

Bunya Mountains CommUnity Association Newsletter

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Welcome to the first issue of the Bunya Mountains CommUnity Association Newsletter

Why are we distributing this Newsletter?

Let's commence with some background information, as there may be some lovely people who are hearing about the Bunya Mountains CommUnity Association (BMCA) for the very first time.

The BMCA was formed by a small group of enthusiastic locals in April 2016.

BMCA aims to:

- a) *provide a voice for consultation with local, state and federal authorities, on behalf of residents and property owners of the Bunya Mountains and visitors to the Bunya Mountains; and*
- b) *work together with the relevant bodies to enhance the liveability*

and protect the unique Bunya Mountains village lifestyle and cultural and environmental heritage.

BMCA has developed a Community Plan, which provides an oversight of current and future strategies.

BMCA has met occasionally over the past 2.5 years and sought remedial action for various issues across the Bunya Mountains, particularly relating to safety for all residents and visitors, for example, the lack of a suitable walkway/ footpath for pedestrians down Bunya Avenue. The members of the BMCA are eager to progress the matters as listed in the Community Plan.

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It was agreed at the January meeting, that the BMCA will now meet quarterly to ensure ongoing progress. Another undertaking from the meeting was to distribute a Newsletter following each meeting, to keep all those interested, up to date and informed about what is happening. Hence here is the first Newsletter.

BMCA – who are we?

At the January Meeting, an election of Office Bearers was conducted and they the newly elected representatives are listed below:

Chairperson:	John Learmont
Deputy Chairperson:	Dan Kratzmann
Treasurer:	Kathy Taylor
Secretary:	Carol Weekes

The BMCA membership comprises residents, part time residents and property owners. The membership is growing and new members are welcome as they bring new ideas, energy and enthusiasm as we work together for the future of our beautiful area. If you are interested in joining BMCA, then please contact us by emailing carolweekes53@gmail.com or chat to any of the executive as listed above.

Membership is just \$10 per person per annum. If you are a returning member or would like to become a member, you are welcome to pay fees at any quarterly meeting or pay directly into our bank account using the following details:

Bank Account Name : Bunya Mountains
Community Association
Institution: Heritage Bank
BSB:638070
Account Number: 14018187
(please ensure you include your name in the Reference so that the Treasurers knows who

Significant achievement announced at the January meeting:

A Defibrillator will be located at Dandabah for use in any relevant medical emergency. Upon receipt of the defibrillator, it will be located at the shop /café area on an outside wall to enable 24 hour access.

BMCA wish to sincerely thank the Kingaroy Rotary Club for accepting our request for a defibrillator and advising that our application has been successful.

The defibrillator requires an all- weather metal case in which to house it. BMCA is required to meet that cost. Councillor Gavin Jones has kindly offered to contribute \$200 from his discretionary funding towards meeting the cost of that metal case.

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BMCA also wishes to sincerely thank Cr Jones for his support in acquiring the defibrillator and his funding contribution for the all-weather case.

BMCA will be responsible for any ongoing maintenance costs and for distributing information about the location of the defibrillator.

Future BMCA focii....

- a) Follow up the actions that have commenced as listed in the Community Plan to assess progress (or maybe lack thereof in some instances) and determine future actions;
- b) Continue to explore communication strategies to ensure all property owners and residents have the opportunity to be engaged and informed, to the degree to which they choose;
- c) Assess if Incorporation of the Association will enhance BMCA's operations and assist with future funding requests etc; and
- d) As per John's (our esteemed Chairperson) request at the last meeting- put on our thinking hats and compile some ideas for future fundraising activities. Funds may be needed to develop some of the future

improvement strategies, as a bonus may create lots of fun activities, so do contribute your ideas. If you can't be at the next meeting, then please feel free to email your ideas to me on carolweekes53@gmail.com and I will compile and table at the meeting.

Information Session held at Poppies Sunday 10th February re Dark Skies

This information session was **not** organised by BMCA but many members did attend.

Due to the strong and divergent opinions amongst the participants at the meeting, it was determined that a full list of the pros and cons for Dark Sky nomination would be compiled and shared before any further decisions are made.

Donna Glass and I (Carol Weekes) have agreed to accept and compile that list. So can you please send your list of pros and cons to either myself at carolweekes53@gmail.com or donnaglass71@gmail.com.

All comments will be compiled with reference to the person making the comments.

If you were not able to attend the meeting and would like further information, then please contact myself, Donna or the secretaries of your body corporates for further information.

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It has been fun chatting with you. Please feel free to provide us with some feedback and provide ideas about how this Newsletter (which will be released following each quarterly meeting) can improved / enhanced.

Send your ideas to carolweekes53@gmail.com

Next BMCA Meeting

Date: 7th May 2019

Venue: Elz Bistro

Time: 5.30pm

We'd love to see you there.....

