



## Welcome to BMCAI Newsletter-Issue 16



Image 1. Bunya Mountains Dinner Under the Stars 2022

**Welcome to the Bunya Mountains Community Association Inc (BMCAI) Newsletter -Issue no 16, our fourth and final Newsletter for 2022.** Our previous Newsletter (Issue 15) was circulated in September 2022, and a copy can be found on our website at <https://bunyamcainc.wixsite.com/mysite/news>. These Newsletters are produced following every BMCAI Quarterly Meeting.

*The BMCAI Newsletter also provides the latest news from our two partner community organisations in the Bunyas, **The Bunya Mountains Rural Fire Brigade** and the **Bunya Mountains Natural History Association Inc**. We also share the latest information from the **Bunya Mountains Local Disaster Management Sub-Group**. It is lovely to be able share all this news in one newsletter and be able to give you updates about the community-based activities happening here in the Bunyas.*

*2022 is very quickly coming to an end and it will soon be 2023...where did that year go? The BMCAI Social, Events and Fundraising Sub-Committee facilitated two major events in the final quarter of this year with the Bunya Mountains Walks Back in Time- in the Bush Where it Happened on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September and the final event for the year, the Bunya Mountains Dinner Under the Stars 2022 on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Both were fantastic events. You will find full reports and lots of lovely photos of these events as the final two articles in this Newsletter.*

*Thank you again to our generous contributors who have taken the time to provide information and articles for this Newsletter. There is a wide variety of topics for you to explore. This issue covers the period from September 2022 to November 2022. ...Thank you for your interest in the Bunya Mountains and the work of BMCAI.... Enjoy the read.*

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## News from the BMCAI Quarterly Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This meeting convened at Rice's Log Cabin Restaurant and welcomed guests, **Deb Frecklington, MP and Member for Nanango Shadow Minister for Water**, and husband **Jason, Cr Gavin Jones, SBRC, Cr Scott Henschen, SBRC, Mark Pitt, CEO SBRC and wife Nicola**, and **Brad Cocks, 2IC Ranger, Bunya Mountains National Park**.

**Our Guest Speaker, Deb Frecklington, MP, Member for Nanango addressed the meeting and discussed:**

- The value of community groups such as BMCAI and congratulated the Association on its advocacy,
- The value of activities such as Dinner Under the Stars and Walks Back in Time to get regional residents up to the Bunyas so they know what exists in their own back yards,
- Commiserated with BMCAI re the lack of access to funding for a feasibility study for a community meeting place and provided some advice on continuing to pursue that goal,
- Advised the meeting that she is seeking a Research Brief on the evolution and development of the Mary Cairncross Park Discovery Centre, as this (on a smaller scale) may be a way to get a community meeting place in the Bunyas. It would need to be an election commitment and included in the Budgetary process and we would need to rope in local Councils,
- Offered to assist with the advocacy to progress long standing issues such as the lack of toilet access for the Bunya Mountains Rural Fire Brigade and the remedial work required on the Bunya Mts Road/ Bunya Ave T-Junction.



Image 2 Deb Frecklington, MP, Member for Nanango

**Brad Cocks, 2IC Ranger, kindly provided the Bunya Mountains National Park update for this meeting.**

Brad provided the following information:

