

MINUTES BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION AGM 5/10/22

Meeting opened: 6pm

Acknowledgement of Country

Present: Sonja Franks, Damien Cameron, Wendy Trow, Kathryn Menard, Ross Price, Russell Price, Tanya Smith, Trevor Payne, Simone Payne, Roz Benson, Helen Christensen, Geoff McMullen, Gary Hodge, Beth Chia, Rick Thomas, Noelene King, Janine Milton, Deb Vanallen, Reyer Knopp, Peter Gubler

Visitor -Leanne Wringe

Apologies: Brian Vanallen, Bhavni Hindocha, Anish Shah, Katherine Thorgerson, Pat Ridley, Fran Wilshusen, Jo Taylor, Mike King, Bronia Slava.

Confirmation of minutes of 2021 AGM:

Resolution - that the minutes of the AGM of the Balingup Progression Association held on October 6, 2021 at the Balingup Community Centre be taken and read as confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved K. Menard Seconded H. Christensen **Carried**

President's Report 2022:

It's been a busy year with 19 sub committees now operating under our umbrella. This model, where sub-committees are able to conduct activities under BPA insurance, is unique to Balingup and we commend the early community leaders who had the foresight to set this up over 30 years ago. We are the envy of many small rural communities.

I would like to remind all sub-committees that the Agricultural Society insurance states cover is provided for

"any subsidiary organisation.....under the control of the Insured and over which it is exercising active management".

Active management means, as a minimum, providing a report to the BPA AGM. Larger groups/events are encouraged to attend BPA meetings because BPA Minutes provide evidence of reporting/active management. It is up to each group to determine your level of risk. BPA meetings now allow for people to make a report at the beginning instead of at the end of the meeting.

BPA changed our meeting dates to suit younger people with children – every alternate month the meeting was held on a Tuesday at 9am – but this did not generate a new cohort of members. Meetings are now being held at 6pm on first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are well attended – with a lot of healthy interest shown.

The Small Farm Field Day was not held again in 2022 due to Covid. The Medieval Carnivale and Balingup Revive & Thrive events were however held in August and demonstrated that Balingup has not lost its knack of running top quality community events. The Carnivale had 145 volunteers actively helping out and is an excellent example of community involvement.

Balingup Progress Association is planning to take over the lease of the Town Hall by the end of the year. The facility will be managed by Balingup Music Experience who plan to build on the success of the Revive & Thrive Four Seasons performance. It's very much a case of 'watch this space!'

BalingUpcycle shop made \$10,000 profit in its first six months of operation. \$5000 has been donated to support Balingup Primary School programs and \$5000 will be given to BPA for distribution to the community. In the past, the SFFD Trust Fund has offered community groups the opportunity to apply for grants provided by the SFFD. We now have four sources of funding:

- SFFD
- Carnivale
- BalingUpcycle, and
- Balingup Music Experience

BPA will arrange a meeting of these groups in November to discuss how we should manage funds arising from these events/activities in the future. One option is to combine all the money into one Community Trust Fund and distribute via a small community group grants process.

With support from the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup, BPA is continuing to take the lead when it comes to community resilience:

- We now have access to a satellite phone (stored at the Fire Shed). This is positioned permanently in Balingup for emergency use when the mobile phone tower goes down.
- We are establishing a “Community Information & Social Centre” at the Recreation Centre when there are extended power outages. This will be used as a place for people to rest, recharge their phones and use email using the new Skymuster pop-up internet facility. We finalizing discussions with the Shire to ensure that the Recreation Centre has access to a generator during power outages.

I would like to commend the work of Balingup Townscape Committee, operating under BPA umbrella, for liaising with the Shire to carry out townscape improvements – including providing advice on new footpaths.

In closing, I wish to extend special thanks to the Executive who have always been there when I needed support or advice. Thankyou.

Treasurers Report: (Profit & Loss Statement 1/10/21 through 30/9/2022)

Report tabled.

