

NEWSLETTER

BUNDJALUNG TRIBAL SOCIETY

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WELCOME!

Jinji Walla, hello and welcome to the first edition of BTS's Newsletter for 2020. This year has been challenging to say the least. We have continued to operate within Government restrictions and provide a service to our tenants and members updated on current events.

COVID-19

In march this year a global pandemic called Coronavirus or

COVID19 swept across the world.COVID19 changed life as we knew it drastically. The BTS oddice has had to adapt to the restrictions as determind by the Government i.e working from home, social distancing within the workplace. Staff have combined working from home when able to and in the office. We are now pleased to inform office hours are back to normal i.e Mon-Fri – 9am – 3pm.



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COVID -SAFE WORKPLACE

BTS have adopted a COVID-Safe workplace, everybody that comes into the BTS office will be required to sign a register, sanitise hand and maintain social distancing. This practice will continue until the Government advises otherwise.

AGM

The BTS Auditor is in the process of finalising the 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements. The BTS AGM will be held on 16th December 2020 at the Lismore Workers Club commencing for 4:30 pm. Notices have already been posted to members.

NRSCH Registration

In september BTS commenced the registration process under the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH).

What is NRSCH?

NRSCH is a national community housing sector that allows housing providers to meet the housing needs of tenants and provides assurance for government and investors, by providing a consistent regulatory (policy intent).

What it means for BTS?

To pass registration BTS must meet a regulatory Code of 7 Standards and will enter as a tier 3 organisaition. There also tier 1 & 2.

House Inspections

Residential property inspections were completed in February this year. Due to COVID-19, things had to be put on hold for at least 6 months. Now that things are slowly coming to some form of normality, repairs & maintenance to properties have re-commenced. Over the next 12 months BTS will be doing repairs & maintenanceto properties as identified in the inspections. Tradesmen have been engaged to do 1) Mould Maitnenance 2) Trimming of trees.

Namabunda Farm

Over the past year BTS and Hungry Earth have been finding ways to do something with Namabunda Farm. There has been a number of community days held at the farm where BTS and volunteers spend a day of planting a number of crops (agri-farming) or companion planting. Memebers and tenants are welcome to attend those days and participate with planting and weeding. Any sugggestions for the development of Namabunda Farm would be appreicaited.

Compost Toilet

As Namabunda Farm has now proper toilet facilities, BTs in collaboration with Village of Light commenced the construction of 2 compost toilet facilites. There has been 3 x 2 Day gatherings to build the toilet. Due to COVID-19, the number of people has been very limited.

INPUT INTO THE NEWSLETTER

If you would like to contribute to or ask questions about the BTS Newsletter, please contact the office by phone, email or in person and provide staff with your

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8th – 15th November 2020 – NAIDOC Week
- 16th December 2020 – AGM Meeting

