

MINUTES 4/12/2024	GENERAL MEETING, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC	
Meeting opened	6.05pm	
Present	J.Hornum, R.Benson, W.Ayers, G.McMullen, M.King, N.King S.Doyle, S.Keady, R.Thomas, K.Menard, S. Franks, R.Knopper	
Apologies	W. Trow, D. Cameron, J. Milton	
NEW BUSINESS		
Community Trust Fund	<p>A meeting was held on 7 November to discuss status of the Futures Fund/Community Trust Fund and was attended by representatives of BPA, SFFD, BMC & Upcycle. As a result of this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.Hornum to call for applications for small grants in January. • J.Hornum to invoice relevant groups when Insurance Invoices are received. • W.Trow to organize a presentation to discuss the benefits of creating a Community Foundation in Balingup (action in 2025) There are over 40 successful CFs in Australia. • Update to Future’s Fund operating process document to be approved at next meeting. 	J.Hornum W.Trow
CISCO Procedure	<p>In follow up to recent meeting, Wendy met with Rosco (Shire) to finalise details for some of the issues that he raised. Highlights you (most) need to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The venue won’t open without Shire approval if the townsite itself is under Watch & Act. - The generator must be delivered by the shire “or their nominated representative” – up to them to decide. - Starlink has been added as being installed at the Rec Centre – may be some changes to the procedure later. - There may also be a change to the satellite phone number – work in progress. <p>A final version of the 24/25 CISCO procedure has been placed in the emergency box (main hall of Rec Centre, grey cabinet).</p>	Information
LEMC Meeting	<p>At the November Local Emergency Management Committee meeting, the following key points of community interest were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a spate of suspicious fires (4 in 24 hours within 10km of Balingup) and the community should report anything suspicious. Dash cam and CCTV footage is highly desirable because the offenders are often using stolen number plates. • The large air tanker and water-carrying helicopters are returning to Busselton airport with effect 1 December in preparation for the fire season. • The Shot-Hole borer, which is causing great damage to trees in the Perth metropolitan area, is expected to spread south. Surveillance traps are already in Balingup area. Go to www.agric.wa.gov.au /borer for advice on how to identify the borer. 	Information

<p>Electoral Boundary Changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donnybrook SES has 15 members and St John Ambulance has 14. This is very healthy membership but new people are always welcome. • St John recently took possession of a new ambulance plus an all terrain vehicle. Both are very welcome additions. • St John also advised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When a person has a heart attack, their chances of survival reduce by 10% for every minute delayed. Know where the defibrillators are in town! (Rec Centre, Pharmacy, Golden Valley Tree Park, Post Office) ○ First Aid CPR best practice has been changed. You are now urged to focus on compressions and not mouth to mouth. <p>Jodie Hann has made contact with BPA and would like to arrange to attend a meeting to speak about the changes. J. Hornum to follow up for February.</p> <p>K. Menard reported on meeting attended in Collie hosted by Jodie Hann and other representatives regarding new battery system being started in 2025. A nuclear power plant is not a possibility and farmers supporting wind turbines because of benefits.</p>	<p>J. Hornum</p>
<p>Noise from Talison's operations – formal complaint process</p>	<p>S. Doyle reported on information Talison's current application and encouraged the community to lodge any pollution complaints formally.</p> <p>Statement made in a letter S. Doyle from the office of Reece Whitby Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Action re noise emitted from Talison Lithium mine:</p> <p>"Noise from Talison's operations is regulated under the Environmental Protection (Talison Lithium Australia Greenbushes Operation Noise Emissions) Approval 2015 (2015 noise approval). Talison has applied for a new noise approval for its operations which is currently under assessment. The 2015 noise approval continues in force until the Minister determines the current application"</p> <p>Suggested way for community members to lodge formal complaints re: noise, dust, light pollution and structural damage to houses:</p> <p>"The community is encouraged to report instances of pollution or environmental impacts to the Environment Watch service on DWER's, via email at environmentwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au, or by calling 1300 784 782".</p>	<p>Information</p>
<p>BPA Keyboard</p>	<p>N. King reported the keyboard is currently stored in a BMC sea container and requested BPA investigate replacing with a more portable unit (and sell current one). To be reviewed in 2025 for next meeting.</p>	<p>N. King</p>
<p>Emergency Services Levy</p>	<p>BPA has been advised by Shire rates department we are required to pay the ESL and a letter will be provided to explain why this has not been invoiced in the past.</p> <p>"A recent review revealed the ESL charged for the Community Centre</p>	<p>J. Hornum</p>