- Staff: Brad has been with Bunya Mountains National Parks for 2 years. The Bunya Mountains has had 3 staff for most of 2022 but 2 new positions are now open with another one becoming available in February.
- Works in progress/ planning:
  - Paradise Carpark will be sealed
  - Burton's Well Campground is to be upgraded
  - Dandabah Campground- this is in the early stages of planning for a future upgrade
  - To improve bio-security, Np's are installing a Wash Down facility at the Workshop
  - Resurfacing parts of the Scenic Circuit (tar) to slow down the spread of phytrophthora
- Bunya tree die-back and managing Phytrophthora outbreaks is a priority:
  - Staff are continuing to maintain boot wash stations at the beginning of each walk, storing muddy waste water at the Workshop to be transported off the Bunyas and treated.
  - Working with Department of Agriculture and Fisheries monitoring known sites and aerial multi-spectral drone monitoring will soon occur. The data collected will be compared with the 2017 data
  - Endeavouring to have high risk tracks closed during wet weather
  - Besides araucarias, Mowbullan Whitewood trees seem to be affected and a giant stinging tree is believed to have succumbed to phytrophthora.
- Other pests
  - Prickly Pear- particularly on the western side of the National Park- presently seeking funding to get it under control
- Dingoes- there have been 4 pups wandering around the village but only 2 now (*Editors Note: see footnote at the end of this report for an update on this situation*)

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The growing presence of rabbits in the Bunyas was also discussed at the meeting. Subsequently provided were the contact details for a company that may be able to assist. If you are a property owner in the Bunya Mountains and experiencing issues because of the growing rabbit population, then you can contact Southern Queensland Landscapes - (Natural Resource Management Group) ([sqlandscapes.org.au](http://sqlandscapes.org.au)) for further information and advice. Contact details are as follows:

Phone (07) 4620 0111 EMAIL: [admin@sqlandscapes.org.au](mailto:admin@sqlandscapes.org.au)

Address: 266 Margaret Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350.

## **The Key Points of discussion at the Quarterly Meeting:**

### **1. EV Charging Station Project:** Ian provided an update on this project:

A stakeholder meeting and a meeting with Ergon have occurred since the meeting and this long term project has now commenced. We will keep you updated at meetings and via Newsletters.

### **2. Bunya Mountains Local Disaster Management Sub-Group:**

Assessment by SBRC to establish urban addressing for the SBRC area in the Bunya Mountains, is presently under way and Council will send letters to all ratepayers in that area upon completion of that assessment. Those ratepayers on Bunya Mountains Road and Mowbullin area (Western Downs Regional Council area) are encouraged to apply for Rural Addressing, if you have not already done so. There are no application fees, Council installs the rural number free of cost for the first number, and it just may save your life or someone staying at your house should a medical emergency arise.



Image 3 Rural Numbering

## **Other Project / Activity Updates**

### **1. Mountain Bike Track Project Update** (provided by Brianna Barnett and Jason Cook, WDRC)

- Common Ground to design minor trail realignments to ensure that we stay clear of (avoid) confirmed phytophthora sites. Positive test results near Munros Camp uphill from where loops 6 and 7 are designed to be constructed, and realignment of those loops is not viable due to the site constraints. As those loops provided access to the small link trail 2 (scenic lookout) it too is impacted as we cannot construct the connecting loops. Construction of these impacted trails is on hold for the time being and removed from the Common Ground contract (as at time of report).
- Approx 13.5 km of trail have now been constructed.
- The weather continues to cause delays with construction, which is making it difficult to predict a completion date. We will continue to provide updates as information and construction progresses.
- The hygiene stations have now been installed. There are some finishing touches to be done to these before the trail network is opened.
- Jason will be on site next week with the landscape architect to determine sign locations. The signage design has been finalised and we are out to the market for quotes to start ordering these signs.
- Images of the Track Names, Signage samples, and distance markers as well as a few progress photos of completed and an under construction track was provided for member to view.

Editors Note: If you are wondering how the mountain bike track might fare in the long term, here is an interesting article and involves interviews in communities in Southern States where Mountain Bike Trails have been operating for some time. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-11-12/victoria-mountain-bike-trails/101593624>

### **Bunya Mts Road/ Bunya Avenue T-junction:**

BMCAI have continued to follow up with SBRC regarding the lack of TMR response to the promised line marking and signage to improve access/ traffic flow at this T-Junction. In turn, SBRC have continued to follow up with TMR regarding this issue.



I am happy to report that as I sit here writing this article, a contractor is up on the corner painting lines on the road. A crew came through last week and installed 3 Give Way signs. At long last some progress is occurring, even if it's been a very long wait ..... what do they say- patience is a virtue?



Image 4 from Bunya Ave turning left to Dalby/Nanango



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**Cr Scott Henschen, SBRC, presented the Association with a cheque for \$2,000** provided by the SBRC Community Grants Program as a contribution towards the cost of purchasing an Outdoor/ Movie Theatre Package. This will be used by the Social and Events Sub-Committee for events in 2023.

***The 4th Quarterly Meeting for 2022 was followed by a Sausage Sizzle social event, arranged and catered by the Social and Events Sub-Committee.***

***We would like to take this opportunity to thank Annette and Greg Sprenger for hosting this meeting Members enjoyed fabulous food, great company and lots of conversations!***



Image 5 Cr Scott Henschen



Image 6 Members enjoying dinner in Sprengers beautiful courtyard



Doesn't this happen every BBQ- the gas always runs out halfway through- Brett to the rescue!



Image 7 Cr Scott Henschen and Cr Gavin Jones chatting with members after the meeting



**Footnote re Dingoes: The dingoes/wild dogs at Bunya Mountains from a QPWS point of view.**

This report was provided by Hilary Lindemann, Ranger in Charge, Bunya Mountains National Park to the Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and Hilary has given approval to share it in this Newsletter:

- *“Visitors are often voicing concerns about the ‘low’ population of wallabies in recent years. The wallaby population size has fluctuated over the years (as does every population of any species depending on the environment’s conditions and resource availability). In previous years, there has been overpopulation of red-necked wallabies around the Dandabah area (where we would see hundreds of wallabies in a small grassy area). This is considered an indicator of an ‘unhealthy’ ecosystem because the carrying capacity of that particular environment (the amount of animals an area can sustainably hold) has been exceeded (i.e., there are too many wallabies in one area for it to be sustainable – not enough food/habitat/water/etc. for each animal which results in famine, dehydration and an increased risk of disease spread, and can eventually lead to a reduction in biodiversity, migration, animal extinction and habitat destruction). Overpopulation = negative environmental impacts.*

- *From an ecological point of view, whilst visitors identify the wallaby population as ‘low’, the wallaby population has actually changed from an ‘unhealthy, unsustainable, overpopulation’ – to a ‘more sustainable, healthier sized-population’. The reduction in wallaby numbers could be a result of various factors including increased visitation (i.e., increased collisions with vehicles, humans frightening wallabies), disease spread (extremely common in overpopulations), competition for food and other resources with other animals, and/or predation from apex predators (e.g., dingoes).*

- *Dingoes are an apex predator (top of the food chain). Apex predators play an extremely important role in maintaining a healthy and balanced ecosystem. They provide ecological stability by suppressing populations of smaller predators (known as mesopredators – e.g., feral cats, feral pigs) and other prey animals (e.g., wallabies/other herbivores). In doing this, apex predators aid in the survival of smaller, more vulnerable species of native animals from overpredation, as well as aiding in the protection of native vegetation from overgrazing (this leads to a flow on effect of positive impacts including the prevention of erosion, allowing other vegetation to mature, reducing run-off, etc.). Healthy apex predators = healthy ecosystem.*

- *At Bunyas, when the dingo numbers are low, the herbivorous species such as the red-necked wallaby, over-graze and over-utilise the environment they are in. When the wallaby population then grows to an unsustainable level, the population will typically crash as lack of food and disease overwhelms them. The dingoes will often prey on the slow, weak, and dying wallabies, which increases the health of the wallaby population as a whole. Therefore, the red-necked wallaby and other macropod species at Bunyas are actually healthier when the dingoes are around. Dingoes on the mountain also suppress the population of feral pigs and feral cats which dramatically increases the health of the environment at the Bunyas.*

- *Are they wild dog or are they dingoes? Without DNA testing, it is impossible to tell. The only pure-bred dingoes in Australia is on Fraser Island – all other dingoes would have a percentage of wild dog in them. Roughly 12 years ago, QPWS engaged in some DNA sampling of 2x canids that were trapped due to displaying non-natural behaviour. The results came back in between 85-93% dingo – indicating that the dogs up here have a high percentile of dingo in them and a small percentage of wild dog. This includes the black and tan dingoes (that is actually a natural colour for dingoes, not just the standard tan and white socks). When the animal is on national park, Dingoes are a protected species under the Nature Conservation Act 1992, and can*



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only be 'controlled' by QPWS if they 1. Pose a safety threat to visitors or 2. if they pose a threat to neighbouring livestock (which is not the case at Bunyas). When the dingoes are on council land or private estate, they are often classified as 'wild dogs' instead of dingoes and are seen as an introduced species that has a negative impact on the environment. Because dingoes are a protected animal on national park and a valued member of the ecosystem, us as Rangers try to encourage discussions with visitors about dingoes and their important role in the ecosystem to try and change the perception of them!"

**Update: Since the 5<sup>th</sup> November Meeting,** BMCAI has been advised that the dingo numbers roaming in the Estates are now "back to 6. I saw the usual culprits on our property last week plus a light tan coloured adult and a dark pup. They showed no fear of humans and were quite at home."

The Guest Speaker at our February quarterly meeting and AGM will be Linda Behrendorff from QNPWS, who I understand assisted with the Dingo Management Plan for K'gari Fraser Island. (I also understand that Linda has previously worked with QNPWS here in the Bunya Mountains).

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## Bunya Mountains Local Disaster Management Sub-Group

The Sub- Group Meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This was followed by a desk top exercise to test the Bunya Mountains Local Disaster Management Sub-Plan. *Exercise To Her Door 2022 Bunya Mountains Severe Weather Event* was designed to explore the Bunya Mountains Sub-Group support capability during a severe weather event that involved flooding, power and communication outages, infrastructure damage and community isolation, and to add complexity to the scenario, included an injured asthmatic bushwalker who lost his/ her Ventolin. (all possible, just this week we had a storm which resulted in a power blackout lasting 24 hours).

The exercise highlighted several gaps in the Sub-Group's capability to respond to a multi layered scenario such as this and these gaps has been recorded by Emergency Management Queensland and will become meeting agenda items in 2023, in a bid to find a way to resolve/ fill the gaps and ensure we can call upon those needed, if and when disaster's strike here in the Bunyas. It also demonstrated how thin on the ground we are in terms of volunteer numbers here on the Bunyas compared to the possible/ potential numbers of people here on the Bunyas at any one time (especially during peak holiday periods).



Image 7 Exercise Challenges



Image 9 Visitor/ Helper??



Image 8 A Minutes Silence for Armistice Day





## Report from the Bunya Mountains Rural Fire Brigade

### Report provided by John Learmont, President, Bunya Mountains Rural Fire Brigade.

John Learmont, Chairman

We were sad to receive the resignations of our secretary Therese Andrea and her husband Brendan because of health reasons. Therese was Secretary for 2 years and did a great job. She and Brendan were fire fighters and will be sadly missed. We thank you both for your contributions.

Our previous Secretary of six years, Barry Downes, passed away on the 8th of June after a long period of illness and many of our members attended his funeral in Toowoomba.

### Annual General Meeting

Things looked a bit grim for the Brigade prior to the AGM in late October with no prospects for a Secretary or First Officer. I had been doing the First Officer job in a defacto roll for the past two years and Area Office had been very tolerant of our position. I was very concerned that we might not have a Brigade after the meeting. At the 11th hour Lynne Downes stepped up and volunteered to be Secretary, Peter Taylor volunteered to be 2nd Officer if I would be 1st Officer, and Peter Marshall said he would be 3rd Officer and be in a mentoring roll for us both.

