

## 2024 AGM BPA President Report

In summary of the year, I am pleased to be able to list some of the physical achievements that benefit our community such as the installation of solar lights, repainting of the Community Centre and resident emergency generator.

Through the BPA we have also been able to provide acknowledgement of our community members and groups through our contribution to award events and honour board. We have shown our commitment to our district supporting engagement with the broader community in matters such as Shire councillors and Emergency services.

The Committee have accomplished an update of the BPA Strategic Planning Review, the Bus Shelter information, established guidelines for the Future Fund Application and provided Trust Fund Community Grants to 6 community groups.

The broad focus of the Balingup Progress Association's members is reflected in our topics of discussion that have included all things mining, facilities for town visitors, water supply, access and quality, footpaths, electoral boundaries, access to the Internet, ATO community group requirements, electoral boundaries, council meetings, Shire councillors and updates to local planning strategy.

I would like to recognise Wendy Trow for her work around CISC Models, Cluster Developments, Financial Support for farmers, Resilience Group set ups, Emergency Management and a recent invitation to speak at a National Small Towns Conference.

The big highlights of the year have included:

The return of Telling Tales in Balingup event

The continuation of the Carnivale and Field Day events

The ongoing growth of the BACH committee and events program

The year-round efforts of the Night Markets

The major achievement of BRG's feasibility study

In addition to these big achievements, I wish to acknowledge all those that are also contributing in the background, as collectively we create a better community for now and for the future.

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2/10/24