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LOWER KING & BAYONET HEAD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
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LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: 21st May

We had a representative of Albany Men Shed give a presentation on the organization which was very informative. Unfortunately there were very few at the meeting, and this has led your committee to make some changes which we hope will result in more attendance at our meetings.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER at Gomm Park Hall, Lower King - at 1.00 pm

Annual General Meeting followed by an ordinary meeting.

MORE ABOUT THE NEXT MEETING AND AGM on 3rd SEPTEMBER

We are making a special plea for attendance at this meeting. We have noticed a marked fall-off in attendance at our regular meetings, which have always been held bimonthly in the evenings. We have had some interesting local Guest Speakers before each meeting, so this is both unfortunate and embarrassing. As a Committee we have decided to make some changes, in the hope that we may foster more interest and better attendance, and keep the Association strong and relevant to local residents.

- Meetings will now be held on a quarterly basis, instead of bimonthly.
- Following member feedback, we are going to try changing the meeting time to the daytime, at 1 p.m. We know that it can be hard to come out at night, especially during our rather long, dark winter period.
- Included in this newsletter is a nomination form for any person who may be interested in taking an active part in the Association as an office bearer or Committee member. We welcome nominations from anyone who would like to serve their local community, and contribute ideas to improve our value and effectiveness to residents.
- We believe that we should make every effort to sustain and keep the Association strong and active, as there are sure to be major issues that will need the community to be represented in the future. This is especially important as the areas of Bayonet Head/Oyster Harbour/Lower King are among the fastest growing in the City of Albany.
- To date we have had a excellent working relationship with the city of Albany, with regular attendance of one or more Councilors at our meetings. We also work with the Albany Ratepayers and Residents Association, and other local associations as needed. There is strength in being united.
- To remain an effective body, and to grow, LKBHPA will need the support of more residents who are concerned with having an effective representative body in the area where they live.
- **WE NEED YOU!!**

FUTURE PLANNING – XMAS FAIR

As part of this process, the Association is sponsoring a community event - a community arts & craft fair/event. We have booked the Gomm Park Hall for this event, on **SATURDAY 24TH of NOVEMBER.**

Again, we would like your input and suggestions/ideas for this to be a really successful event, which will enable your Association to be doing something positive to add value to our community. We already have several interested local indoor/outdoor stall-holders, so please contact us ASAP if you would like to be involved, or have any ideas to contribute to make this a really successful day ☺

FEATURE - STALHUS HOUSE (SWEDISH FOR STEEL HOUSE) Bayonet Head.

Many of us will have noticed this remarkable and unique dwelling in Warrangoo Road, Bayonet Head.

This is the creation of owner builder Tom Benson, who has been the sole builder of this home - which consists of 10 sea containers - and has had four stages. Three of these have now been completed, and the last stage is the internal fit-out of the dwelling, which Tom is still engaged in completing.

Tom's background is mechanical engineering, and he has been engaged largely in the mining industry prior to commencing this current project.

Tom believes the finished structure will have a life of around 100 years. One of the most interesting aspects of the dwelling is that the whole house is magnetic. Tom designed the whole project himself, and reports that he had a most supportive and helpful experience with the City of Albany. The building is certainly structurally very strong, and is able to withstand extremely strong storms/weather conditions. In extreme conditions the container doors could be closed, also there is a system of being able to lift any heavy items up to the top floor.

Tom lives on site in a unit at the rear of the property while he is completing the fit out of the interior. He also has a collection of vintage motor vehicles, and is a very keen motor racer. Many who travel up the main Bayonet Head Road will have been watching with interest as this remarkable project has unfolded.



CITY OF ALBANY ROUND TABLE : “ARE WE LOUD AND CLEAR?”

Three members of your Committee attended this session at the library on 15th August, meeting with the council staff responsible for communicating with ratepayers and residents.

This was a most interesting meeting, with representatives from other community groups and organisations similar to ourselves in the different parts of the City, including outlying areas. We were asked what Council is doing well, and then how they could improve. There was some very interesting and lively discussion around the way that different projects are enacted within the city. The consensus was that more consultation by the City **before projects are approved** was the major improvement that could be made by the City. Also different methods of communication were discussed for the City to keep residents informed. There was also mention of a “Lets Chat” group, which would involve the different associations around the area getting together in an informal forum with the City. It is evident that the C of A is striving to be better at communication, and they are having various forums for this, including “Meet And Greet” sessions with the actual Councilors at different locations around the City of Albany area. Our representatives did attend one of these meetings at the Kalgan Hall in May of this year – see last newsletter.