<p>BADTA Proposal</p> <p>GST registration</p>	<p>and workshop located at Lot 101 Brockman St Balingup, owned by the Balingup Progress Association, was being paid by the Shire. The 2024/2025 ESL has now been invoiced to you in accordance with the sub-lease between the Shire and Balingup Progress Association.”</p> <p>BADTA has submitted a proposal for dissolving Balingup and Districts Tourism Association and reestablishing as a group under the umbrella of the Balingup Progress Association. To be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>J. Hornum is sourcing information on best arrangement for being registered for GST, and investigating how umbrella groups can be sub-entities with own ABN for reporting purposes.</p>	<p>S. Keady</p> <p>J. Hornum</p>																												
<p>Report on action items Annex A</p>	<p>Ongoing (tabled) Complete (tabled)</p>	<p>Chair</p>																												
<p>Correspondence list</p>	<p>Incoming/Outgoing (tabled) Annex B</p>	<p>Secretary</p>																												
<p>Correspondence list accepted and received</p>	<p>Moved: N. King Seconded: W. Ayres</p>																													
<p>Other meetings/groups</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Secretary</p>																												
<p>Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting</p>	<p>Amendments N Moved J. Hornum Seconded W. Ayres</p>	<p>Carried Y</p>																												
<p>Treasurer's report Accounts for payment</p>	<p>BPA Treasurer's Report as 30/11/24 Available Balance - BPA Operating Account \$ 4507.52 Current Balances:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="429 1326 1259 1632"> <tr> <td>BPA Operating Account balance (including funds held on behalf of BPA sub committees see table below)</td> <td>\$11,979.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BPA Trust Fund Account</td> <td>\$19,392.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balingup Futures Term Deposit Account</td> <td>\$21,723.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance Reserve Term Deposit Account</td> <td>\$36,700.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(previous) Event Coordinator Account</td> <td>\$0.06</td> </tr> </table> <p>Record of funds held on behalf of BPA sub committees as 30/11/24 (included in operating account balance above)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="429 1740 1259 2056"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Balance (Start of Month)</th> <th>Balance (End of Month)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Avenue of Honour</td> <td>827.04</td> <td>827.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men in Sheds</td> <td>400.00</td> <td>400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Garden (Shire grant)</td> <td>10,406.90</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health and Wellness Group</td> <td>1,250.00</td> <td>1,250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balingup Rail Group</td> <td>11,091.00</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BPA Operating Account balance (including funds held on behalf of BPA sub committees see table below)	\$11,979.56	BPA Trust Fund Account	\$19,392.56	Balingup Futures Term Deposit Account	\$21,723.46	Insurance Reserve Term Deposit Account	\$36,700.94	(previous) Event Coordinator Account	\$0.06	Name	Balance (Start of Month)	Balance (End of Month)	Avenue of Honour	827.04	827.04	Men in Sheds	400.00	400.00	Community Garden (Shire grant)	10,406.90	0	Health and Wellness Group	1,250.00	1,250.00	Balingup Rail Group	11,091.00	0	<p>Treasurer</p>
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	TOTAL	\$23,947.94	(\$2,477.04)	
			ACTUAL	
			\$2,468.04	
			*BRG \$9.00 to repay	
	Record of grant funds held for BPA as 30/11/24 (included in operating account balance above)			
	Name	Balance (Start of Month)	Balance (End of Month)	
	War Memorial Grant	125.47	0.00	
	Shire DB (past Grant CC)	500.00	0.00	
	Donation to Future's Fund TDA (to be transferred May 2025)	5000.00	5000.00	
	TOTAL	\$5625.47	\$5000.00	
	Note – Balingup Community Forest Garden has opened own bank account			
Treasurer's report accepted	Amendments N Moved J. Hornum Seconded W. Ayres			Carried Y
Business arising from previous minutes	See Annex A			
Reminders	Carols Tuesday 17 th from 6.30pm at the Peace Pergola, BYO Mug for hot chocolate. Night markets 6 th December, 4-7pm			
Meeting closed	6.35pm			
Next meeting date/time	Wednesday 7 th February, 6pm			