Area Director Marty Taylor attended the meeting, conducted the election and the results were:

- |                  |                  |                      |                |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| - Chairman       | John Learmont    | - Training Officer   | Peter Taylor   |
| - Secretary      | Lynne Downes     | - First Aid Officer  | Lyndal Rowe    |
| - Treasurer      | Robert Zigterman | - Shed Manager       | Peter Weekes   |
| - Minute Sec     | Carol Weekes     | - Grants Officer     | Anna Zigterman |
| - First Officer  | John Learmont    | - Catering Organiser | Sandy Learmont |
| - Second Officer | Peter Taylor     |                      |                |
| - Third Officer  | Peter Marshall   |                      |                |
| - Fourth Officer | Jenepher Hintz   |                      |                |

### Fire Shed

Other members who will continue their supporting roll in the Fire Shed include Barry Stewart who looks after keeping all batteries charged and maintains the water filters. Pat Stewart organises the office. Many other members pitch in and help with different tasks. I am very happy with the way the Brigade is functioning and the support I am receiving. Peter Weekes has organised

- A fill-point at the front of the shed using water from our tank behind the shed.
- 8 security cameras both inside and outside the shed.
- A diesel pump to fill the trucks and pumps.
- 'No Parking Signs' and yellow lines to stop people parking in front of the shed.

**Fire fighting activities** Peter Marshall and Peter Taylor took BM52 to clean up after the Gympie floods. We did a burn-off at a farm near Kingaroy and attended a burn-off at Tanduringie School. Seven members attended a training morning at the Fire Shed and an afternoon training on the new radios at the Maidenwell Brigade. We have received 8 new radios, 16 spare batteries and 3 chargers.



Image 12 Training



Image 11 fuel reduction burn



Image 10 Fuel Reduction Burn



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## Toilets

Since the August newsletter we have had visits from our local member Deb Frecklington MLA, and David Black, Burnett area representative of the Rural Fire Brigade Assn of Qld.

Things are looking promising as there has been a request from the Burnett Area office for a meeting with our Management Committee and 2 representatives from QFES on 2nd December.

Hopefully there will soon be a resolution of this 5-year saga.

John Learmont (Chairman)



Image 13 Deb Frecklington, MP Member for Nanango

***A reminder: Emergency Call outs of any description must go to Triple 000, not directly to the Bunya Mountains Rural Fire Brigade phone (including non-fire related incidents such as fallen powerlines etc ).***

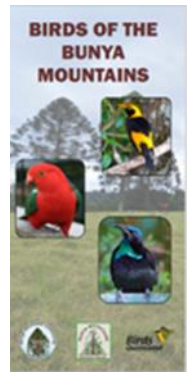
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## Report from the Bunya Mountains Natural History Association

The Bunya Mountains Natural History Association is mainly interested in natural history such as trees, birds, and the nature of the beautiful Bunyas but we are also very interested in the human history of the area.

We publish quite a few books on different subjects such as 'Bonyi' that was written by Ray Humphreys, the story of Fred Klien who was a bullocky from the 1920s up until 1950s and a book written by Len Olsson who was a park ranger at the Bunyas for many years.

'Joes Book' is another favourite that gives us facts and theories of the Bunyas. Joe Walker also lived here for some time. He lived and conducted his small business of selling refreshments to the visitors from the log cabin that is now part of the restaurant.



We've recently printed a bird brochure. Eighty birds that you'll most likely see on the Bunyas. This is available at no charge from the Cedarvale or from the shop next to the restaurant.

Recently we received a collection of photos from Jeff Bryant. His mother had visited the Bunyas during Easter of 1932. The party camped Munros Camp and visited the Mowbullan area while they were here.. There was one photo that intrigued us. The photo was labled the 'spring Mowbullan'. We knew there was a spring on the track to Carbines Chute but had never heard of this one.