Closing Balance of \$16, 287

Resolution - that the Treasurer’s report be adopted.

Moved W. Trow Seconded S. Franks **Carried**

Reports from Umbrella Groups: (reports attached)

- Balingup Art & Craft Affair
- Balingup Community Forest Garden
- Balingup Heritage Exhibition
- Balingup Medieval Carnivale
- Balingup Men in Sheds
- Balingup Music Experience
- Balingup Patches & Craft

- Balingup Rail Group
- Balingup Small Farm Field Day
- Balingup Townscape Committee
- Birdwood Park Avenue of Honour
- Mullalyup Improvement Group
- Telling Tales in Balingup
- Paths, Tracks & Trails
- Balingup Health and Wellbeing
- Baling-Upcycle
- Blackwood Passive Recreation Precinct
- Balo Creative Hub
- Balingup Skate Park

Nominations for 2022/23 Office Bearers

President: **Wendy Trow**
 Nominated by K. Menard
 Seconded H. Christensen **Carried**

Vice President: **Janine Milton**
 Nominated by N. King
 Seconded H. Christensen **Carried**

Secretary: **Rick Thomas**
 Nominated by H. Christensen
 Seconded R. Benson **Carried**

Treasurer: **Jodie Hornum (Pat Ridley assisting)**
 Nominated by W. Trow
 Seconded D. Vanallen **Carried**

Executive Committee:

1. Ros Benson
 Nominated by W. Trow
 Seconded H. Christensen **Carried**

2. Gary Hodge
 Nominated by W. Trow
 Seconded H. Christensen **Carried**

3. Katherine Thorgerson
 Nominated by W. Trow
 Seconded H. Christensen **Carried**

Noted-

Signatories: (from elected office bearers)

1. Wendy Trow
2. Jodie Hornum
3. Pat Ridley

Seal Holders: (from elected office bearers)

1. Wendy Trow
2. Jodie Hornum

Community Centre Coordinator:

Helen Christensen

Meeting Closed: 7.30pm

Balingup Art and Craft Affair AGM Report 2022

"The BACA committee made the decision to cancel the 2022 annual BACA event due to uncertainty surrounding COVID. We look forward to resurrecting the event in some form in 2023. We would like to thank the BPA and the community for their continued support."

Bhavni Hindocha

List of BACA members:

- Bhavni Hindocha
- Peta Knapton
- Alison McMullen
- Wendy Mills
- Sue Holden
- Madeleine Mitchell

Balingup Community Forest Garden AGM Report 2022

Over the last year there have been quite a lot of big changes for the community garden. We have regular members coming fortnightly who are able to do their volunteer hours for their Centrelink requirements.

We have a new community day fortnightly where young families are welcomed and Jesse is running classes on Permaculture and biological sciences for primary aged homeschooled children in the Blackwood region. All these members are active in the garden, with the children being amongst the prime workers! They have helped build new veggie beds, a new frog bog and help to maintain weeds and process seasonal herbs and fruits with favourite food preservation recipes.

Progress has been slow but steady in finalising design plans for the new grant funded patio- two professional volunteers are working on the best design that they can foresee. We eagerly anticipate the final outcome!

Plans for a sensory trail and area with a magical theme is in planning stages- this will particularly suit children with autism and special sensory needs.

Trees have been producing abundant fruit, and seems to disappear quickly! Often before they are ripe which is a bit alarming.

New pathway entry is underway, with new signage and information about garden Permaculture ethics of Fair Share, People Care and Earth Care. Also an easy to access area with membership sign up papers and donation box is being prepared.

There is an abundance of herbs and a beautiful array of native flowers for wildlife especially this time of year. It is pleasing to see some vegetable species finally reseeding consecutively every year by themselves, such as parsnips, spinach, rocket and broad beans.

It has been wonderful that people have been recycling their cardboard here and we are very thankful to our volunteer David Cameron who regularly takes the Redcycle plastic to Coles in Bunbury. We would appreciate more people to put their hand up to help with this much appreciated initiative.

We planted a further 350 native plants in the revegetation area down to the brook this year, which some of our members will maintain over the following summer.

The bee hive has produced another 10kg of honey which is available at reduced price to members.

There has been much needed interest and input from young families into the garden this year which is something we have been hoping for as the initial idea for the creation of this garden has been not only to provide food but also education about permaculture principles of growing food involving children.

(Bronia Salva / Jesse Humphries)

Asset List provided.

Balingup Medieval Carnivale AGM Report 2022

Carnivale management was challenging this year, with doubts still lingering regarding Covid Restrictions. Timing of these restrictions saw the SFFD decide not to progress this year and subsequently the Event Manager who had been recruited for both events became unavailable as she took other work

Although the Covid peak was predicted for mid August the Committee decided to proceed with a ticketed one day event which gave the flexibility to cancel and/or revise capped numbers closer to the event

The committee also decided to most of the organizational work within the committee in order to minimize cost and therefore risk

The event was hugely successful with 4775 tickets sold and an approximate 8000 people total through the gates including volunteers, Entertainers , Stall Holders and children under 12

As the number was much higher than expected there was pressure on infrastructure, in particular toilets and on available food. However there were no major problems and all areas coped

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive

Since the Event There have been opportunities for significant feedback regarding organization and management to be provided and considered to make moving forward with future carnivals more doable and as a result the Committee undertook a review to divide responsibilities into manageable portfolios and this will be implemented for future events

The BMC AGM will be held on November 27 2022

Financials are provided following

It was undertaken to make an immediate allocation of \$ 10 000 to the BPA Community fund

With probable further payments to made after BMC budgeting for 2023 event

It was also undertaken that BMC will pay the full events insurance cost for events to BPA for this year (\$ 7 319) with the acknowledgement that SFFD was not held and therefore are unlikely to be in a position to contribute

A huge thank you is extended to all community volunteers and Contributors for Making the 2022 Balingup Medieval Carnivale such a success

Fran Wilshusen

BMC President (on behalf of BMC Committee)

Balingup Health and Well-being AGM Report 2022

The Balingup Health and well-being sub committee has had a break this year from organising any events as we were uncertain about the risks involved for COVID.

We are scheduling a meeting with group members to discuss where we'd like to go in the future.

Beth Chia

Our current members are:

- Beth Chia
- Clare Middle
- Chrissy Maddison
- Julia Smith
- Uta Hoenig
- Katherine Egebjerg Thorgeson
- Christina Gammon

We do not have any assets or items to list under insurance.

Balingup Historical Group AGM Report 2022

The BHG has been operating under the BPA since 2012 in that time along with our static displays of early settlers and their homesteads in the district and WW1/2, every six months we organise a special exhibition. This year's special exhibitions were "A Valley in Transition" which featured our part of the Blackwood Valley and what changes had happened from 1862 to the mid 1950's. We were able to bring to use material for this special exhibition which we had featured at other times making a complete picture of what had happened in the town over that time. Agriculture, forestry, the Shire of Balingup and social life of the district including schooling and sport.

Our twentieth and second special exhibition for 2022 features the Italian Families who settled in the district. Noelene contacted and visited many of the families writing down their history or encouraging them to do so themselves. We had a great response with some very interesting stories and photographs. We would like to thank them all for the fantastic way they responded and got involved helping to make this a very special exhibition.

I would urge you all to take the time to read their stories which are very inspiring and show what can be achieved by very hard work, courage and joy in a new country and how they have contributed to Australia and our lives.

We would like to thank the general Balingup Community for all the support you have given us over the last year. Especially we would like to thank a former member and founder of BHG Carol Bullard for all her efforts this year coming down from Perth with a friend to help us out with the VIT exhibition and a man we could not manage without Joe Taylor who is always so willing to give us hours of his time when needed. Also the owners of the Packing Shed Edgar and Chris for their support in giving us the space for the Exhibition when we can only pay a fraction of the true rent from our Shire grant each year.

Helen Christensen

Members of the BHG are Noelene King, Sharon Smith (Treasurer) Helen Christensen.

None of our assets are covered by the BPA Insurance as they are not housed in BPA listed building.

Balingup Music Experience AGM Report 2022

Background

The Balingup Music Experience (BME) was formally constituted as a subcommittee of the Balingup Progress Association (Inc) (BPA) by a proposal and vote of the Executive at its March 2022 general meeting.

The founding inaugural committee comprised Balingup Residents Louise Hodge (Convenor), Mary Hockley, Jan Michele Helsham, Alison McMullan, Sean Mitchell (Committee Members) and Gary Hodge (Voluntary Administrator and Treasurer).

The formation of the committee was based on 12 years of providing a wide range of musical genres and performances in house concerts in Balingup covering classical, contemporary pop and rock, country, original compositions, jazz and blues.

Developments and Outcomes Between March and October 2022

This period of setting up the subcommittee has been used to:

- Establish a draft vision for the subcommittee: *The Balingup Music Experience comprises a group of local residents committed to bringing a wide range of musical experiences to the town including professional performances, community music workshops, master classes, music therapy and wellbeing programs as well as compositional, musical theatre and educational programs;*
- Open a subcommittee BME bank account with the Bendigo Bank with current signatories Louise Hodge and Alison McMullan;
- Identify a younger generation of committee members and community leaders in order to build in a succession plan from the outset. These are Beth Chia (endorsed by the inaugural committee) with offers to join made to Chrissy Maddison and Matt Andrews (the latter to be endorsed at November 2022 meeting);
- Establish an effective and skilled social media team in Jodie Hornum and Tahnee Upton
- Get music happening by observing Shire risk management and compliance policies in the Balingup Town Hall with two major events in the June 2022 (Jazz Cabaret with the Ali Bodycoat Trio) and August 2022 (Vivaldi's Four Seasons with the Australian Baroque orchestra as part of the BPA Revive and Thrive community forum);
- Secure three more performances in the Balingup Town Hall for the November 2022-January 2023 period (Masataka Hori Tokyo-based master mandolin player and concert pianist Setsu Masuda, Summa Music a Capella choir and HIP Company a young virtuoso Baroque ensemble);
- Commence lease negotiations for the Balingup Town Hall with the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup as part of a business plan to transform the Hall into a vibrant community, cultural reception centre;
- Secure a gifted grand piano valued at \$22 000 for use with concerts in the main hall;
- Launch an appeal for the restoration of a concert grand piano (Bechstein) for use in the chamber music space (Lesser Hall);

- Raise \$2 000 in corporate sponsorship (Talisson Lithium) to begin the process of transforming the Balingup Town through a business plan from an under-utilised asset into a vibrant community, cultural and reception centre; and
In partnership with with the BPA, the Balingup Small Farm Field Day, the Medieval Carnival, Balingup wellness group and the Commonwealth Drought Relief Fund administered by the Foundation for Regional and Regional Revival (FRRR), provide the administration, coordination and grant acquittal of the inaugural Revive and Thrive community forum.

Acknowledgements

The BME committee thanks all of the individuals and organisations mentioned above in assisting make such progress over the past eight months. In particular it acknowledges the leadership and support provided by Wendy Trow President Balingup Progress Association.

Louise Hodge

Convenor

Attachments

Current Financial Statement BME

Grant acquittal

Report on Revive and Thrive community forum

Balingup Rail Group AGM Report 2022

Committee Meetings: The Committee meets regularly and provides the Minutes of meetings to the BPA.

Business of Committee: The Committee has been appointed to support the re-opening of the South West rail line between Bunbury and Bridgetown to enable the transfer from road to rail of the transport of lithium ore from the lithium mine at Greenbushes and the assessment of the possibility of introduction of a tourist/passenger service between Bunbury and Bridgetown.

Malcolm Lee

Progress points – Telstra review, Feasibility Study and involvement of Shire Councils, South West Development Commission.

Committee Membership: M. Lee; D. Gordon; P. Scallan; D. Walsh; C. Dawson; B. Vernon; H. Zampatti; P. Strachan; M. Copeland; D.Louw; G. Hodge; J.Sibma; Clr. J. Massey; Clr. J. Boyle; J. Pow; D. Zampatti

Balingup Skate Park Planning Group AGM Report 2022

New group formed in late 2022.

Current Members:

Chrissy Maddison

Matt Andrews

Lisa Seia

Tina Del Ridley

Beth Chia

Balingup Creative Hub AGM Report 2022

The Balingup Creative Hub has formed out of interest to revive arts within the community on both visual and performance levels.

We have met several times to chat about possible venues, as well as how we might operate as a group, what our offerings might be to the community and how to go about it. We have an intention to promote arts in the community in an inclusive way that covers a wide range of interests and ages & also hope to see crossover of the two.

We have run no events over the last year, and at this stage don't have any items to be listed/ assets for insurance as we are still looking into possible locations for the group to meet or operate.

Beth Chia

Current members are:

- Jackie Massey
- Beth Chia
- Melissa Jones
- Lynnette McFarlane
- Chrissy Maddison

Baling-Upcycle AGM Report 2022

Baling-Upcycle commenced trading on 9 December 2021 at our shop on the corner of South West Highway and Brockman St. Our aims are:

1. *To raise funds for the Balingup Progress Association (BPA) and associated community activities*
2. *To encourage recycling/upcycling in Balingup*
3. *To establish an additional attractive shop in Balingup for locals and visitors*

The Baling-Upcycle admin team and volunteers have worked hard to achieve all three aims. During our first half year of trading we have raised \$10,000 for the community. This has been donated \$5,000 to the Balingup Primary school and \$5,000 to the BPA for community activities. We are thrilled by this result and would like to thank all the wonderful people who have donated items and also purchased our stock.

During the year, we have held a number of events:

- a fashion parade extraordinaire in October
- an opening night in December to recognise sponsors Talison Lithium, Bendigo Bank and the former circus group
- a masquerade party in conjunction with the Balingup Goldsmith (\$500 raised for BPA)
- a Rubbish morning held in July.

Upcycle pays an additional premium for insurance of our retail outlet. Our assets for the purpose of insurance include:

- 8 clothes racks, 1 desk, 2 office chairs, 4 other chairs, lamp, cupboard, 3 tables
- Donated pre-loved stock approximately valued at \$2,000

A list of members and their email addresses is attached. Many of these individuals are BPA members. However, we will transfer to the BPA account \$20 for a group membership to cover anybody who is not directly a member.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to work in the shop. It is a fun, pleasant, social environment to work in with reverse cycle aircon. What more could you want?

We thank the BPA and the community for their support of our organisation.

Jackie Massey
Baling-Upcycle Coordinator
16 Sept 2022

Balingup Patches and Craft AGM Report 2022

The Group has had a very quiet year following on from the restrictions of COVID in 2021 with many staying away to be safe. At our AGM it was decided to have informal meetings during the year, as was deemed necessary. I remain the Co-ordinator and Wendy Holmes the Treasurer. Hopefully other members will step-up next year and take on these roles.

The Wall hangings are now hanging in the Lesser Hall and have made a difference to the acoustics which was what they were designed to do. Sean and Sandy Mitchell did the hanging and I have yet to organise the plaques to be made acknowledging the funding.

Our members donated knee quilts to the Comfort Quilts for Cancer group which were much appreciated. We also arranged for a tube to be placed in the Time Capsule in Donnybrook to be opened in 50 years - mostly concerning the Patches Group and the information regarding the Wall Hangings in the Lesser Hall (we thought it would be interesting to see if they survive that long. (I have arranged for a couple of people to have their children visit the area when the capsule is opened.)

