

Burra Management Committee News December 2008

The Burra Management Committee (BMC) held its first meeting for the new Council term on Tuesday 25 November 2008. New committee members were appointed and a new Chair elected.

The BMC is appointed by Palerang Council under Section 355 of the Local Government Act. The Committee's function is to exercise Council's delegated authority for the care, control and management of Council facilities in Burra – Burra Park and Cargill Park in Urila. There are similar 'Section 355' Committees in every community that has Council-owned facilities such reserves, cemeteries, or community halls.

The new BMC consists of representatives of local community groups as well as one Councillor appointed by Palerang Council. Cr Paul Cockram is the Palerang Council representative and was elected unopposed as Chair of the new Committee. Paul's home is in Mongarlowe but he has a keen interest in affairs on this side of the Shire and we are confident he will be an enthusiastic advocate for the BMC and Burra in general.

Other office bearers are:

- Deputy Chair, Peter Hawker (Tennis Club)
- Secretary, Wendy Bell (Burra Urila Residents and Ratepayers Association)
- Publicity Officer, Ros Bush (Burra Urila Residents and Ratepayers Association)
- Treasurer and hall bookings, Kevin Fiebig (Burra Community Association)

For further details of committee membership and activities see www.burra.org.au/bmc. Committee membership and office bearers will be presented to the next Palerang Council meeting on 4 December for endorsement.

On behalf of the community and council, the new BMC members would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their work and contribution.

The new committee has progressed some unfinished business from previous BMC meetings. With about \$3500 in available funds, the committee was able to agree to the much-needed replacement of the external doors on the Scout Hut/Tennis Shed in the Burra Park. These doors have now been fitted, thanks to

the speedy response from Peter and Elizabeth Hawker. External handles and locks also need replacing on the tennis shed and the Burra Hall, however this will need Council input as the locks are keyed to Council's security requirements.

The committee endorsed the Tennis Club's plans to seek funding for refurbishment of the Burra Park tennis court surface from Palerang Council's allocation of \$300,000 under the Regional Infrastructure Program. A submission for funding has been prepared and sent to Council for consideration.

The Burra Smithy's Social Club received in-principle support from the committee to design, build and operate a club meeting-place in the style of a blacksmith's workshop. The club will submit formal plans to the BMC and Council in due course. Burra Smithy's Social Club is keen for all interested people to get involved in this project. Further details on the Smithy's project can be found on the BURRA website at www.burra.org.au/smithys

Other BMC priorities are to develop a management plan for Council's facilities in Burra and Urila, and to seek Council funding for a prioritised maintenance plan.

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