

## **BASSENDEAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.**

### **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Date: 10 October 2007

Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library

35 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Meeting Opened: 7:40 PM



**Present:** Joyce Archibald, Maggie Amy, Carlle & Ted Bentley, David Brown, Marion Cahill, Claire Hall, Ruth & Mick Ireland, Lisa Lowe, Steve McFarland, Greg Peterson, Catherine & Ron Van Delft, Don Yates.

**1. Apologies:** Elaine Newman.

**2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting (13-Sep-06):** Ron moved that the minutes as presented be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Bassendean Preservation Group AGM for 2006. Seconded by Maggie. Carried.

### **3. Annual Reports:**

Chairperson:

The full text of Greg's comments are attached. A summary follows:

*This has been a relatively quiet year for BPG. The major group activity was propagating and planting at Ashfield Flats. Special thanks to Mick for his work as propagator and planting coordinator.*

*There is little positive to mention regarding TofB Council, who have been not progressed a number of critical environmental initiatives.*

*In the wider community, BPG participated in the successful effort to stop part of Whiteman Park be sold off for housing.*

*Steve, Don and Mick attempted to move TofB and DPI to approve bollards and signage to protect and recognize BPG's work at Ashfield Flats, with no success to date.*

*BPG's new secretary Amy has moved on and will be missed.*

*Special thanks to:*

- *Steve, back on duty as Secretary;*
- *Carlle and her offsider Catherine as Treasurer;*
- *Mick for the planting program;*
- *Ted for logistics support;*
- *Maggie for the newsletter;*
- *Claire for the questionnaire;*
- *Ron for ideas and winning submissions;*
- *Elaine for the membership list maintenance;*
- *And all the others that have contributed ideas, time and effort*

*Special welcome to the new faces like Colleen the TofB EO, Amy, and Don, the idea man.*

*There's a lot to do, and so much potential. It is hoped the Broadway Arboretum submission in particular can be funded through an alternate grant offering. Though I will be stepping down as Chairperson, I hope to continue to work with BPG in some capacity.*

Treasurer:  
 Carlle thanked Catherine for carrying on as Treasurer in her Absence.  
 Ruth moves to accept. Lisa seconds.

**4. Treasurer's Report Summary:**

BPG Inc	\$ 2,131.04
Bank Balance	\$ 2,131.04
Petty Cash	\$ 19.50
Total	<u>\$ 2,150.54</u>

**5. Correspondence In:**

**Action**

None specific to the AGM.

**6. Correspondence Out:**

**Action**

None specific to the AGM.

**7. Nominations and Elections:**

Chairperson: Don nominates Claire. Maggie seconds. Claire accepts.

Treasurer: Mick nominates Carlle. Lisa seconds. Carlle accepts.

Secretary: Carlle nominates Steve. Don seconds. Steve accepts.

**Executive Committee History**

Note at each AGM the 3 longest serving Committee members shall cease to be Committee members but are eligible for re-election {BPG Constitution, Item 10 (3)}.

<b>2005 Exec</b>	Jane	Claire	Michael	Ron	Ted
at the 2006 AGM	stays	stays	retires	stays	retires
<b>2006 Exec</b>	Jane	Claire	Mick	Ron	Steve
at the GM 11-Oct-06					resigns, creating Casual Vacancy, filled by Ted
<b>New 2006 Exec</b>	Jane	Claire	Mick	Ron	Ted
at the 2007 AGM	retires	retires	stays	stays	stays
<b>2007 Exec</b>	Maggie	Don	Mick	Ron	Ted

2007 Exec declared elected by Chairperson.

**8.0 Other Business:**

**Action**

**8.1 Setting of Fees:** Don moves the fees remain the same. David seconds. Carried.

**8.2 Recognition of Greg's Contribution:** Steve moved that Greg's contributions to BPG over the years be recognized. These contributions include but are not limited to seed gathering, hosting all the early propagation days and maintaining most of the racks of plants, providing expert advice on the confusing and sometimes overlapping roles of the agencies and departments BPG deals with, and identifying and writing or contributing to endless numbers of submissions on worthy issues. Well done Greg and thank you. Don seconds, Carried.