We did have a day out to Busselton during the year, raining and cold, but we had a great day with lunch at the Fat Hippo, worth a visit if you have not been before. With the Small Farm Field Day having been cancelled again this year, and this being our major fund raising, we have been very careful with our funds so very little to report, however we plan to have another exhibition at the Rec Centre in 2023.

Our membership has dropped slightly to 22 financial members. They still pay an annual fee of \$50.00 and \$3.00 each weekly for morning tea, when attending. The fees cover the cost of rent to BADSA and other minor expenses. A membership drive will endeavour to raise our financial position.

Financial Report for 2022

See the attached Financial Report for the period October 2021 to 2022
Financial Members for 2022 is 22.

Assets -

1. Various cutters, rulers and tools specific to patchwork and quilting
 2. Books and magazines
 3. Die cutting machine
 4. Storage cupboard for cutting mats
 5. Lamps, iron, sandwich maker and sundry electrical goods
 6. Kitchen urn and crockery, ironing board
 7. Fabric and specialist threads
- Total Assets \$5000.00

Roslyn Price
Coordinator

Balingup Small Farm Field Day AGM Report 2022

Event scheduled for 15th April in 2023. The theme will be Small Farms, Big Ideas! And will include stalls, live entertainment, farm visits as well as providing a range of information including foot-and-mouth disease.

Entry will be \$20 per adult, children under 16 free and a Concession price of \$16.

A meals night will be run at the Rec Centre by a community group host on the Friday night prior to the event.

Andrew Scott

Financial report provided.

Current Signatories:

Russell Price

Andrew Scott

Stewart Wall

Balingup Townscape Committee AGM Report 2022

Listed below is our progress on the carry over project from 2020/2021 and this years projects 2021/2022.

A number of our projects have gone over 3 years.

Those completed are:-

Working with the Shire and BPA a new toilet block was established at the Community Centre. All on site work removing the old building, earth works, new septic tanks/leach drains were successfully completed by Townscape members.

The goose crossing sign. Picnic Table alongside the Balingup Brooke. Two bench seats. The Shire completed work on the weir wall, fish ladder, historic retaining wall.

Solar light was not needed so the money was spent on removing a large wattle near the duck pond, digging out and deepening the duck pond, purchasing decking oil for the fences and bridge in town, building two large planter boxes, replacing 2 dead trees opposite the school and planting 3 trees going out to GVTP. Limestone blocks have been purchased to put behind the southern scarecrow. (\$2,590.00 uses up the solar light funding of \$2,500)

The hanging baskets are in production the steel poles have been purchased a community member who is a blacksmith is hoping to manufacture the brackets for the poles to support the baskets.

Plants have been bought during the years to fill all the planting boxes in town with colour all through the year these boxes are all made on the wicker design.

The canoe launching pad is in place. (direction sign need) Heskeths from Greenbushes donated the gravel for the project and community member spread it out. People are already using the facility.

All the steel sheets and cement has been purchased for manufacturing and establishing the cutouts representing the SFFD, MC, Telling Tales on site.

Still outstanding are the renewal of the 6 banners on the northern entry to town. Covert Signs has taken 6 months off so unless we can get Wiseman Signs from Manjimup to take the job on this will have to be carried over. We have all the details of design ready to go. The double sided banners will depict what happens in Balingup. Music (concerts, singing group) sports x 5, art/craft, book clubs, yoga, community garden, Bush Fire Brigades, Friends of the Forest, exhibitions x 2, Men in Sheds, Up cycle shop.

We have purchased materials ahead of doing the works to save money when everything keeps going up in price. Like everyone in WA the last two years have been a challenge with COVID and the rising cost of materials.

I would like to thank all members of the Balingup Townscape Committee for once again going above and beyond what is required for the betterment of our Community, their commitment has been outstanding

once again.

We would like to thank all Shire Staff for their assistance over the year, especially the Balingup Crew.

Helen Christensen

We have around \$8859.00 of unspent but committed funds left from the 2021/22 budget.

