

BASSENDEAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 9 November 2011

Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library

46 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Meeting Opened: 7:40 pm



Present: Maggie Amy, Joyce Archibald, Carlle & Ted Bentley, Claire Hall, Natasha Kepert, Steve McFarland, Shirley McManus, Elaine Newman, and Greg Peterson.

1. Apologies: Gertrude Thompson and Don Yates.

2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting (13-Oct-10): Greg moved that the minutes as presented be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Bassendean Preservation Group AGM for 2010. Seconded by Shirley. Carried.

3. Annual Reports:

Chairperson: The full text of Natasha's comments is attached. A summary follows:

The GroCentre:

Steve secured use of a temporary site from WAPC and a \$13,000 Lotterywest grant. Ted and Steve are leading the fit-out including a modified sea container, pallet shelving, and retic. Ted designed and fabricated steel clad propagation benches with Mick, and a solar pot sterilizer.

BPG is continuing to work with the Bassendean Lions for a permanent shared community facility site, and members attended workshops, visited the Historical Railway Museum site, and addressed Council towards that end.

Concept Plan for Ashfield Flats

There's been renewed interest in the dormant studies and plans for Ashfield Flats with the view of reviving them and revegetating with Black Cockatoo friendly species.

The BPG Website

Don provided website training, and the working group is working on the DreamWeaver tutorials.

Plantings

BPG lacked a propagation program in 2010/11 while the GroCentre was coming together, but TofB came to the rescue with donated seedlings for Bindaring Park and Success Hill.

Local Issues

BPG members attended meetings and forums on the Broadway Arboretum Concept Plan.

BPG letter-boxed for the Bindaring Vision community group inspired by another Council attempt to rezone and sell public open space on the flood fringe of Bindaring Park, and wrote a submission in favour of retention of the wetlands as reserve.

BPG was able to overturn a misconceived town-wide ban on herbicide that coincided with preparation with the start of our 2011 planting program, and the Veldt grass control at Success Hill continued despite the usual controversy.

Other

BPG made acquaintance with the similarly minded Lower Helena Catchment Group.

BPG made a couple of appearances at the Old Perth Road Market.

Shirley moved to accept the Chairperson's comments. Joyce seconded.

4. Treasurer's Report Summary:

BPG Inc	\$ 1,013.15
Bank Balance	\$ 1,013.15
Petty Cash	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 1,028.15

Maggie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Carlle seconded. Carried.

5. Correspondence In:					Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Specific to the AGM.					
6. Correspondence Out:					Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Specific to the AGM.					
7. Nominations and Elections:					
Chairperson: Greg nominates Natasha. Elaine seconds. Natasha accepts.					
Treasurer: Shirley nominates Carlle. Maggie seconds. Carlle accepts.					
Secretary: Natasha nominates Steve. Ted 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 {Item 10 (3)}.					
2005 Exec	Jane	Claire	Michael	Ron	Ted
at the 2006 AGM	stays	stays	retires	stays	retires
2006 Exec	Jane	Claire	Mick	Ron	Steve
at the GM 11-Oct-06					resigns, creating a Casual Vacancy, filled by Ted
New 2006 Exec	Jane	Claire	Mick	Ron	Ted
at the 2007 AGM	retires	retires	stays	stays	stays
2007 Exec	Maggie	Don	Mick	Ron	Ted
at the 2008 AGM	retires	stays	retires	retires	retires
2008 Exec	Danielle	Don	Mick	Shirley	Ted
During 2008/2009 term	resigns, creating a Casual Vacancy	resigns, creating a Casual Vacancy			
At the 2009 AGM	Claire nominates	Natasha nominates	Retires and is renominated in absentia	retires and renominates	retires and renominates
2009 Exec	Claire	Natasha	Mick	Shirley	Ted
At the 2010 AGM	continues	retires	retires	retires and renominates	retires and renominates
2010 Exec	Claire	Ruth	Greg	Shirley	Ted
At the 2011 AGM	retires & renominates	continues in absentia	continues	retires & renominates	retires & renominates
2011 Exec	Claire	Ruth	Greg	Shirley	Ted
2011 Exec declared elected by Chairperson.					
8.0 Other Business:					Action
8.1 Setting of Fees: Current annual fees are Unwaged \$5, Individual \$15, Family \$25 (all 16 yrs and over). Ted moves they remain unchanged. Greg Seconds. Carried.					No change in fees.

<p>8.2 Acknowledgment of Non-Executive Roles: Steve wants recognition for additional roles in the group that are essential to BPG's activities, but have no formal standing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Propagation• Catering• Photography• Membership• Webmaster	No action taken.
<p>9. Next AGM Meeting: proposed 11-Oct-12</p>	
<p>10. Closure: The meeting closed at 8:32 pm.</p>	

Bassendean Preservation Group

Annual Report, 2010 - 2011

Activities within the last 12 months:

The BPG does not have a "base" at present to propagate plants, so planting activities have been severely curtailed. However, there has been activity on a number of fronts:

- The BPG GroCentre
 - Thanks to Steve, BPG has secured an arrangement with DPI for use of a DPI compound in Ascot, in the river reserve, on a temporary basis (until 2013).
 - The compound features mains water and power, but no sewer. It has a portable toilet. At the time BPG was granted the use of the site, there were 2 x 20 foot sea containers (to be retained by the DPI for their own storage), and a small donga which can be used for meeting / shelter purposes. The compound has a wire mesh fence with two double gates and has blue metal ground cover, a reticulation controller already plumbed to an area suitable for planting frames, and a shallow pond used for propagating sedges.
 - BPG has secured a \$13,000 Lotterywest grant to upgrade the premises for our purposes, including fitting out with a lockable sea container for our own use, trailer, planting racks and reticulation. The sea container has already been bought and installed on site, and fitted out with racking and shelving.
 - To ensure best practice planting and minimise the potential for spreading dieback, a solar steriliser is to be used. The practice will be to sterilise pots (with the dirt still on them), then wash them. Thus, the wastewater will not have the potential to spread dieback, and can be disposed of easily. There is also a water tank to provide for washup of tools, but the volumes of wastewater produced should be quite low.
 - Ted and Steve have been arranging the fitout, including the delivery of the sea container and installation of the trestle tables. Ruth and Natasha also participated in some painting on site recently.

- Pursuing a permanent home for ourselves
 - After considerable time spent pursuing the idea of a joint facility with the Lions Club "Mens Shed" and the Railway Workshops, the BPG is now pursuing the idea of a facility near to the Railway Workshops but not on the same site. While the BPG

GroCentre is a fairly natural fit with the Mens Shed idea, it is less compatible with the Rail Workshops.

- Workshops attended in February
 - Visit to the Rail Museum to look over the site, with members of the Lions Club and the Rail Museum (April 2011)
 - A deputation was made to the Ordinary Council Meeting of 27 September 2011. The BPG is pursuing a permanent home on Lot 590- Reserve 45364 May Holman Drive, Bassendean. This is adjacent to the Rail Museum but on a separate lot. It would require us to make use of a shared amenities block and car parking areas. The proposal would require a Scheme Amendment as the land is currently zoned Public Purposes - Recreation. Our proposed use is not entirely consistent with this zoning.
 - We need to get a Memorandum of Understanding from the Rail Museum people that facilities can be shared, as if we cannot get access to amenities / parking, we will not be able to use the site. Being a shared community facility may assist them in obtaining the relevant funding. This needs to be followed up as a matter of priority.
- Concept Plan for Ashfield Flats Reserve: Bushland for Black Cockatoo Habitat
 - It is proposed to see whether we can plant Ashfield Flats with the aim of providing habitat for endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoos. Carnaby's cockatoos require about 5 ha of clumped dense canopied trees near water and feeding habitat. There are species preferred by the cockatoos which would be suitable for Ashfield Flats soil types, notably: (food sources) *Acacia saligna*, *Eucalyptus calophylla*; (nesting) *Eucalyptus calophylla*; (night roosting) *Eucalyptus calophylla*, *Eucalyptus rudis*.
 - It is proposed to prepare a concept plan to develop the Flats as cockatoo habitat, which would guide planting in the Flats for years to come. It could be used as a basis to gain support from relevant necessary groups (eg. the Town, DPI) and potentially funding.
 - As a matter of priority, we need to consult with relevant experts (eg. Urban Bushland Council, Swan River Trust) for advice in preparing our concept plan.
- The BPG Website
 - Maggie, Steve and Natasha all undertook some training from Don with the aim of producing and maintaining an up-to-date, fresh-looking BPG website.

- Steve and Maggie worked through the Dreamweaver tutorials.
- This is temporarily on hold due to other commitments of those involved. Steve has designed a map of the site and an index page with drop down menus. The site needs to be populated with the relevant files, and put online.

- Plantings

- BPG members have undertaken some plantings this year, with plants provided by the Town of Bassendean. Notably, plantings have been undertaken at:
 - Bindaring Park
 - Success Hill (a joint planting with Success Hill Action Group [SHAG]), with a barbecue provided by the Town of Bassendean.
 - 858 plants have been planted in all.

- BPG members have been involved in providing comment on a number of local issues, including:

- Broadway Arboretum Concept Plan
 - Several BPG members (Carlie, Ted and Steve) attended a meeting in January with the Town of Bassendean and RPS consultants. They (and Maggie) also attended a public forum later in January about the proposal.
 - The Broadway Reserve Concept Plan Report was released for public comment at the beginning of September 2011. BPG made a coordinated group submission, to say that we supported the plan and hoped that priority actions for implementing it could be identified, so that it could proceed quickly. We suggested the provision of water to the park, for watering plants, and the identification of plants that were required, so that we could assist with propagation.

- Bindaring Park
 - A proposal for a "Bindaring Vision" for a coordinated approach to the wetland has recently been promulgated for community comment, and is being promoted as an election issue by several prospective Councillors. BPG has assisted in distributing information about the Vision.

- Local Planning Scheme No. 10, Amendment No. 4: Rezoning of areas of wetland to allow residential development

- Weed control at Success Hill - an ongoing issue for Council

- Other Activities:
 - Useful contact has been made with the Lower Helena Catchment Group, a similarly-minded group working further up the river in Guildford / Woodbridge and across the river in South Guildford. There is potential for members of both groups to assist each other in planting activities etc.

 - Presence at Old Perth Road Markets - promoting BPG as an organisation in the area

Natasha Kepert

Oct 12, 2011 (with minor amendments Nov 10, 2011)