**9. Next AGM Meeting:** 8 October 2008.

**10. Closure:** The meeting closed at 8:10 PM.

## **BPG Chairman's Report for AGM 10 October 2007**

It would be fair to say that the past year has been fairly subdued as far as activities of the Bassendean Preservation Group Inc. are concerned. However, there have been some important undertakings that I want to mention and then also recognize the outstanding people who have given their time through the BPG for the betterment of the district of Bassendean in the past year.

The major group activity undertaken during the year was the planting at Ashfield Flats – a return to the roots of the BPG, from whence it sprung in 1985. As has been the pattern for the past several years, this event was skillfully organized by Mick Ireland and Steve 'Skip' McFarland. They undertook the necessary communication with DPI and Town of Bassendean and the only slightly more lengthy task of propagating several hundred seedlings. On the day, the 15 or so people who participated were treated to a hearty barbeque and thoroughly enjoyed their morning's work.

Our special thanks go to Mick for all of his work. The work of the propagator and planting coordinator can be very frustrating as he has to deal with the vagaries of the weather which will alternate between drowning all of the planting sites in one year and baking them like brick in another year, and that is not to mention the unreliability of assistance provided by the local municipality and the destructive activities of irresponsible persons who remove and/or break stakes for seedlings.

I would like to be able to report that in 2007 there were various payoffs from lobbying efforts conducted by the BPG in 2006. However, we have experienced only a lack of progress from the Town of Bassendean. The Town has produced nothing in regards to progress on Ashfield Flats, likewise for river protection, likewise for any greening of the streets. What progress there has been on improvement of Ashfield Flats has come through the efforts of the Bassendean Preservation Group alone. It appears to me that the Town of Bassendean, and more specifically its Council, has fallen into a hole of planning and not producing the goods for the residents of the district to such an extent that its continued existence as a local government should be questioned.

We had more success as part of a wider community effort to stop part of Whiteman Park being sold off for housing. That proposal was thankfully stopped by action of the Upper House of the WA Parliament.

In 2007 Steve McFarland, Don Yates and Mick Ireland have put considerable time into trying to move the Town of Bassendean and Department of Planning and Infrastructure to approve some work that would protect the plantings previously undertaken by the BPG and give recognition in signage of the work of the BPG and other bodies. However, while their efforts have been thwarted to date, I urge them to continue and thank them for their work.

During the year, we unfortunately lost our young secretary Amy Cowdell as she moved to a new job in Albany. She is greatly missed.

None of the work of the BPG can be achieved without the effort of people. The people that I would like to thank on behalf of the BPG for their work this past year are:

- Steve McFarland who has once again done an outstanding job as Secretary.
- Carlle Bentley (supported on occasion by Catherine Van Delft) for untiring and accurate work as Treasurer.
- Michael Ireland for his outstanding work in raising a healthy crop of seedlings for planting at Ashfield Flats and Bindaring Park
- Ted Bentley for his obtaining of stakes for plants and generally running around to see that we get the best deal. I note that this past year he has sold off our water trailer that he first put together many years ago.
- Maggie Amy for getting out at least one edition of the newsletter despite the lack of rush of articles from members.
- Claire Hall for her efforts to date in putting together a questionnaire to assess members' interests and motivations.
- Ron Van Delft who is always a contributor of solid ideas, a willing on the ground hand and a writer of terrific submissions.
- Elaine Newman for her maintenance of our membership list
- All the others who have contributed their ideas, times and bodies.

It has been pleasing to see a few new faces come on board make contributions, many and varied. I particularly note Colleen Murphy the Town of Bassendean's new Environmental Officer, Amy Cowdell and Don Yates, a source of different ideas.

The work of the Bassendean Preservation Group is far from finished as we realize some of the less than desirable things that we see happening in the town particularly near the Swan River. However, there are times when we might feel that there are so many things that we could be doing with the BPG and in our other lives.

In the coming year we will probably take on some old work but there are likely to be new projects. In particular the work that was put into the submission for a demonstration garden should not be wasted and I hope that we can soon use it in the form of a grant application to a different body. The Broadway Arboretum has huge potential in many ways for the people of the Town and region and it would be a great shame to see it continue to be under-utilised.

I look forward to continuing to work with the members of BPG in whatever capacity in the coming year.

Greg Peterson  
Chairman, Bassendean Preservation Group Inc

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