

BASSENDEAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 8 October 2008

Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library

46 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Meeting Opened: 7:10 PM



Present: Maggie Amy, Joyce Archibald, Carlle & Ted Bentley, Lynne Gaull, Claire Hall, Ruth & Mick Ireland, Natasha Kepert, Lisa Lowe, Steve McFarland, Shirley McManus, Elaine Newman, Greg Peterson, Ron Van Delft, Danielle Witham, Don Yates.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting (10-Oct-07): Mick moved that the minutes as presented be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Bassendean Preservation Group AGM for 2007. Seconded by Joyce. Carried.

3. Annual Reports:

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

2007/2008 was a year of renewed vigour for BPG. The "2008 Trees in 2008" promotion underwritten by the sale of tree-sponsor Christmas cards raised over \$6000 and encouraged community ownership and involvement with the planted trees.

BPG used some of the funds raised to purchase native seed, soil, planting tools and equipment.

Planting took place at:

- *Ashfield Flats – a total of 1775 native trees and shrubs.*
- *Bindaring Park - 587 native trees and shrubs, plus 80 trees supplied by TofB on a special planting day with Year 3 Students from Eden Hill Primary School.*
- *Broadway Arboretum – 89 Dieback resistant Jarrah trees from Alcoa and 100 Banksias provided by TofB.*

Through the year, BPG worked with a number of organizations:

- *Town of Bassendean included BPG as a Community Partner in the Caring for Our Country grant, provided selective mowing and weed control prior to planting, and nursery stock and mulch.*
- *Department of Planning & Infrastructure funded weed control at Ashfield Flats.*
- *BPG attended several informational sessions with Swan River Trust and wrote a submission on the Boating Management Strategy.*

In addition, BPG:

- *Submitted comments on the Bassendean 5 Year Bushland Reserve Management Manual.*
- *Is working with TofB to ensure the cash-in-lieu at the Arboretum is handled appropriately.*
- *Submitted comments on the Success Hill Reserve Draft Concept Plan.*
- *Is currently preparing a submission for the Hames Sharley recommended street tree species.*
- *Established a website that has shown increasing visitor activity with every month.*

Thanks to all members for their support and special thanks to Maggie (Caterer), Carlle (Treasurer), Mick (Plant Propagation Coordinator), Steve McFarland (Secretary), Elaine (Memberships) and Don (Fundraising, Webmaster and Catering).

Greg moved to accept the Chairperson's comments. Don seconded.

4. Treasurer's Report Summary:					
BPG Inc				\$ 8,181.46	
Bank Balance				\$ 8,181.46	Don moves to accept the Treasurer's Report, Greg seconds. Carried.
Petty Cash				\$ 8.50	
Total				\$ 8,189.96	
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: Don nominates Claire. Greg seconds. Claire accepts.					
Treasurer: Mick nominates Carlle. Mags seconds. Carlle accepts.					
Secretary: Joyce nominates Steve. Ron 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 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
2008 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). Mick moves that the fees remain the same. Mags seconds. Carried.					No change in annual membership fees.
9. Next AGM Meeting: 14 October 2009.					
10. Closure: The meeting closed at 7.45 PM.					

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2007/8

The year 2007/8 saw renewed vigour in Bassendean Preservation Group's (BPG) activities. The sale of trees and Christmas cards through the "2008 trees in 2008" promotion was a huge success, increasing funds on hand from \$2000 in October 2007 to more than \$8000 in September 2008. More importantly, the people who purchased the trees now feel "ownership" and involvement with trees planted in Town of Bassendean (ToB) reserves.

MEMBERSHIP

Total as at 20 August 2008 = 56

ACTIVITIES

Members participated in seeding, thinning and repotting days in November 2007 and February 2008. Seed was purchased from Kimseed to supplement the seed stock on hand.

More than 2300 native species were planted out at Ashfield Flats, Bindaring Park and Broadway Arboretum. Good rains early in the winter gave a promising start but a dry August probably contributed to the loss of some plants, particularly at the Arboretum.

The purchase of an additional six Hamilton tree planters ensured that the large number of seedlings were planted quickly. A trolley made by Mick Ireland was invaluable for transporting plants.

Ashfield Flats

- On 29 June 15 members and visitors planted 870 trees and shrubs in two hours.
- On 27 July, 33 BPG members and visitors planted 905 natives in under two hours.

Bindaring Park

- On 13 July, 14 BPG volunteers planted 587 native trees and shrubs in two hours.
- On 8 August three BPG volunteers hosted 50 Year 3 Eden Hill Primary School students at Bindaring Park. The students planted 80 natives plants supplied by ToB. The day was a great success and there are plans to conduct a similar day next year.

Broadway Arboretum

- On 20 July (National Tree Day), nine BPG volunteers planted 89 dieback-resistant jarrah trees provided by Alcoa and 100 Banksias trees provided by the ToB. BPG will be monitoring the growth of the dieback-resistant jarrah trees.
- Protective plastic tree guards were installed and mulch spread by BPG.

Jubilee Reserve

- ToB carried out herbicide weed control in May. BPG had allocated 195 plants for Jubilee Reserve but these were re-allocated to Bindaring due to the ToB planting 1000 plants at Jubilee.

Barbecues and morning teas held after the planting/work days were very much appreciated and engendered a spirit of camaraderie among BPG members.

PARTNERSHIPS

BPG worked successfully with a number of organizations during the year. Generally, our requests for assistance have been met.

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 and volunteers and mulch which was spread by BPG members.
- Caring for our Country grant – BPG agreed to be community partner.

Department of Planning & Infrastructure

- provided environmentally-safe water-based marking paint for marking planting areas to be sprayed with herbicide at Ashfield Flats.
- provided recycled wooden stakes for marking revegetation areas at Ashfield Flats.

Swan River Trust

- BPG forwarded submission to Swan River Trust's Boating Management Strategy in April 2008.
- Claire Hall, Don Yates and Ron Van Delft attended SRT River Protection Strategy community briefing on 12 May 2008.
- Claire attended a Natural and Cultural Heritage in the Swan and Canning Rivers meeting in May 2008.
- Don Yates attended an SRT Boating Strategy workshop.

OTHER ISSUES

Town of Bassendean 5 Year Bushland Reserve Management Manual (BBRMM)
BPG Executive Committee held several meetings to assess the BBRMM and a submission was forwarded to ToB in April 2008. The BBRMM is still under consideration by the ToB.

Broadway Arboretum cash-in-lieu of land

BPG letter to ToB re cash-in-lieu for transfer of land adjacent to the Arboretum to land developer being spent on similar natural areas within the Town. ToB maintained that they can spend the money anywhere within the ToB. Some plants, e.g. Zamias, were salvaged from the area and relocated to Padbury Way Reserve, Eden Hill.

Success Hill Reserve Draft Concept Plan

BPG forwarded a submission to ToB. Concerns were that 44 weed species not mentioned, proposed tree clearing and whether the subsurface wetland could handle the quantity of stormwater.

Hames Sharley recommended street tree species

Contained a number of undesirable or invasive species. Waiting for a revised list of recommended species.

WEBSITE

The BPG website commenced in July 2007. It contains lots of relevant information and some fun and intriguing competitions. The number of hits and pages downloaded has continued to increase every month. The addition of an on-line credit card facility has enabled the payment of membership fees and purchase of trees on the website.

THANKS

Congratulations to all members on achieving some great outcomes for the environment of Bassendean. With your assistance we have created an important asset for future generations. Special thanks to Maggie Amy (catering), Carlle Bentley (Treasurer), Mick Ireland (plant propagation coordinator), Steve McFarland (Secretary), Elaine Newman (memberships), and Don Yates (fundraising, webmaster & catering).

Claire Hall
Chairperson & President
Bassendean Preservation Group Inc.

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