After a bit of detective work we have since found out there was a spring on Mowbullan. Ninety years would have changed the surroundings quite a lot and finding it could be a bit of a expedition. So if you have some long forgotten photos of the Bunyas we would like to see them. We will scan them and return them to you.



Image 14 Mowbullan Spring

Cedarvale, our information centre and museum, is open on the Sunday of Market Day on the last weekend of the month.

Looking forward to seeing you,  
Sandy Learmont, Secretary.



Image 15 Inside Cedarvale 18 Sept 2022

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**NATURE**

**Phytophthora: A Recent ABC News Article that you may find of interest**  
(Wed 21 Sep 2022):

**Invasive soil-borne disease made worse by wet weather, threatens bunya pines**

ABC Southern Qld / By Anthea Moodie and Belinda Sanders

**Key points:**

The recent rain and upcoming third La Niña summer present the perfect conditions for phytophthora to spread

The soil borne disease spreads through the movement on soil on shoes, bikes and feral pigs

Trials are being conducted to help stop new infections of phytophthora. To read the article in full:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-09-21/wet-conditions-make-worse-a-serious-threat-killing-bunya-trees/101460316>



Bunya pines in the Bunya Mountains National Park are losing their leaves due to a serious soil-borne disease. (Supplied: Paul Dawson)

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**Did you know about: The Local Tree Man, Tom Clarke**

Have you ever wondered how to get rid of those very large Bunya Cones that are threatening your house and shed before they fall, but without felling that beautiful, iconic (and now threatened) bunya tree? This young man can do just that or remove dead or dying trees that are threatening your property.

Contact details for Tom are as follows: Mob 0428611473, Email [tncontracting@outlook.com](mailto:tncontracting@outlook.com)

Tom can do contract climbing, Tree removal, Pruning and milling hardwood timber and fencing.



Image 18 Tom in Action



Image 17 No Fear???



Image 16 Loves his trees!

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**A little Riddle for you: *I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me. What am I?***

(Answer on back page if you haven't been able to get it).

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**BUNYA MOUNTAINS WALKS BACK IN TIME -IN THE BUSH WHERE IT HAPPENED 17 & 18 SEPTEMBER 2022**

This was a week-end of activities, arranged and facilitated by the BMCAI Social, Events and Funding Sub-committee. It provided the opportunity for members and visitors to visit sites of historical and cultural interest and significance in the Bunya Mountains. Several of those sites are on private properties and not accessible by the public. Sub-Committee members sought out sites and activities that would be of interest to both our community and visitors to the Bunya Mountains and then sought property owner permission, and arranged guides/ knowledge holders and supports for each site. A successful grant application to AGL /Coopers Gap provided the organising committee with funds to hire a 24 seater bus and to cover some of the expenses.

The week-end activities were divided into 4 sessions (morning and afternoon on both days). Participants had a choice of 3 activities in each session, where they nominated their first, second and third preference. Once the bus was full of first preferences for each session, then participants had to go to second choice etc.

In all we had 75 participants across the weekend and the activities are listed below:

Session 1:	Session 2:	Session 3:	Session 4:
Saturday morning	Saturday afternoon	Sunday morning	Sunday afternoon
Hike to Gertrude's Grave and Soldiers Road Memorial	Visit the site of Anderson's Tramway Head	A Mystery Expedition	Visit Russell Park Indigenous Bush Uni- Keeping Ancient Traditions Alive
Indigenous led Rainforest and Bushucker walk	Bunyas Bird Walk with Birding Qlds' Bernice Seton	A Genuine Horse and Cart Ride	An Ecumenical Campfire Church
Bunyas Photography in the Rainforest	Visit the Stirling Homestead	Visit Munros Camp	Visit Cedarvale with Natural History Association Members

Saturday Evening featured an old-fashioned slide night showing old movies and slides of early days and timber getting on the Bunyas  
Sunday lunch time featured a Re-enactment of a 1940's school lesson on the School House verandah with 3 past students, Liz Hannay, Warren Martens and Jean Harris in attendance. Aileen, the lesson teacher (with cane in hand), also involved the younger children in the audience and they certainly stood to attention on parade!

