

BASSENDAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 13 September 2006

Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library

35 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Meeting Opened: 7:45 PM



Present: Maggie Amy, Carlle & Ted Bentley, Elizabeth Boyd, Amy Cowdell, Claire Hall, Steve McFarland, Elaine Newman, Greg Peterson, Ron Van Delft, Danielle Witham, Don Yates.

1. Apologies: Joyce Archibald, Dot Kingston, Catherine Van Delft

2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting (12-Oct-05): Maggie moved that the minutes as presented be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Bassendean Preservation Group AGM for 2005. Seconded by Ted. Carried.

3. Annual Reports:

Chairperson:

Greg highlighted three particular activities from the past year.

The first was the grant application to the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program for a demonstration native garden at Broadway Arboretum and for revegetation of part of Ashfield Flats, put together by Ron with assistance from among others the TofB EO, Colleen Murphy. While this initial submission was not successful, it will form the basis of second application directed to a funding body with less arbitrary requirements.

The second and third were planting and mulching days at Ashfield Flats and at Bindaring Park, with several hundred seedlings planted and staked and 6m³ of mulch provided by TofB spread.

Greg also mentioned BPG's contribution to the TofB's Strategic Streetscape Plan.

Greg then thanked the many contributors in BPG for their efforts over the past year.

Greg closed with a word of caution about recent undesirable events affecting Bassendean's environment, and identified some projects for next year.

The full text of the comments is attached.

Treasurer:

Carlle submitted her usual concise report and noted that BPG's annual fixed expenses were running at \$574 for the past year.

Claire moves to accept. Elizabeth seconds. Carried.

BPG Chairman's Report for AGM 13 September 2006

I want to first note some of the activities of the Bassendean Preservation Group during the past year and then acknowledge those who have made possible the BPG's contribution to the district known as the Town of Bassendean and the region around it. I will also touch upon the outlook for the future.

There are three particular activities that I would like to highlight. In mentioning them, I hasten to point out that each of them was the culmination of much work to prepare and then get to the point of delivery.

They are:

Submission of a grant application to the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program for the making of a demonstration garden at Broadway Arboretum and for revegetation of part of Ashfield Flats. While the application was ultimately unsuccessful, this was not due to lack of quality in the application. It was excellently put together in its final form by Ron Van Delft but with much assistance from others, most notably from the Town of Bassendean's Environmental Officer, Colleen Murphy.

The other activities were planting days at Ashfield Flats and at Bindaring Park. The activity at Ashfield Flats was particularly successful with a good turn out of 15 people and a result of several hundred seedlings planted and staked. The Bindaring Park activity result was also excellent but the five people who were there to do the work did wish for some more helping hands. Again, the town of Bassendean played a helping role – in this case by providing mulch to go around the seedlings.

I will also mention that during the year the BPG made substantial input to the Town of Bassendean's Strategic Streetscape Plan.

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. It must have been like parting with a child.
- 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 other 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 the 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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