

2021 MINUTES OF BHAG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at St. Andrew’s Church Hall, Monday 12 July, 2021 at 6:00 pm

- MC:** Fenella Briscomb
- Minute Secretary:** Fenella Briscomb. Meeting opened at 6:00 pm
- Committee Attending:** Fenella Briscomb, Pauline Murphy, Charlotte Blesing, John Conway, Marlene Howes, Margaret Hooper, Derek Bell.
- Apologies:** None

Welcome to Country

I would like to welcome everyone and thank you for attending tonight. We would like to begin by acknowledging the Gumbaynggirr people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are meeting, pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and to extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Recognition of Barbara Moore’s contribution to BHAG and the Community – Pauline Murphy

“I would like to pay tribute to Barbara Moore for the amazing work she has done over the years. Normally, Barb would be standing here well-armed with a PowerPoint, taking twenty minutes or more going over this and that and giving us all instructions. She will be sorely missed. But as Vice President for the next few minutes, I think we will just get on with the meeting and then the business of electing committee members, and hopefully some new ones.”

Minutes of previous meeting

The meeting agreed that the minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 29 July, 2020 were a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved:	Marlene Howes	Seconded:	Charlotte Blesing
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Treasurers Report

John Conway presented the Treasurer’s Report. This consisted of the MYOB Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Reports – Refer Appendix B and Appendix C.

Current Assets with BCU are \$21,682.58, comprising:

- Business Access (old S11) - \$ 22.82
- Community Saver (old S60) - \$ 1,954.75
- Term Deposit I90 - \$ 19,705.01

The meeting agreed to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

Moved:	Charlotte Blesing	Seconded:	Margaret Hooper
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Gardening Report – Fenella

The volunteer gardeners number four at the moment, and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We garden for approximately 1½ hours every other Monday followed by morning tea and a chat. Recently, following sustained complaints by the volunteer gardeners, hospital staff and visitors, the MNCLHD finally engaged a grounds maintenance company to undertake slashing and heavy work, so our duties now consist mostly of pruning and weeding.

VMO Report – Derek Bell

- The review of the model of service delivery at Bellingen Hospital remains ongoing. The Emergency Care Institute, part of the Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) has agreed to review the operation of the hospital and provide further guidance. There is no timeframe yet for this to occur, nor for formal community consultation.
- Staffing: Janelle Goodall returns to the role of Bellingen Hospital Director of Nursing, new rehabilitation physician Dr Zeshan Ali, and an almost entirely new Board of the Mid North Coast Local Health District.
- Capital works: in addition to the oft-mentioned carpark and the Hartley House upgrade, the mortuary is being refurbished.
- COVID Clinic: has been running continuously since March 2020. Demand is very fluctuant, ranging from 10-15 per day up to 50-60. The clinic is run by Three Rivers Health, and is looking to recruit a clinic manager with experience in medical administration.
- The Neighbourhood Care Network has been reactivated, providing support to Shire residents and businesses impacted by Covid

Regarding the petition - it has been decided to hold off presenting the petition to Melinda Pavey, the MNCLHD and NSW Parliament for a few weeks and to keep it up our sleeve should MNCLHD renege on its promises. Keep publicising the petition and asking friends and family to sign up.

Action Item: Fenella to contact Kevin Doye, the originator of the petition, to ensure that the petition does not have an expiry date.

Committee Nominations

All positions were declared vacant and a call was made for nominations. All positions were filled unopposed as follows:

POSITION		NOMINATED	SECONDED
President	Pauline Murphy	Fenella Briscomb	John Conway
Vice President	Fenella Briscomb	Pauline Murphy	John Conway
Treasurer	John Conway	Pauline Murphy	Fenella Briscomb
Secretary	Fenella Briscomb	Pauline Murphy	John Conway
Committee	Marlene Howes	Pauline Murphy	Fenella Briscomb
Committee	Charlotte Blesing	Pauline Murphy	Fenella Briscomb
Committee	Anna Streck	Pauline Murphy	Fenella Briscomb
Committee	Janette Lovell	Marlene Howes	Fenella Briscomb
Consultant VMO	Derek Bell		

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We welcome our two new committee members, Anna Strek and Janette Lovell and thank departing committee member Margaret Hooper for her four years of service.

Next Ordinary Committee Meeting: Early September, date & time tba.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6:45 pm

Refer Attachments:

Appendix A: Minutes of the AGM 29 July, 2020

Appendix B: Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet

Appendix C: Treasurer's Report – Profit & Loss

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