LKBHPA FACEBOOK PAGE:

The Association now has our own Facebook page, so we can post relevant and interesting local information for you as it happens. Members can also post and help keep everyone updated.

All the details of meeting dates and times etc are here, and also a link to the LKBHPA website.

Search for [Lower King & Bayonet Head Progress Association](#) on Facebook, and be sure that you ‘Like Page’ to keep yourself informed, and ‘Share’ the page with your local contacts.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION: a reminder that we are striving to increase our circulation of this newsletter **by e-mail**. Please e-mail us at LKBHPA@yahoo.com to be added to our e-mail distribution list.

MEMBERSHIP: we have some members who have joined LKBHPA by paying through EFT, but who unfortunately haven't given us their membership details. All we have is your name from the bank statement, but no contact details for sending you the newsletter and the annual membership renewal reminder.

If you think this might be you, could you please email LKBHPA@yahoo.com or fill in the Contact form on the website <https://lowerkingbayonethead.weebly.com/contact.html> or complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter and drop it off at the Lower King Store (attn Lower King & Bayonet Head PA).

LOCAL BUSINESS FOCUS: There are some wonderful local small businesses in our area. We have featured many in past newsletters - lets all support our local business:

LOMBARD BEARS AUSTRALIA by Linda Down of Lower King store.

<https://www.lombardbears.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LOMBARD-BEARS-AUSTRALIA-116175558419291/>

The very talented Linda Down creates Lombard bears, which she markets mainly directly through the Internet and purchased mainly by collectors from around the world.

At school Linda immediately showed an interest in art, and she became interested in silkscreen pictures. She then enrolled in WAIT, where she learned further skills of silk screening. Linda credits her parents for encouraging her art choices. She then began working with wood, fibre and bamboo. During the 80s, Linda had several successful exhibitions including a commission for the Burswood Casino in its opening year.

After her marriage to Brian, art took a back seat for a while - then in 1995, the Bear Story began, when she signed up with a bunch of like-minded people in a bear making course. As a result she became hooked on bear making. She drew her first teddy bear design, and soon began selling the bears in Subiaco at the Teddy Bear shop, and via the quarterly Teddy Bear Magazine. In 2008 Linda saw a demonstration on needle felting at the Claremont Craft Show, and this technique opened up new possibilities for her to sculpt in fibre. Since that time she has designed many bears, critters and creatures, who each have unique faces and personalities due to her amazing technique of needle felting.

Linda is currently working full-time with her husband Brian in their business of the Lower King store. However, she still manages to create around 10 bears a year, and these are sought-after collector's items.

Left: Linda Down with Sammi the Rat
Below: Fleur



Linda Down
Needle felting key to artist's unique style
By Pam North

After a decade of creating large wood and fiber sculptures, which she exhibited at galleries in Perth, Western Australia, Linda Down decided to try something different in 1995 and signed up for a workshop on making teddy bears. Her first creation quickly led to designing her own range of teddy bears, under the name Lombard Bears Australia, and selling them through a store. Despite holding down three jobs at the time, she spent every spare minute making bears.

At first, she made traditional style bears using the best German mohair, and quality leather and suede for the paws. At the 2008 Perth Teddy Bear Show, she saw a demonstration of needle felting, and that very night she had her first needle-felted nose underway. Soon she was off and running with bears and all sorts of other creatures. "Since then, most of my creations are made using needle felting to create the unique characters' faces," she said.

Collectors and critics alike have responded to the wonderfully droll and whimsical expressions that needle felting imparts to her animals' faces. Linda's efforts have garnered her TORY Awards in 2012 and 2016, as well as many awards from competitions held in Australia and Taiwan over the years.

"At present I am working on pushing the boundaries of needle felting by creating even more characterized pieces and incorporating wire armatures to add a new dimension to my work,"

Above: Symphonie
Right: Percy

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Fleur



Eldon



Toffee

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

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or through website: www.lowerkingbayonethead.weebly.com

NOMINATION FORM**ELECTION TO COMMITTEE**

Organisation:	Lower King & Bayonet Head Progress Association
Nominee:	Post Held:
Address:	Telephone number:
Email address:	
Brief summary of Current Responsibilities & Background Career Details:	
Bankruptcy and criminal record declaration:	
Interest in the work of the Association:	
Other Association memberships, etc:	
Nominated by:	Telephone number:
Consented by:	
Signed:	Date: