

BASSENDEAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 October 2009

Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library

46 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Meeting Opened: 7:38 PM



Present: Maggie Amy, Carlle & Ted Bentley, Claire Hall, Ruth Ireland, Natasha Kepert, Steve McFarland, Shirley McManus, Elaine Newman, Greg Peterson

1. Apologies: Mick Ireland, Joyce Archibald.

2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting (8-Oct-08): Greg moved that the minutes as presented be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Bassendean Preservation Group AGM for 2008. Seconded by Maggie. Carried.

3. Annual Reports:

Chairperson: The full text of Claire's comments will be attached as soon as an electronic version is available. A summary follows:

In 2008/09 BPG focused on its core activity of revegetating reserves in Bassendean.

Members participated in a number potting, seeding and thinning days over the summer.

Unfortunately two of the seed species failed to germinate at all.

Despite this and late rains delaying the start, BPG planted a total of 3,132 plants at seven locations around Bassendean. This was made possible through partnerships with:

- *Town of Bassendean for provision of native plants, loan of tools, training and pre-planting site preparations works.*
- *Department of Planning and Infrastructure for underwriting supplies and funding for preparation works at Ashfield Flats.*
- *Alcoa for donating the Dieback Resistant Jarrahs and regular Jarrahs.*
- *Water Corp for weed control at Fairford Street drain*

Ron created a website and renewed interest in Broadway Arboretum, and Maggie led an expanded Year 3 EHPS Propagation and Plantout for the second year.

Interest in the BPG website continued to grow, and the weekly Weekend Wagtails has kept all informed.

During the year BPG purchased a logo'd marquee and some specialty tools designed to re-locate volunteer native plants to more appropriate areas.

BPG received two awards during the year, and ended with a celebratory dinner where everyone received a copy of Don Yate's yearbook capturing the highlights.

Claire closed with thanks to the Executive Committee and all the BPG members on another very successful year.

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

4. Treasurer's Report Summary:

BPG Inc	\$ 8,640.95
Bank Balance	<u>\$ 8,640.95</u>
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 18.50</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,659.45</u>

Shirley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Maggie 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: Ruth nominates Ruth. Natasha seconds. Ruth accepts.					
Treasurer: Greg nominates Carlle. Maggie seconds. Carlle accepts.					
Secretary: Greg nominates Steve. Carlle 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
2009 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 moved fees remain the same. Maggie seconded. Carried.			
8.2 Motions of Thanks: Greg moved a motion of thanks to the Executive Committee for their work and especially Ron for his service to the community of Bassendean over the last 25 years. Steve moved that Don, having also left BPG during the year also be recognized for his myriad activities that have put BPG on a sound financial footing with a website, awards and new brand recognition. Natasha seconds. Passed with Acclamation.		Greg to draft letter to Ron. Claire to draft letter for Don. Steve to copy into letterheads.			
9. Next AGM Meeting: 2010 October(?)					
10. Closure: The meeting closed at 8:23 PM.					



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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2008/9

In 2008/9 Bassendean Preservation Group focused on its core activity of revegetating reserves in the Town of Bassendean.

MEMBERSHIP

Total as at 14 August 2009 = 22

A further 17 members had not renewed their membership by the due date of 1 June 2009.

ACTIVITIES

Members participated in a number of seeding, thinning and repotting days over the summer period. Unfortunately, purchased seed of *Casuarina obesa* and *Eucalyptus todtiana* failed to germinate at all.

A late start to winter rains resulted in the planting program being moved back several weeks, but good rains in August and early September will give our plants a very good start. A total of 3132 native plants were planted out at Ashfield Flats, Bindaring Park, Broadway Arboretum, and Fairford Street drain in winter 2009.

Ashfield Flats

- On 12 July, 20 BPG members planted 572 plants.
- On 16 August, 6 BPG members and 2 volunteers planted 156 Dieback Resistant Jarrahs (DRJs) at Ashfield Parade
- On 23 August, 10 BPG members and volunteers planted 530 plants.

