HAPPENINGS - Bonython Against Drones Action Group

A meeting was held on 24 September.

Incoming Correspondence

43 emails were received on the stopbondrones account supporting Bonython Against Drones.

Outgoing Correspondence

• A letter was sent to the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA, on behalf of the BAD Action Group stating the many issues with the drones and asking that residents have an opportunity to express their feelings and provide feedback through a formal avenue of reporting to an independent group, other than Wing, and perhaps an open forum where our voices can be heard.

• BAD Action Group Bulletin - The first Bulletin together with the Core Issues was emailed to all on the stopbondrones email account. Additionally, the Bulletin was forwarded to Gai Brodtman MP, the Tuggeranong Community Council, Tuggeranong Dog Training Club, Belconnen and Woden Community Councils and the Canberra Times.

• Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) - A request was sent to the TCC asking for the drones issue to be raised at the next meeting.

Canberra Times interview

Following the Bulletin being sent to the Canberra Times, a journalist contacted the BAD Action Group and members of the committee were interviewed. It was fortunate that the interview took place on a Thursday when the drones were flying and the journalist got real time exposure to the noise and extent of the number flying. It is not known when the article will appear but an email will be sent to all with the article.

Membership

As a result of the letterbox drop across the suburb there has been tremendous support to the Facebook page BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES. The membership now stands at 115.

Additionally there has been an increase in emails to the stopbondrones@gmail.com account to over 40.

Meeting with Gai Brodtmann MP

Members of the committee met with Gai Brodtman on Friday 28 Sept at her coffee catch up.

Bonython Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Mention was made about the BAD Action Group and its work at the meeting in September. Many residents supported the actions being taken by the Action Group or were interested in taking printed handouts.

Drone Incidents

There have now been three reports of incidents involving drones. The first where a drone was forced down by a gust of wind on to a resident's driveway; the second on Barr Smith Ave where a vehicle had an encounter with a low flying drone, nearly causing an accident (reported to the Police); and the third report was a magpie sighted attacking a drone. All causes for worry about what could be next!?
Avian Study
Discussions held with Parks and Conservation Officer regarding an avian study being done in relation to the drones.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

. Spread the word about the Bonython Against Drones action group – tell your neighbours, family and friends. Project Wing intends to expand testing zones of the drone delivery service.
. Check out the Facebook page BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES and leave comments – ask your family and friends to do the same.
. Please contact Gai Brodtman and send her your feedback. She is very aware and concerned about the issues of the trial and asks that residents share their thoughts about it with her.
. Send us emails with your complaints, issues and let us know if you have any information that you might think we can employ.
. Send emails addressing your complaints and grievances to any or all on the attached list – ‘Who you can contact’ below.

WHO YOU CAN CONTACT
If you have any more people or organisations to add to this list please let us know so we can let others know.

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BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES Action Group contact
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