

BUNDEENA MAIANBAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (BMCC), INC.

JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

From the Executive Committee: As we enter our third year as an officially incorporated Chamber of Commerce, we take this opportunity to thank our 40+ members for continued support. We are a membership based organization that relies on annual dues to cover most of our operating expenses. Executive Committee members are volunteers who believe that an active Chamber of Commerce is important for our community and the many small businesses that call Bundeena and Maianbar home. We ask for and value your input on issues that affect our members and the community overall. You are welcome to join us during our monthly Executive Committee meetings (2nd Tuesday each month, 7pm, Bowlo) or email, write, or call us to express your views. Our contact details are listed on page 2.

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has announced the upcoming revision of the Royal National Park (RNP) Plan of Management, and opportunity for major stakeholders to register interest in being a part of the revision process. The Chamber realizes the importance of this process, as our community's interests are greatly affected by what does, or does not, happen in the park. We are key stakeholders for several reasons, including: Access to our homes is through the park; Visitors to much of the park have an impact on our lives and livelihood; and We have a keen interest in RNP fire reduction activities

We've had our first discussion related to the new plan, with several more to follow.

Key issues that we have surfaced to this point are: Traffic safety and control, fire hazard reduction, improving walking tracks, constructing bicycle paths, improving mobile telephone reception, improving signage, addressing anti-social behaviour, and continuing and improving opportunities for appropriate commercial activities in the RNP (such as kayaking, guided walks, etc.).

The 2000 RNP Plan of Management can be found on the DECCW website: www.environment.nsw.gov.au. Feel free to send your comments concerning revision of the plan to the BMCC Executive Committee. We will keep you informed about this project as it progresses.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WEEK

This year's Business Development Week sponsored by Council will be held from 19 to 24 July in Loftus. All sessions are free and include: Essentials to Starting a New Business, Tourism Conference, Women In Business, Government Support to Grow Your Business, Intro to Share Trading, BEC Business Sales and Marketing Forum, Getting Your Message in the Media, Young Entrepreneurs' Workshop. If you are a small business owner/operator in the Shire, we are convinced that you will find

at least one of these seminars of value. The Tourism Conference is a must for all businesses associated with the tourism industry, and is more of a seminar than a conference. Lunch is included with most sessions. They are great networking opportunities. For more information on Southern Shire Council's Business Development Week, call 9710 0109 or visit the web at: www.shirebusiness.com.au to view session times and booking details.

Promoting Your Business: The Executive Committee is continually looking for means to market and advertise your businesses. If not already, you should have your tourism related brochures in the new Visitor Information Centre at Cronulla Central. We are currently working with the Royal National Park Visitor Centre to obtain a separate brochure trolley for Bundeena and Maianbar businesses in the temporary Centre, and are looking at more high-tech means for the new facility. We also offer members the opportunity to announce special events in our newsletters and at our markets.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Speaking as one voice on behalf of member businesses in community consultations*
- *Providing information on business training and education opportunities*
- *Working with local, state, and federal government agencies to lobby for our local small businesses*
- *Sponsoring community events, such as the Bundeena Markets; Opera in the Gallery; Bridging the Gap; Earth, Wind and Fire; and others that benefit members and the overall community*
- *Obtaining over \$23,000 in grant money for cultural events in our community*
- *Improving communications with the Royal National Park and other close neighbours*

REPORTING CRIME

Whenever we complain to the Police and Council about crime in our community, we are told that we have almost no crime in our community. Which means we need to do a better job reporting crime that does occur. To report a crime in progress, life threatening or other emergency, dial 000. For other crimes, call the NSW Police Assistance Line on 131 444. Or, you can now report information on line, confidentially by going to: www.police.nsw.gov.au/

'ART TRAIL IN ACTION' JULY 4TH

Next month's Art Trail will be presented in a novel format as all studios will come together for a group exhibition in the Community Hall. Keep Sunday, July 4th open for this FREE exhibition and art event. There will be artist demonstrations throughout the day, and visitors can participate in throwing a pot or slashing out with a palette knife. Lucky tickets, delivered by local letter box drop and available at the entrance door, could win you a prize at the hourly draw. There will be an art auction of works done on the day at 3:00pm. Truly Scrumptious will cater with food and drinks in a café-style atmosphere. Sponsored in part by your Chamber of Commerce. Please come out and support your local artists.

SAVING OUR LIBRARY

The Executive Committee was deeply involved in efforts to keep our Community Library in the new Bundeena Public School (BPS) Library. As with the rest of the community, we were shocked by Council's decision to close the facility, especially without any community consultation. We sent emails to the Mayor and each Councillor, urging them to reverse their decision. We are members of the Bundeena Library Action Group (BLAG) and met with the Mayor, several Councillors, and Council staff to address inconsistencies in Council's report that led to the closure decision. Our Vice President Justin Case, working with Valerie Etienne and Dani Karis, put together an impressive short music video clip featuring many of our local residents. Along with other members of the BLAG, Justin attended the June 21st Council Meeting during which Council reversed its decision to close our library. Mayor Lorraine Kelly proposed the following motion: "That council continue to provide a library at Bundeena Public School at existing service levels and within existing budget." That motion was passed unanimously. Many thanks to the entire community for coming together on this very important issue. We urge you to continue to support the library in its new location.

MEMBER NEWS & OFFERS

Bundeena Art Gallery, 58 Brighton St, is open weekends and offers new works plus winter sale bargain prices. 9527 1318

Bundeena Kayaks runs guided eco-tours every weekend. Kayaks and stand up paddle boards for hire Wed-Sun. Also sells a range of top brand kayaks. Discounts for Bundeena-Maianbar residents. 9544 5294

Cecilia Feldick offers twice-monthly lunchtime cooking classes. Prepare and then enjoy 3-course meals. Also available for special occasion dinners. 9523 0973

Contact the Executive Committee to list your special events, news, and offers in future Newsletters

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Bundeena Maianbar Youth Centre Association (BYMCA) will be starting Saturday evening activities for high school youth aged 12 –18 on July 3rd at the Bundeena Community Centre. Ideas, volunteers, and donations are welcome. Hoping to expand to Friday nights in the future. For more info call Dr. Jilian on 9523 5880.

The first ever sculpture competition in Bundeena is underway with local artists preparing sculpture submissions with an expected installation date of December 2010. This event was made possible with funding from Sutherland Shire Cultural Events and Planning and the Chamber of Commerce. We are very excited about this event and have been discussing the completion of the Horderns Reserve with Council to include bays for future sculptures.

Ground has been broken for a new RFS fire station in Bundeena worth over \$1 million. The building will be a two storey structure with areas designed for a workshop, kitchen, and three engines.

BUNDEENA MARKETS GOOD FOR LOCAL BUSINESS



The Chamber received approval from Council early this year to hold monthly markets in Bundeena. Since then, we have sponsored three very successful events. We have received positive feedback from local residents and businesses as well as from visiting tourists and stallholders. The markets have raised income for the Chamber to be used to help fund initiatives to benefit our community. Our members are encouraged to exhibit business flyers and brochures at the markets free of charge. We strongly believe that the markets are a means of promoting our village and our small businesses. Thank you for supporting our markets.



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Annual fee is \$50.