Bindaring Park

- On 9 August, 13 BPG members planted 1001 plants in less than 2 hours

Broadway Arboretum

- The promised watering of plants over summer by Town of Bassendean did not eventuate due to bore failures and water truck breakdown. As a result, only one DRJ tree survived out of 89 planted. The survival of Banksias has been slightly better but not very good. Dry sandy soil and unknown material brought in as fill may be contributing to the poor success rate in this area near Centenary Court.
- On 28 June, 84 DRJs were planted in the 'Southern Jarrah Forest' area and 210 regular jarrahs in the 'Northern Jarrah Forest' area, all supplied by Alcoa.
- Ron van Delft created the Broadway Arboretum Discovery Tour Park Pack and questionnaire to gain support for the original vision developed in 1993. Tours of the Arboretum were held over the weekend of 13/14 June and generated interest from local residents. A new website www.broadwayarboretum.info was created by Ron. There has been no response as yet from the Town of Bassendean in regard to implementing the vision.

Fairford Street Drain

- On 28 June, 47 native species planted on the south side of the drain and at the eastern end adjacent to Broadway Arboretum. Lots of room for more natives to be planted next year.

Jubilee Reserve

- In July, Eden Hill Primary School students with assistance from BPG members undertook planting of native species at Jubilee Reserve B (the small bushland area adjacent to the cricket pavilion). This was funded by the Teachers Environment Fund.

Pickering Park

- On 6 September, 7 BPG members planted rushes along the riverbank.

The planned revegetation work at Success Hill by the Success Hill Action Group did not happen due to community concerns about genetically-modified plants and DRJs. Although these two organisms are totally unrelated, the result was that the DRJs could not be planted at Success Hill and were planted at Broadway Arboretum instead.

PARTNERSHIPS

BPG worked successfully with a number of organizations during the year.

Town of Bassendean

- mowed around revegetation areas.
- controlled weeds in the designated planting areas as requested by BPG.
- provided native plants which were planted by BPG members.
- organized a Success Hill walk through and discussion of dieback and weed control issues with Mark Armstrong, Bob Dixon of Kings Park & Botanic Gardens and local residents on 12 May.
- EMRC/ToB held a Landcare Health & Safety Training evening on 14 May. Attended by seven BPG members.
- Held an Action Planning Workshop for native revegetation work in local reserves on 14 June. Attended by a number of BPG members.
- Steve and Claire had a meeting with ToBs new full-time Environmental Officer, Steve McCabe to discuss the five year plan.

Department of Planning & Infrastructure

- provided a variety of rushes for planting at Pickering Park on 6 September.

Alcoa

- Provided Dieback Resistant Jarrah trees which were planted at the Broadway Arboretum
- Alcoa/Global Impact grant of \$US250 to BPG in recognition of Greg Peterson's participation in BPG activities.

Water Corporation

- At the request of BPG, Water Corp carried out weed control on the south side of the Fairford Street drain adjacent to Broadway Arboretum. BPG members planted approx. 50 plants into the bare areas using BPG plants and also plants provided in the Town of Bassendean's free hand-out to residents.

WEBSITE

The BPG website continued to generate lots of interest in 2008/9. The weekly *Weekend Wagtales* is great for keeping everyone informed about what is happening in the environment arena, both in Bassendean and further afield. A big thank you to Webmaster Don.

GENERAL

The new BPG marquee finally arrived in time for the winter planting season and has proved to be a great asset for the post-planting barbecues and events such as the Broadway Arboretum tour. The purchase of some additional Hamilton Tree Planters will ensure that we have plenty of equipment for planting days.

BPG members enjoyed a celebratory dinner at Hedgehogs café in Bassendean on 13 February. Everyone received a copy of Don Yates' picture book of BPG activities in the previous year.

AWARDS

BPG Inc won two awards during the year:

- Dec 2008 Department of Communities Thank a Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation Award
- 2009 Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award

THANKS

Congratulations to the Executive Committee and all BPG members on another very successful year. It is fantastic that you all give your time so freely to the BPG cause.

Best wishes for the 2009/10 year.

Claire Hall
Chairperson & President
Bassendean Preservation Group Inc.

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