



Brukunga Community Association Inc. 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes of Meeting

6.30pm Thursday 26th September 2024,
Brukunga Hall

Present: Steven Wright, Heidi Sowerby, Dianna Weber, Joy Watkins, Katrina Warner, Adam Yeager, Kelly Northey, Pearl Schutz, Dione Thompson, Nathan Watts, Abraham Mackay, Heather Sowerby, Ken Sowerby, Kerry Northey, Nathan Foreman, Sharon Ames, Cathy Goodman, Shaun Johnson.

Apologies: Michael Palmer, Michelle Cain, Gary Cain, Matt Henderson, Sandy Liddel, Jake Simpson, Heidi Johnson, Andrew Goodman, Prue Pethick, Darren Bayley, Stella Jacobs, Roly MacDonald, Patricia MacDonald.

Guests: Wayne Bowman, Suzanne Bowman, Cr Jessica Szilassy, Diane Watson, Jeremy Heal.

(Quorum checked)

1. **Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country**

AGM opened by Heidi Sowerby @ 6:35pm
Acknowledgement of Country by Heidi Sowerby
Heidi Sowerby Chairing the AGM

2. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Move that the Minutes from the AGM on 28th September 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Dianna Weber **Seconded:** Joy Watkins **Carried:** Unanimously

3. **Chairperson's Report (Heidi Sowerby) – attached**

Move the Chair's report be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Joy Watkins **Seconded:** Dione Thompson **Carried:** Unanimously

4. **Secretary/Public Officer's Report (Dianna Weber) – attached**

Move the Secretary's report be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Pearl Schutz **Seconded:** Heidi Sowerby **Carried:** Unanimously



5. Treasurer's Report (Kelly Northey) – attached

Move the Treasurer's report and financial records be accepted as true and accurate records.

Moved: Joy Watkins **Seconded:** Katrina Warner **Carried:** Unanimously

6. Elections

Heidi declared all nine committee positions vacant.

Nine nominations had been received from eligible financial members.

Therefore, the following nominees were automatically elected to the 2024/20245 committee without the need for a ballot:

1. Michael Palmer
2. Dione Thompson
3. Kelly Northey
4. Pearl Schutz
5. Heidi Sowerby
6. Katrina Warner
7. Adam Yeager
8. Dianna Weber
9. Joy Watkins

The incoming Committee members were welcomed by enthusiastic acclamation from the members and guests.

7. Auditor's Report & Appointment of Auditor

Move the Auditor's report be accepted as a true and accurate record and for Andrew Frohling be appointed as the auditor for the Brukunga Community Association Inc. for the 2024/2025 FYR.

Moved: Katrina Warner **Seconded:** Cathy Goodman **Carried:** Unanimously

8. Committee Positions

The Committee will decide the Office Bearers and other positions at its first meeting, to be held following the AGM at 7.30pm.

9. Meeting declared closed @ 7.03pm.



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2024

It is my pleasure to present the Chair's report for the Brukunga Community Association Inc. (BCA) for the past year. Over this period, we have continued to work collaboratively to foster community spirit, enhance the township's natural and cultural heritage, and build resilience in the face of many (cough cough MANY) challenges.

Achievements:

Again, this year has been one of growth and success for the BCA, with numerous grants secured and new community initiatives and events conducted:

- **Grant Successes:**

- **Open Garden SA Community Garden Grant:** \$3,000 for plant beds, soil, and compost.
- **RAA Grassroots Giving Grant:** \$3,157 for two workshops in the Community Garden. The first workshop was from Karen Shaw, Australian Native Foods already providing a wealth of knowledge at her edible plant workshop, which brought many new faces to our community garden and hall.
- **Foundation for Rural and Regional Strengthening Rural Communities Fire to Flourish Grant:** \$24,487 for the lounge & coffee table, outdoor umbrella, stobie pole art, historical wall mural, banners, event sails, lattice for the garden along with solar festoon lighting
- **Government SA, Barossa, Hills and Fleurieu local health network Mental Health month Grant:** \$1,100 for a BBQ and the unveiling of the historic wall mural and Stobie pole art in October 2024 (Mental Health month).
- **Mount Barker District Council Environmental Grant:** \$3,000 for the Watts Reserve rehabilitation project.
- **SA Power Networks Grant:** \$5,000 to upgrade the security lighting outside and power points, supporting our event capabilities and facility maintenance.