It was a fabulous weekend, both informatively and socially, and the sky was crystal clear! We wish to again sincerely thank property owners who invited the participants to their properties, to the Sub-Committee members who worked so hard to create such a great experience for participants and to those people who volunteered to be the storyteller and tour guides. It all came together to create a memorable and socially significant event.

Here is a small gallery of photographs of the activities, for those who were fortunate enough to be there, to reminiscence, and for those who weren't there, to entice you to come along in 2023.



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## BUNYA MOUNTAINS DINNER UNDER THE STARS - 19 NOVEMBER 2022

Where does one start with this story, the weather was again on our side and the sky was clear and the night balmy (much warmer than last year!). To sum it up in a few words is difficult but in short, there was absolutely amazing food, fabulous entertainment, 150 fun loving guests who were ready to party, and a great MC. All the hard work behind the scenes by the Sub-Committee members to prepare for the event certainly paid off. The photo on page 1 of this Newsletter provides a glimpse across the tables.



Let's start with the Menu and the Celebrity Chef for the event, Matt Golinski. Matt is a fabulous speaker also and prior to commencing serving the meal, he explained how he sought out local produce and (to name just a few) we had black garlic from Nanango, Bunya Red Capers, Lamb from Bunya Range Lamb, Pork from Swickers/ SunPork, and Kumbia Peaches. But the magic happened when he prepared the meal.... And we all got to eat it...yummmmm



Image 19. Matt Golinski-Official



Image 20 John & Karen, Stanwell with Salmon, Asparagus, Caper platter

Our MC for the evening was Gavin 'Spud' Jones and what a great job he did. He kept the evening running smoothly but with loads of humour and good fun... Spud is a great supporter and encourager of BMCAI and the work that we are doing in our community. We really value his advice and good humour!

The other guest speakers for the evening were Uncle Wayne Fossey and Donna Glass, who collaborated to give us a night sky tour and tell the indigenous stories relating to the night sky... Thank you to you both.

Let's talk about our very generous and supportive Sponsors of the event:



Sponsor/ Donor	Product /donation	Sponsor /Donor	Product/donation
Stanwell/ Tarong	Sponsorship	Crs Jones & Henschen	Sponsorship (Discretionary funds)
Kingaroy Body Works	Sponsorship	Swicker/ Sunpork	Barkers Creek Pork Cutlets - product for the dinner
WDRC Local Events grant	Sponsorship	Plenty Oils	Cooking oils for the dinner
Deb Frecklington	Sponsorship	Bunya Range Lamb	Lamb products for dinner
RES Tarong West Windfarm	Sponsorship	Kingaroy Freight	Pantech trailer for the stage
Moffatdale Ridge Winery	Sparkling Wine for welcome drinks		



