

Bunya Mountains Community Association Inc

Community Plan 3 (2023 to 2026)



Preamble

The Bunya Mountains Community Association Inc (BMCAI) is primarily an advocacy, lobby and action group to facilitate the aims of the Association; stated as:

***“ Provide a voice for consultation with local, state and federal authorities, on behalf of residents and property owners of the Bunya Mountains and visitors to the Bunya Mountains; and
Work collaboratively with the relevant bodies to enhance the liveability and protect the unique Bunya Mountains village lifestyle and cultural and environmental heritage of the area. “***

The Association engages with all three levels of government, private sector and community sector as necessary, according to the issue/ action being addressed at the time.

The BMCAI reviewed the existing Community Plan in 2023 utilising Management Committee Review and member feedback to update the goals and actions for the next 3 years of operation. The Community Plan 3. 2023-26 (this plan) will be reviewed annually.

The Goals are as follows:

1. Enhance Community Liveability, including safety aspects, for residents and visitors

- a. A Community meeting/ gathering place and place of refuge (in disaster), is established for social interaction, meetings, resident and visitor cultural and environmental education, forums, and workshops and for use in times of disaster emergencies
- b. The Bunya Mountains Local Disaster Management Sub-Plan is kept up to date and ready to be implemented
- c. Public amenities are provided, and maintained to appropriate standard and commensurate to visitor numbers
- d. Community social events are delivered to enhance social connection, cohesion and build resilience
- e. A data set of housing/ accommodation, visitor and population numbers by type, trends / peak periods, are available for advocacy and grant application processes
- f. Access roads are safe and fit for purpose for the level and types of traffic using the roads
- g. Telecommunications infrastructure is enhanced to ensure accessibility and reliability that meets community expectations
- h. An EV Charging Station is established in Dandabah for electric vehicles

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- 2. Encourage authorities, with the assistance of BMCAI, to establish a natural environment monitoring regime to assist in the management of the impacts of visitors/recreational users/ residents**
 - a. Whilst promoting visitation, ensure that future development proposals do not negatively impact upon the natural environment and village atmosphere
 - b. Promote the best use of public lands and advocate to ensure that the public has safe access to those areas
 - c. Inform the membership and broader community about the current risks and ways to manage risks associated with the natural environment
 - d. Liaise with, and build partnerships with, the Bunya Peoples Aboriginal Corporation and explore options for cultural awareness, education and participative activities
 - e. Celebrate the unique cultural and ecological environment and all it offers with an emphasis on nature interpretation
 - f. Engage in/ and /or coordinate local events and activities that keep the history alive, support opportunities to learn about the environment and enhance cultural consciousness/ awareness

- 3. Create, develop and support communication and collaboration to address issues and plan for the future**
 - a. Develop an effective working relationship with local and regional businesses, regional advisory bodies, and all levels of government through effective consultation and feedback mechanisms
 - b. Develop trust and connection with property owners in the Bunya Mountains so that advocacy is representative
 - c. Tap into skills, experience and knowledge within the membership to develop most effective and efficient way of achieving the Association's goals
 - d. Encourage informal participation and volunteerism, with benefits for all
 - e. Keep the community informed and engaged
 - f. Work collaboratively with other organisations within the Bunya Mountains Community

- 4. Ensure the long term operation and sustainability of the Association**
 - a. Ensure management committee and association members are supported to continue the work required to achieve the goals
 - b. Encourage membership of Association from both resident and non-resident property owners, so that BMCAI is sustainable into the future.