- **Online Store Success:**

Our online store selling Brukunga-themed merchandise, including T-shirts, hoodies, and beanies, has been a hit. Stay tuned for more exciting items to be available soon. Special thanks to Kelly for your tireless efforts in making the store and website a success.

- **70+ Years of Brukunga Celebration & BCA Community Garden Opening:**

We marked a major milestone in March, celebrating over 70 years plus of



Brukungu with many past residents both young and old from all around Australia attending the event. We also had the official opening of our BCA Community Garden by our local member of State Parliament, Dan Cregan and Mayor David Leach. It was a huge successful event for our town, and the garden continues to flourish as a symbol of community resilience and cooperation. Thanks to Dianna for your wonderful historical display on the day and the BCA volunteers on a wonderful event.

- **Winter Warmer Event:**

A big thank you to the committee, BCA members, and volunteers (Sharon & your daughter Lauren forever washing dishes) and for making our Winter Warmer event a fantastic success, especially Mike for all your efforts in the kitchen. We welcomed many new faces to enjoy hot soups and delicious desserts, fostering a stronger sense of community.

- **Guest Speakers Throughout the Year:**

We've been fortunate to host several insightful guest speakers, including Steven Conn (Senior Strategic Planner), Alex Oulianoff (General Manager of Corporate Services) from the Mount Barker District Council, Brandon Wallace from Brukunga CFS, and Nicki Van Hooff and Sean Hames from the Mount Barker Community Centre.

- **NBN Forum on Telecommunications:**

The BCA organized an NBN forum where the Brukunga community had the chance to discuss telecommunications issues. It was a well-attended and productive event that engaged residents on an important local issue and opportunity to ask questions.

Challenges:

While we have made significant progress, securing sustained funding remains a challenge. We are, however, confident that with continued collaboration and grant applications, we will be able to support and expand our key projects.

Plans for Next Year:

As we look ahead, our focus will be on the following key initiatives via pending grants:

- **Fire-wise Garden and Sculptures:** Beautifying the garden at the Brukunga CFS to enhance fire resilience and metal sculptures by a local artist.
- **“Welcome to Brukunga” Signage:** Finalizing the installation of rustic metal signs at both main entrances with
- **Watts Reserve Rehabilitation:** Continuing work on Watts Reserve, creating a space that honours Brukunga's indigenous and industrial heritage in partnership with the Mount Barker District Council and the Watts family.



Looking Ahead:

In addition to these projects, we will focus on securing further grant funding, increasing community participation, and promoting Brukunga's identity and resilience through education and sustainable development initiatives. Your input, suggestions and assistance to our Events are invaluable as we strive to meet our financial goals.

We will also be continuing after last year's success, the Christmas Light Display Competition and installing the Christmas tree light display in the Community Garden. We also plan to host a Mother's Day Raffle and continue fundraising efforts with selling wine and fudge along with a few Bunnings Sausage Sizzles.

Conclusion:

To our amazing Secretary, Dianna Weber your hard work behind the scenes makes all the difference, and we are so fortunate to have you as part of our team. Thank you for your continued support, passion, and all that you do for Brukunga. We truly couldn't do it without you!

I'd like to express my deep gratitude to our dedicated Treasurer, Kelly Northey. Kelly, your diligent management of our finances, especially with the many grants we have in progress, has been invaluable. Thank you for your commitment, attention to detail, and all the effort you put into managing our funds. We are truly fortunate to have you too!

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our hard-working committee (Vice Chair Katrina Warner, and committee members Adam Yeager, Joy Watkins, Pearl Shutz, Dione Thompson and Mike Palmer), also our other volunteers that always assist us when needed Stella and Michelle to name a few (there are so many to name), and community members for their ongoing support and dedication. Together, we continue to make meaningful progress for our town.

