on the previous year's ceremony, but still a good turnout. The renovation of the memorial has been completed thanks to funding received by Scenic Rim Regional Council under Vibrant and Active Towns funding. The 2017 Anzac Day Ceremony will



be conducted on 25/4/17 from 11.30am. There will be a display commemorating the Light Horse and WW1 and a poppy display – the poppies will be for sale after the ceremony; \$1 from each sale will go to Legacy. Representatives from Kokoda Barracks will be present at the ceremony with Beechmont State School pupils and the Beechmont Choir. Helpers are sought for set up from 7am. Please come along.

Beechmont Cricket Club: Dan Blunt commenced with thanks to BRASA for assistance with upgrading the Cricket/Soccer Clubhouse and thanks for supporting Beechmont Cricket Club, especially on match days. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped make the clubhouse happen. I'd like to especially thank Gavin and Steve who provided their expertise. Before the clubhouse was upgraded, it was full of rat droppings; a junk room with old mats and other gear; the facility was an embarrassment. Since the upgrade there has been a lot more interest shown in cricket – 25 players turned up for the first game. Milo cricket is also very well supported for the younger players; these are the ones that will keep the club going in the long term. A number of the younger players are good enough to play for Tamborine Mountain and other Coast teams. There are now 40 -50 people who play cricket and many of them play soccer in the off season. The loan from BRASA to pay for the AstroTurf wicket is nearly repaid. The lights on the Oval will be a great help as we will be able to train at night from 5.30pm after work – otherwise it is too dark. Thanks to BRASA's efforts, the Oval is now better than most sporting fields on the Gold Coast.

I'm a great believer in "Build it and they will come" and it is certainly working out that way. Next project for the Mountain is a skate park.

Beechmont Seniors Social Club: Derek Friend had apologised for non-attendance and requested that BRASA Secretary read out the Report. A number of club members were in attendance.

"On behalf of the Beechmont Seniors Social Club, I would like to thank BRASA for all they have done for arranging various grants.

Over the past year we have purchased the following sports equipment: 2 table tennis tables, bats and balls, 3 bowling carpets for indoor bowls, 4 sets of bowls, badminton and darts equipment and new tables.

We also want to congratulate BRASA on the work they have done on Graceleigh Park sports field, eg football and cricket pitches, the renovations to the Cricket/Soccer Clubhouse and the Adventure Play area at Syd Duncan Park in Lower Beechmont.

What a great committee!!

We have lost five members this year due to their moving off the Mountain, but we have replaced them. We have a great club and any persons over 50 wanting to join are very welcome."

Question: When do Beechmont Seniors meet?

Answer: Every Monday from 11am to 3pm.

Question: Is the bowls equipment bought with the grant well used?

Answer: Yes, all the sporting equipment bought from the grant is well used, including the badminton, table tennis and darts equipment.

Question: Are you going to do a bus trip to another club anytime soon?

Answer: Maybe, but we're not good enough for competition yet.

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Lower Beechmont Park Project: Greg Slater reported the Lower Beechmont Park Adventure Play and Half Court area has been completed and handed back to Gold Coast City Council. They will maintain the facility. GCCC have advised the facility would have cost \$250,000 if they had built it; with grants the community built it for \$46,000. It was a pleasure to work with the 2x Sara's whose brainchild it was and it is great to see kids and parents using it. This was the first facility of its type in Queensland. GCCC are now looking at using it as a model for other installations.

Beechmont Sports and Social Club: Greg Slater reported that because of all the work undertaken by the BRASA Committee on various grants, the Social Club had not been quite as active. However, a Race Day was held at Beaudesert Races on Derby Day (later this year at Murwillumbah Races), golf day at Canungra was cancelled due to rain; a new date to be set later this year, Art Shows at Lower Beechmont and the Headmaster's Cafe and a number of men's soccer matches. Of course these activities do come at a cost and Bunnings BBQ's go some way to defraying costs. We have a BBQ coming up in June, so helpers are always welcome. Please contact our Secretary, Janis Rossiter.

Walking Tracks Sub-committee: Tom Blake reported he is preparing a white paper to go to all three levels of government. The sub-committee has a core group of positive people who are continuing to work towards a series of tracks on Beechmont. A community meeting is needed to interest more people. The group is looking at establishing trails along the gazetted roads; there are quite a number surveyed years ago by the State Government. Scenic Rim Regional Council is responsible for their upkeep, but little work is done. Some residents have expressed concern about privacy, but the roads are 22 metres wide, so if boundaries are planted out, still wide enough for tracks. The tracks would be well used by walkers and schoolchildren riding their bikes to school. A network would encourage eco-tourism; the way of the future in the Scenic Rim.

North Graceleigh Park Sub-committee: Tom Sharp advised that BRASA is still working with Scenic Rim Regional Council on allocating land to the rear of the Tennis Courts for a Netball facility. A formal proposal has been provided to SRRC and BRASA has requested a Letter of Agreement from Council. No dedicated parking for the facility is required; Council is of the opinion that there is sufficient available parking on Graceleigh Park. BRASA intends to submit a grant to seek funding in July 2017.

CLOSE of MEETING: 0858 hrs