BPA Action List

Annex A

as of 09/11/24	ACTION LIST, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC	
ITEM MEETING DATE PERSON RESPONSIBLE		STATUS
Community Trust Fund Nov 24/ W.Trow	A meeting was held on 7 November to discuss status of the Futures Fund and Community Trust Fund and was attended by representatives of BPA, SFFD, BMC & Upcycle. See New Business.	ONGOING
Video of Balingup Nov 24/ W.Trow	W.Trow has provided the raw material for C.Austin to create a video that explains the BPA model (sub-committees, insurance etc) that can be shared with other communities. Expect completion early 2025.	ONGOING
E-waste disposal Sept 24/ G.Patrick	S.Franks queried the lack of facilities for disposal of e-waste at Balingup Waste Transfer Station. G.Patrick advised the Shire has to apply for a new licence and there is no short term solution however he will raise the issue with the Shire. Ongoing.	ONGOING
Showers Sept 24/ W.Trow	During the summer drought, people ran out of tank water and went to Greenbushes to use free showers because the Shire fee for using showers at the Transit Park is \$6.00. BPA wrote to the Shire and asked them to waive or reduce that fee during periods of declared drought. W.Trow has spoken to the Shire President and new CEO and they will follow up.	ONGOING
Starlink Satellite Sept 24 J.Hornum/ W.Trow/ A.Shah, C.Leam, G.Patrick	A Starlink satellite telecommunications system, donated to the community, is being installed at Balingup Recreation Centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System be placed on the BPA asset register and listed on insurance. Total value: \$6000. J.Hornum to action • A.Shah, C.Leam to manage system and train G.Patrick. • Develop deployment plan for emergencies (A.Shah & W.Trow) 	COMPLETED
Townscape G.McMullen Aug 24	Shire Parks & Gardens supervisor would like to meet up with Balingup Townscape committee. G.McMullen agreed to organise a Townscape meeting however he wants the Shire to schedule the meeting. J.Hornum to advise the Shire officer to contact G.McMullen or H.Christensen with a date and time for the meeting. Result of meeting – Leaf entrance statement to be resprayed, Shire to source product and Townscape to fund.	COMPLETED
Stand pipe costs W.Trow Aug 24	There is a 45% difference between water charges in Donnybrook and Balingup. BPA has written to the Shire, requesting them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lobby Water Corporation and State Parliament to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ concessional rates to rural community members, irrespective of the cost of new infrastructure, and ○ subsidies for rainwater tanks. • Confirm that the Balingup standpipe charges are not impacted by the commercial use of water by Talison. 	ONGOING

	Letter has been written. W.Trow has spoken to the Shire President and new CEO and they will follow up.	
New Residents event J.Hornum Jun 24	J.Hornum plans to hold new resident event at Recreation Centre –23 rd November 24. N.King and Karyn Connor have offered to help. Any others interested in helping co-ordinate should contact J.Hornum Event was successful and attended by approx 10 new residents.	COMPLETED
Disabled access community centre May 24/ J.Hornum	BMC requested that improvements be made to the ramp that provides disabled access to the community centre. G.Patrick has provided design/specifications of what will be needed and this has been sent to Preston Valley for quote. J.Hornum is following up.	ONGOING
Shire Lease Agreement Jul 23 W.Trow/ J.Hornum	The Shire has provided lease documentation that lists approved use as 'Community Centre, workshop and toilet block'. A meeting to review the draft lease with the Shire is still to be held.	ONGOING
Update of map in bus shelter June 2021 H. Christensen Feb 2023	A budget of \$200 was agreed at the September meeting: H.Christensen is coordinating the map with Sandy Mitchell and it is proposed to display the map (using one of the old noticeboards) in the Village Green shelter. H Christensen advises she is waiting for better weather and information about location.	ONGOING