In the coming year, I hope we can maintain our focus on delivering the commitments we have already made and raise vital funds for our community to keep the momentum going. Thank you

Heidi Sowerby

Chair - Brukunga Community Association Inc.



SECRETARY / PUBLIC OFFICER'S REPORT 2024

Since our first revival meeting on 2nd March 2023 until now, it has been exactly 574 days, but who's counting! As you have already heard, a lot has happened since that revival date and even since our last AGM.

Memberships:

We currently have 36 financial members, two pending memberships, and many volunteers who help across the Community Garden and BCA Events. Thank you to each member, friend and volunteer for also showing your support for our community.

Acknowledgements:

Madam Chair, I would like to thank you for your unwavering leadership and for keeping us all on track. Your dedication, along with the Grant Subcommittee, to securing grants, and spending the money, has made a significant impact on our community, allowing us to effectively allocate funds for our various initiatives. I also want to acknowledge the efforts of everyone in our community for their outreach and connections—these collaborations have truly strengthened our ties.

Madam Treasurer, your tireless commitment to our financial responsibilities has not gone unnoticed. From managing the treasury to maintaining our website, the town and the BCA's Facebook presence, as well as coordinating Brukunga merchandise, your work is invaluable.

To the entire committee, thank you for your support in all that the Brukunga Community Association (BCA) undertakes. Your collaboration in gardening, fundraising, and advocating with the council and external departments has been exceptional. Our lobbying efforts have resulted in significant outcomes, including discussions around speed signs, animal signs, stormwater management, updates to the tennis court, PFAS contamination issues, and telecommunications improvements.

As a direct result of our advocating, community led surveys and hosting the telecommunication connectivity meetings to bring together MBDC, the community, and telco services to initiate discussions, the CEO of MBDC has approved the proposed NBN Co. Digital Connectivity Plan and the Telstra Connectivity Plan to proceed. The Connectivity Plans will provide important information identifying the gaps in connectivity across the district, as well as presenting some solutions to the issues. The plans and the information contained in them (as well as the collaborative nature of them between Council and NBN Co. and Telstra), will be beneficial in the months and years to come with some of the larger grant funding rounds and advocacy on the connectivity issues.

Additionally, we have fostered the arts within our town, promoting initiatives with the younger kids and older adults to participate in beautifying our town such as with the skateboard designs on the playground fence, thanks to the vital support of Reclink Australia, and soon to be revealed stobie pole art, thanks to grant funding from FRRR. Keep Sunday, 27th October free for the big reveal of our hall history mural as well!



Connecting with local organisations, especially the Brukunga CFS Brigade, has allowed us to build essential relationships for the betterment of our community.

Resilient Communities:

Not led by the BCA, but an important topic to raise at this time, the Australian Red Cross & MBDC's Redi-Communities workshops which have been crucial, as they encourage all of us to support one another in times of crisis and to promote a strong sense of neighbourly connection. While the responsibility for community support does not solely rest on the BCA, we welcome any feedback or ideas from all members for this project, which is still in its infancy.

In Conclusion:

Reflecting on our community's history, I'm reminded of Norris, the goat who, once upon a time, helped keep the verges on Watts Rd tidy. This followed with MBDC providing a former Brukunga Action Group with a "lawn mower" to maintain our own verges and parks. Since those early days, Brukunga has become well known to many Councillors and Council workers, showcasing that our small town can achieve big goals. The BCA is indeed a force to be reckoned with, emphasizing the importance of *our* community.

We have cultivated strong relationships with various external and council departments, not to mention the numerous meetings and support from the Hon. Dan Cregan MP and his staff, MBDC's General Managers Alex Oulinoff, Alison Hancock, and Phil Burton, along with Mayor David Leach and the Northward Councillors and the Community Development team.

Our town and community are worth every bit of our time and effort. We stand by our constitutional objectives, action plans and as we continue to grow, we aim for our community's support to grow alongside us.

Thank you

Dianna Weber

Secretary / Public Officer - Brukunga Community Association Inc.



