

## BUNYA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND BUNYA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### AGM 2025

	AGM Chaired by Steve Emson	Action
Meeting opened	8pm	
Venue	SES House , crn Bunya Rd and Jinjer Track	
Attendance	Per attendance book	
Apologies	Marion A, Frank A, Adele G, Jennifer W, Rick C and Ann C	
Acceptance of previous minutes	Carolyn H Seconded Tracey H	
Treasurer's report	BRA \$9961.86 NHW \$1171.70	
Acceptance of Treasurer's report	Jodi C seconded Steve E	
Meeting Closed	8.25pm	

Only one nomination received for the following positions prior to the AGM;-

The Chair declared that the following nominations are elected unopposed.

President                 Debra Green,  
Vice President         Carolyn Hohnke  
Secretary               Adele Green [ received in an email as Adele overseas ]  
Committee               Jodie Chambers NHW co-ordinator  
                                  Marion A  
                                  Daryl H

Nominations received on the night and the following elected unopposed.

Treasurer               Tracey Holtum  
Committee               Rick Chambers  
                                  Bradley Marks

### **2025 President's Report Annual Report**

#### **Membership**

BRA membership has dropped markedly, from 58 last financial year, to 39 this year.

Disappointing, but reflects

- (a) No issues affecting the Bunya community specifically.
- (b) The steep decline in volunteering and community involvement everywhere since COVID.

Attendance at meetings is usually low, for the same reasons.

A survey was conducted via email and Facebook to gauge the level of community interest in attending BRA meetings online using the free Google remote meeting facility. There was little response, and very little interest.

## **Events**

There were no events this year, due to the terrible weather - Cyclone Alfred, a freezing cold winter, so windy so often, and my personal circumstances.

We will again run a Christmas Raffle this year.

Whether there will be a BRA Christmas event of some kind is not yet decided.

The Bunya Downs annual Christmas party in Surrey Farm Park ceased last Christmas.

## **Community Noticeboard Refurbishment Project**

The community noticeboard on Bunya Road, LHS outbound, near the corner with Blue Hills Drive, was originally erected by the Pine Rivers Council, so it was old, and in very poor condition.

Sincere thanks to residents Evan and Carolyn Robinson who did the refurbishment work, which BRA funded.

## **Bushcare at the Old Bunya School Reserve**

The terrible weather resulted in only 1 cancellation, so mostly Bushcare has been able to continue as normal. Some bulbs have appeared in the garden of the School Teachers house this year - we have not seen them for many years.

## **Pine Rivers Catchment Association (PRCA) Wongam Koala Gully Project**

The PCRA had only just replanted trees in the unnamed park at Powerful Owl Court which had been washed away by the heavy summer rains when Cyclone Alfred Struck, and they were again washed away. PRCA is looking for a Bunya resident to coordinate a Bushcare group to do weeding and watering until the trees are established.

## **Old Bunya School Replica Lunch Shed**

The Replica Lunch Shed project is on hold, due to the cost. BRA would have to contribute about \$7000.

## **Thankyou**

I wish to thank the Arana Hills SES for allowing us the use of this venue for our meetings.

Thank you to all the members of the Committee for their support and assistance during the year.

Also, my sincere thanks to some key people who are not on the Committee but generously gave of their time and expertise –

- Steve Emson, our immediate Past President, for distributing BRA flyers with his INNOV8 newsletters. This way we reach all Bunya residents, not just those on the email list.
- Cath Johnsen, who stepped down this year as Facebook page moderator after 11 years of service, but who continues to manage our website;
- And to Shaun Riggien, our IT support person, who is responsible for the website, which is a vital means of providing information to residents.

It has been a privilege to have served the residents of Bunya as president of BRA for the past 6 years.

## **Future Challenge**

2019-22 when COVID restrictions were in force, events such as the annual Christmas breakfast were not possible. Post COVID, there has been little interest from residents in events, meetings, volunteering, so engagement with residents remains a major challenge for BRA.

Debra Green

President,

Bunya Residents Association

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