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<b>And the amazingly generous donors of Live and Silent Auction items which was our key Fundraiser for the evening (and year)</b>			
Ian Harris	Live Auction: Glass Topped coffee table	Kathy Taylor	Silent Auction: T2 Tea Pack
Melissa & Neil Cameron	Live Auction: Accommodation Package at Atlantis Beachfront Resort, Marcoola	Annette Sprenger	Silent Auction: Lightforce Spotlights
Donna Glass	Live Auction: Dark Sky Experience and an award winning prints	Carol Weekes	Silent Auction: Pair of Applied Cushions
Donna Glass & Meg Noack	Live Auction: Award Winning Print & Children's Story Book	Ian Harris	Silent Auction: Small Timber Table
Suzy and Dallas March	Live Auction: 2 nights accommodation at Pitta Place	Mead Enterprises, Crows Nest	Silent Auction: Mead Beverages
Darryl Hansen, Stihl Shop	Live Auction: battery operated Stihl products	Meg Noack	Silent Auction: Cherries Art Piece
Gerald Tooth	Live Auction: Bottle Butterfly Catchers Gin package + Voucher for Gin tasting	Frohlies Butcher, Yarraman	Silent Auction: Frohlies Meats Voucher
Kathy Hall & Reg McGirr	Live Auction: 2 nights at Bunyip Springs Farmstay	Meg Noack & Annette Sprenger	Silent Auction: Bunya Mts Bird Attracting Tree Package
Darryl Hansen	Live Auction: Free Glider Ride	Sue Unwin	Silent Auction: \$100 Poppies Voucher
Meg & Noel Noack	Live Auction: Joh's Squatters Chair	Ruth Wright & Annette Sprenger	Silent Auction: Santa's Toy Bag
Mary Mahoney	Live Auction: A basket of Australian & International wines	Bunnings Kingaroy	Silent Auction: BBQ Pack
OzTrail	Live Auction: Oztrail Camping Pack	Butters Dalby	Silent Auction: Socket Toolset
Graeme Wright	Live Auction: A Bunya Bonsai & Master- Class	IGA Kingaroy	Silent Auction: Large Esky
Brett, Graeme & Carol	Silent Auction: Bathroom Bliss Pack	Plenty Food	Silent Auction: Gift Basket of Butters & Oils
Ken Mills Toyota	Silent Auction: Ken Mills Toyota \$150 voucher	Bernice Seton	Silent Auction: Bunyas Birdwatching Experience
Kathy Taylor	Silent Auction: T2 Gift Pack	The Bell Coffee Shop	Silent Auction: Pips and Cherries Voucher
Ian Harris	Silent Auction: Small Timer table		



The most sought after item on the night was the late Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen's Squatter's Chair which was a much contested item and fetched \$4050. Darryl Hansen was the lucky guy to take home this treasure. Here is a photo of Darryl trying it for size and I may have even heard him utter the words *"Goodness gracious I know what you're trying to do"* or was it *"Just you wait and see"*?

Then the happiest couple to have a winning bid were Karen and Graham. The beautiful Bunya Bonsai and Bonsai Master Class voucher was sealed with a kiss!



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A huge **Thank You** to the donors of these beautiful and treasured items and to the guests who bid hard to acquire their desired items. The generosity of both donors and bidders, ensured our fundraising for the evening surpassed last year and for that we, BMCAI, are truly grateful. ❤️

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**Do you have a nature story, general interest story or travel yarn to share with our Newsletter readers?**

**We'd love to hear it...send it to [bunyamcainc@gmail.com](mailto:bunyamcainc@gmail.com) for inclusion in a future newsletter.**



*Do you own property or reside on the Bunya Mountains?  
If yes, you are invited to join the BMCAI. As our membership grows, so does our ability to lobby Government, local Council and other organisations for improved services and conditions on the Bunya Mountains. Your active participation will help enhance the Bunya Mountains experience for all who live, visit, work and play here.*

Become a member so you can have your say and become involved in future activities. All Bunya Mountains property owners are welcome to make application to become a member. Membership is just \$10 per person, \$20 per couple or \$30 per family per annum (1st January to 30 December each year. If joining between 1<sup>st</sup> July and 30 December, then it will be \$5 per person for that first part year).

If you would like to become a member, we are happy to send you an Application for Membership Form. Request a Form by emailing us at: [bunyamcainc@gmail.com](mailto:bunyamcainc@gmail.com)

You are welcome to pay the annual fee at any quarterly meeting or pay directly into our bank account using the following details:

***It has been fun chatting with you.*** Please feel free to provide us with feedback and some thoughts about how we can improve/ enhance this Newsletter. Send your ideas to [bunyamcainc@gmail.com](mailto:bunyamcainc@gmail.com)



***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our valued readers.....***

***We'll touch base with again in February 2023 following our first Quarterly meeting for 2023.***

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Answer to the Riddle: Fire