TREASURER'S REPORT 2024

It's been a busy time for the BCA during the past financial year, but during this time we have gone from being only in the throws of 'start-up phase' and kindly being auspiced for grants through Mount Barker District Council and The Mount Barker Community Centre to now being our own self-sufficient, stand-alone incorporated entity.

During this time, we've worked tirelessly in our fundraising efforts to cover our ongoing costs including the various insurances, website and other admin costs required to run a Community Association. In addition to this we've also been highly successful in winning the MANY grants that Heidi has already outlined so well. It's these grants combined with ongoing fundraising that help us to improve our Brukunga community in so many different and exciting ways!

Online Payments:

To better facilitate and manage membership, we've built on our website's capabilities to allow secure, online payments of annual membership fees and monetary 'gifts' from supporters. This online system also helps us behind the scenes to streamline processes and save time.

We are also investigating the idea of corporate sponsorship and ways we can work with our local Brukunga and nearby businesses to help and promote each other, as any money we receive via grants is always strictly for specific projects to help the community and not for operational costs.

Online Store:

In addition to the online payment system, we've also been able to add an Online Store to our website that lets us sell our growingly popular 'Brukunga Where the Hell's That' merch range of t-shirts, hoodies, jumpers & beanies all year round, allowing sales for these to increase, simply and easily.

We've been loving how far beyond Brukunga's boundaries our merch has been making it and we started receiving so many great photos from all the places in the world they were being worn. Whether it was photos from SA and interstate or as far as Egypt and even last week from Finland, we're continually in awe of how proudly you all help make the Brukunga name be heard out there in the world. We love it so much so, that we setup a drop-pin page on our website to capture everyone's photos and travels forever!

We receive constant requests for more merch options and are currently in the process of bringing back the original 'Brukunga Where's That' Bumper Sticker that used to be sold here when Brukunga had a shop in the 1980's & '90's, plus other options like caps, stubbie holders, the possibilities are endless.

Looking Forward...

Looking ahead, to continue our success in being able to help our community, just like last financial year, we do still need to continue to carefully plan profitable & time efficient fundraising efforts to help cover our operational costs and remain viable, but if we roll out



the plans we have for this current financial year we're well placed to do this to see our way ahead ongoing.

Nothing we have done to date though would have even been achievable if it weren't for the support we have received from you all here tonight plus so many who also aren't here, so whether it's financially supporting us through membership and gifts, volunteering your time on our committee or at our events or helping us within any of our activities that grant funding provides, THANKYOU all so much!

Kelly Northey

Treasurer – Brukunga Community Association Inc.

Brukunga Community Association Inc.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 30/06/24

| | 2024 | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | Non Grant | MBDC Grant | Bendigo Grant | Open Gardens | FRRR Grant | MBDC Event Grant | RAA GRANT |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| Grants | \$63,390.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$31,033.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$24,487.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,870.00 |
| Grants - Admin Fee | \$287.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$287.00 |
| Memberships | \$154.56 | \$154.56 | | | | | | |
| Fundraising | \$7,567.88 | \$7,567.88 | | | | | | |
| Online Store | \$637.93 | \$637.93 | | | | | | |
| Gifts | \$501.70 | \$501.70 | | | | | | |
| Community Garden Gifts | \$93.00 | \$93.00 | | | | | | |
| Interest | \$400.94 | \$400.94 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$73,033.01 | \$9,356.01 | \$0.00 | \$31,033.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$24,487.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$3,157.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | |
| Office Admin | \$211.85 | -\$75.15 | | | | | | \$287.00 |
| Committee Fees | \$62.50 | \$62.50 | | | | | | |
| Community Garden Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | |
| Website/Email Hosting | \$554.01 | \$554.01 | | | | | | |
| PO BOX | \$132.00 | \$132.00 | | | | | | |
| Subscriptions (Survey Monkey) | \$99.00 | \$99.00 | | | | | | |
| Fundraising Costs | \$4,076.39 | \$4,076.39 | | | | | | |
| Online Store Costs | \$444.74 | \$444.74 | | | | | | |
| Grant Expenditure | \$41,672.46 | \$0.00 | \$1,298.42 | \$28,936.53 | \$2,998.87 | \$6,443.20 | \$1,995.44 | \$0.00 |
| Insurance | \$2,441.05 | \$2,441.05 | | | | | | |
| Provision For Unspent Grant Funds | \$23,015.96 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,096.47 | \$1.13 | \$18,043.80 | \$4.56 | \$2,870.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$72,709.96 | \$7,734.54 | \$1,298.42 | \$31,033.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$24,487.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$3,157.00 |
| NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT | \$323.05 | \$1,621.47 | -\$1,298.42 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30/6/2024