We do not have any assets.

Members are:-

Helen Christensen (Chair)
Fred Mills (V. Chair)
Noelene King (Secretary)
Geoff McMullen (Treasurer)
Wendy Ayers
Ros Benson
Peter Hicks
Rick Thomas
Damien Cameron
Mark Giles
John Bailey

Birdwood Park Avenue of Honour Group AGM Report 2022

General maintenance continued throughout the year on the gardens, around the Memorial Plaques, Interpretive Panels, and picnic tables. The maintenance of the gardens is becoming an increasingly difficult task.

There was no pruning of oak trees during the year. The Donnybrook Balingup Shire commissioned an arborist assessment of the oak trees in May 2022. This Risk Assessment Report recommended further investigation through soil sampling around the healthy and unhealthy oak trees. The soil sampling has been completed and the samples have been analysed but at this stage nothing conclusive has been found. Work is continuing.

A new interpretive panel, titled 'An Avenue of Oaks' produced last year, was installed in the Avenue,

The ongoing issue of water running across the road washing gravel around, and sometimes burying, the memorial plaques continue. This issue was again discussed with the Shire staff. The Shire, in the 2022/2023 financial year, plans to raise the memorial plaques well above ground level to ensure the plaques are not buried in the future. Unfortunately, this does not address the issue of water washing gravel across the road.

No funds were raised during the year and \$756.04 remains in the Avenue of Honour account held by the Balingup Progress Association. The Birdwood Park Avenue of Honour consists of 7 members, and all are members of the Balingup progress Association.

The report Titled "Risk Assessment Report – Birdwood Park Commemorative Gardens, Brockman Street, Balingup, W.A. 6253, dated 24 May 2022, will be attached with this annual report.

Wayne Irvine.

Mullalyup Improvement Group AGM Report 2022

No formal report provided.

-upgrade of Pioneer Park

-slowing of traffic

Telling Tales in Balingup AGM Report 2022

Telling Tales in Balingup has traditionally been a two day weekend story telling/children's literacy event held once a year. The event is designed for children and young people aged 4 – 13 years. Families accompanying the children are also be enticed to join in the program.

Children's authors, illustrators and arts/crafts people facilitate small workshop sessions. This children's literacy event is based in the historic Balingup Town Hall and adjoining Balingup Library. In addition, workshops and exhibitions are held in two cafés, the Goldsmiths, the Balingup Museum, other local businesses/shops on the SW Hwy and the Balingup Primary School.

Additional entertainment including a lunchtime street parade of 'children's book characters' is also a regular feature of the event. Other general entertainment includes local musical entertainment/busker style (approximately 20 locals).

The event has been attended by an average of 300 people per day however was not held in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid19 restrictions. Due to a lack of volunteers, the 2022 event did not take place. The event is being planned for 2023. It is expected that around 500-600 people will attend the 2023 event along with approximately 20 presenters (authors & illustrators). The event is driven by a committee of volunteers (approximately 6 local people) and assisted over the weekend by an additional 50 volunteers.

Deb Vanallen

Current Committee

President – Deb Vanallen Vice President – pending Secretary – pending Treasurer – Yvette Peterson

Committee Members / expressed an interest - Beth Chai

- Linda Mauger

- Maddy Mitchell - Carolyn Austin - Raelene Bailey - Lee (Pharmacy)

List of Assets

- 2 crates of assorted story book character costumes

- 2 large crates of assorted arts, crafts materials and resources - logo and templates

Trax and Trails Report AGM Report 2022

This past year has seen very little happen with our small committee partly due to the sudden passing away of our esteemed Secretary.

The inability to use the Bunbury prisoners to maintain The Brook Walk and The Pool Walk is another impediment to our limited small group !!

To further our progress on any of the planned new walks will require some funding and some re-newed impetus however I remain hopeful.

Geoff McMullen

Assets : nil

Members :

Geoff McMullen

Joe Taylor

Bronia Slava

Frank Walchala