| | 2024 | Non Grant | MBDC Grant | Bendigo Grant | Open Gardens | FRRR Grant | MBDC Event Grant | RAA GRANT |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| GROUP CAPITAL | | | | | | | | |
| Balance at 1 July | \$3,684.58 | \$2,384.58 | \$1,300.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Add: Surplus (Deficit) for the year | \$323.05 | \$1,621.47 | -\$1,298.42 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Balance as at 30/6/2024 | \$4,007.63 | \$4,006.05 | \$1.58 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| This is represented by: | | | | | | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | | | |
| Cash at Bank | \$26,789.59 | \$3,772.05 | \$1.58 | \$2,096.47 | \$1.13 | \$18,043.80 | \$4.56 | \$2,870.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | | | | | | | | |
| Cash on hand | \$234.00 | \$234.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$27,023.59 | \$4,006.05 | \$1.58 | \$2,096.47 | \$1.13 | \$18,043.80 | \$4.56 | \$2,870.00 |
| Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Accounts Payable | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Unspent Grant Funds | \$23,015.96 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,096.47 | \$1.13 | \$18,043.80 | \$4.56 | \$2,870.00 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$23,015.96 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,096.47 | \$1.13 | \$18,043.80 | \$4.56 | \$2,870.00 |
| NET ASSETS | \$4,007.63 | \$4,006.05 | \$1.58 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 30/06/24

| | 2024 | Non Grant | MBDC Grant | Bendigo Grant | Open Gardens | FRRR Grant | MBDC Event Grant | RAA GRANT |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Cashflow from operating activities | | | | | | | | |
| Receipts from customers | \$74,333.01 | \$39,000.01 | \$1,300.00 | \$31,033.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$24,487.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$3,157.00 |
| Payments to suppliers | -\$72,939.46 | -\$39,705.64 | -\$1,298.42 | -\$28,936.53 | -\$2,998.87 | -\$6,443.20 | -\$1,995.44 | \$0.00 |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | \$1,393.55 | -\$705.63 | \$1.58 | \$2,096.47 | \$1.13 | \$18,043.80 | \$4.56 | \$3,157.00 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Payments for property plant and equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Proceed from sale of property plant and equipment | | | | | | | | |
| NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR | \$2,614.08 | \$1,314.08 | \$1,300.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| CASH AT THE END OF 30TH JUNE 2024 | \$27,023.59 | \$24,924.41 | \$1.58 | \$2,096.47 | \$1.13 | \$18,043.80 | \$4.56 | \$2,870.00 |

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and in investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the financial year is shown on the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Cash | \$27,023.59 |
| Deposits at Call | \$0.00 |
| Bank overdraft | \$0.00 |

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BRUKUNGA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

I have audited the financial records of the Brukunga Community Association Incorporated for the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2024. The officers of the Association are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial records and all the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial records to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

The financial records have been prepared for distribution to the members. I disclaim any assumption of the responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial records prepared as a special purpose financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted according to Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial records are free of material misstatement. My audit procedures include examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial records together with an evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates.

These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether the financial records present fairly according to the Australian Accounting Standards relevant to a special purpose financial report and statutory requirements a view of the Association that is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and operations for the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2024.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion the financial records of the Brukunga Community Association Incorporated are properly drawn up:

- a) to present fairly the financial position of the Association as at the years ended the 30th June 2023 and 2024 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, and;
- b) in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards.



Andrew Frohling
5th September 2024