

MINUTES 5/03/2025	GENERAL MEETING, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC	
Meeting opened	6.02pm	
Present	J.Hornum, W.Trow, Viv Pustol, R.Thomas, N.King, J.Milton, K.Menard, R.Knopper, A.Scott, M.Giles, W.Irvine, S.Doyle, J.Taylor.	
Apologies	G.McMullen, H.Christensen, W.Ayers, K.Magi	
NEW BUSINESS		
SFFD	A.Scott advised SFFD is progressing. 150 stalls, 2 speaker's tents, expanded kids corner, Lions train and lots of other activities for kids. Looking for volunteers to help. Documentation has been submitted to Shire and Shire gave \$2000 grant to help pay for Traffic Management Plan. Brochure will be going to printer soon and Andrew thanked Troy Kopp for his help with website, brochure etc etc. Stalls numbers are not as high as usual due to an event at Williams and the Apple Festival. In 2026, SFFD will move our event to last weekend of school holidays.	Information
Cemetery	K.Menard advised that cemetery work is underway and she is now comfortable with changes.	Information
Keyboard	There was further discussion regarding the electronic keyboard. It was agreed that we advertise and accept the best offer.	J.Hornum
BADTA (Visitor Centre)	J.Hornum explained why BADTA wants to become an umbrella group of BPA and advised that, if approved, the group would operate in the same way as any other group ie BPA Executive would not be responsible for its continued operation. It was moved that the application from BADTA to become an umbrella group of BPA be approved and known as Balingup Tourism Committee This will be dependant on approval from AON Insurance. Details of proposed activities to be sent to AON Insurance. Moved W.Trow Seconded R.Thomas Carried – all in favour	J.Hornum
GST	J.Hornum advised that she has sought advice from a professional accountant regarding GST. Work is still in progress, but the most likely outcome will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPA & Carnivale will use same ABN and register for GST. • Umbrella groups will be advised to have their own ABNs and will not need to register for GST. BPA will assist this process. • GST will be reported by a professional accountant – not voluntary Treasurers. Jodie is still working on this.	J.Hornum
Fruit Fly Bait	Fruit fly bait is still available at Balingup Waste Transfer Station and all residents with fruit trees are encouraged to treat their trees. See Annex C for photos and details. The bait has, for years, been donated by Ron Robertson. It was agreed that N.King arrange a suitable gift. J.Hornum to put a notice on Facebook. J.Milton advised there is a new Queensland fruit fly destroying fruit in Perth – we all need to keep a lookout.	All J.Hornum
Bush Fire Activation	Balingup BFB wishes to remind people to report suspected/potential fires direct to 000. 000 will notify the necessary land manager	Information

ABC Back Roads	W.Trow advised that she had contacted ABC television several months ago to see if they would be interested in featuring Balingup on their Back Roads TV show. A Research Assistant has contacted BPA to say that they are interested and will liaise with W.Trow with a view to featuring the town in 2026. The program is not 100% confirmed yet, but they are definitely interested. This would be a great opportunity to showcase our town and we are ever hopeful!.	W.Trow
National Small Towns Conference	W.Trow advised that she has been invited to present "All about Balingup" at the National Small Towns conference to be held in the Barossa Valley in September.	Information
Talison Expansion	Talison have provided BPA with documents outlining their proposed expansion program. These documents have been distributed to all BPA members. Community session for Balingup will be held 22 nd March 2-3pm. Attendees can book via Humanitix, email or phone. If people need help to do that, contact J.Hornum at Library. It was agreed that BPA also advertises this meeting.	J.Hornum
Community Survey	W.Trow advised 25responses (representing 40 people) have been received so far and encouraged all to complete and return. A blank response sheet is available on the BPA website balingup.asn.au (Resilience page). http://www.balingup.asn.au/Community%20surveyFeb25.pdf S.Doyle offered to handout blank forms at the Mushroom. J.Hornum to provide.	All
Community Foundation	A Community Foundation is a process where individuals, community groups and businesses can make tax deductible donations to the community. J.Hornum, W.Trow and J.Milton have held initial discussions with Fremantle Community Foundation and will now meet with SFFD, BMC, BACH and Upcycle to get their input. If all agree there is merit in the idea, a meeting will be held with the wider community to seek input. The community foundation model has a very structured financial management process in place. Fremantle CF has been operating for 10 years and has raised \$11 million - \$5.5 million has been returned to the community and \$6.5 million remain as funds under management.	J.Hornum W.Trow
Noticeboards	Two notice boards, removed from the Information Bay, are available to any community group. If this offer is not taken up, it was agreed that they be made available (for free) to anyone in the community.	W.Trow
Video	At the end of the meeting, members watched the new 15 minute "All about Balingup" video. The video explains how various community groups operate, how money is distributed and is a somewhat quirky/entertaining way to learn about what makes Balingup "tick". To watch the video go to https://linkwest.asn.au/Web/Web/Resource/Community-Engagement/All-About-Balingup.aspx	Information
Report on action items Annex A	Ongoing (tabled) Complete (tabled)	Chair
Correspondence list	Incoming/Outgoing (tabled) Annex B	Secretary
Correspondence list accepted and received	Moved: W.Trow Seconded: R.Thomas	
Other meetings/groups	None	Secretary

Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting	Amendments (Y) Moved J. Hornum Seconded W.Trow <i>Amended (in italics) Annex A Waste Disposal</i>	Carried Y																																																				
Treasurer's report Accounts for payment	<p>BPA Treasurer's Report as 28/02/25</p> <p>Available Balance - BPA Operating Account \$7,498.48</p> <p>Current Balances:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 477 1241 745"> <tr> <td>BPA Operating Account balance (including funds held on behalf of BPA sub committees see table below)</td> <td>\$14,975.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BPA Trust Fund Account</td> <td>\$14,440.29</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>\$38,444.27</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 28/02/25 (included in operating account balance above)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 864 1241 1402"> <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>0</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>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>(\$2,477.04)</td> <td>(\$2,477.04)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>ACTUAL</td> <td>ACTUAL</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$2,468.04</td> <td>\$2,468.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>*BRG \$9.00 to repay</td> <td>*BRG \$9.00 to repay</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Record of grant funds held for BPA as 28/2/25 (included in operating account balance above)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 1518 1241 1780"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Balance (Start of Month)</th> <th>Balance (End of Month)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Shire DB (2025 Aus Day event)</td> <td>1000.00</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donation to Future's Fund TDA (to be transferred May 2025)</td> <td>5000.00</td> <td>5000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$6000.00</td> <td>\$5000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BPA Operating Account balance (including funds held on behalf of BPA sub committees see table below)	\$14,975.52	BPA Trust Fund Account	\$14,440.29	Balingup Futures Term Deposit Account	\$21,723.46	Insurance Reserve Term Deposit Account	\$38,444.27	(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)	0	0	Health and Wellness Group	1,250.00	1,250.00	Balingup Rail Group	0	0	TOTAL	(\$2,477.04)	(\$2,477.04)		ACTUAL	ACTUAL		\$2,468.04	\$2,468.04		*BRG \$9.00 to repay	*BRG \$9.00 to repay	Name	Balance (Start of Month)	Balance (End of Month)	Shire DB (2025 Aus Day event)	1000.00	0	Donation to Future's Fund TDA (to be transferred May 2025)	5000.00	5000.00	TOTAL	\$6000.00	\$5000.00	Treasurer
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Business arising from previous minutes	See Annex A																																																					
Reminders	Night markets this Friday at Packing Shed.																																																					

	BACH events https://bachub.com.au/event-calendar 14 th March - Theatre 180 Lighthouse Girl, Town Hall 15 th March - Balingup Academy Leatherwork workshop, Balingup
Meeting closed	7.01pm
Next meeting date/time	Wednesday 2 nd April, 6pm

BPA Action List

as of 27/02/25	ACTION LIST, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC	
MEETING DATE PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ITEM	STATUS
Visit by MP Dec 24/ J. Hornum	Jodie Hann MP has made contact with BPA and would like to arrange to attend a meeting to speak about the changes. Jodie is not making visits until outcome of election is known.	COMPLETE
Update War memorial/ Feb 25 W.Irvine	W.Irvine is interested in updating the war memorial/boards around town. Anyone is interested in helping, this and/or the Avenue of Honour, please contact him gmirvine8@bigpond.com .	COMPLETE
Australia Day awards board Feb 25 H.Christensen	The Australia Day awards board has been placed in the Recreation Centre. H.Christensen will arrange installation & update process. Obtain Shire approval if needed. W.Irvine has requested FOTF be changed to BFOF. H.Christensen will action.	COMPLETE
Website update Feb 25	At the February meeting we agreed that Balingup website www.balingup.asn.au needed to be reviewed. Pam Williamson & W.Trow have completed this task.	COMPLETE
Niche Wall Feb 25 K.Menard	K.Menard advised that the Shire plans to expand the niche wall at Balingup cemetery. See general business.	COMPLETE
Waste disposal Feb 25 M.Giles/ J.Hornum	M.Giles advised that no local tips accept chemical waste - <i>all farm chemical drums must go to Kwinana at a cost of \$300 per drum</i> . It is likely that people are dumping in the bush. M.Giles/J.Hornum to follow up - meet up to be arranged in March by J.Hornum.	ONGOING
Library - covered entry Feb 25 H.Christensen	The Shire plans to construct a covered entry to the Library at the Town Hall. N.King is concerned that they plan a flat roof. H.Christensen agreed to follow up and send in response.	COMPLETE
CISCO/ Resilience Feb 25 W.Trow	W.Trow advised that she had attended the February Local Emergency Management Committee meeting and requested that the Community Information Social Centre (CISCO) be included in the Shire Emergency Arrangements. The request was however, denied. W.Trow has asked to attend the District Emergency Management Committee meeting in March this has also been declined - may be invited later in year. W.Trow will continue to progress after the State election.	COMPLETE
Community Survey W.Trow	W.Trow has collated a survey form to create a database prior to an emergency. This has been distributed via email & mail box drop. Results will be collated and provided to Shire & Bushfire Ready Group. See general business.	COMPLETE
Keyboard Dec 24/ N.King/ J.Hornum	A Casia Privio PX410R keyboard is currently stored in a BMC sea container. It has been offered to BACH but found unsuitable. J.Hornum to advertise. See general business.	ONGOING
GST Dec 24/ J.Hornum	J. Hornum is sourcing information on best arrangement for being registered for GST. See general business.	ONGOING

Community Centre / heatwaves Feb 25 J.Hornum	At the February meeting it was agreed that the Community Centre be opened during heatwaves. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A notice to be placed on Balingup Community Facebook page, • The general store, post office and Visitor Centre be advised. • Residents to be advised they should contact J.Hornum, W.Trow. • A hard copy notice to be immediately placed at the general store, post office and Visitor Centre - advising residents of this service. J.Hornum has created a notice.	COMPLETE
BADTA Dec 24/ J.Hornum	BADTA has submitted a proposal for dissolving Balingup and Districts Tourism Association and re-establishing as a group under the umbrella of the Balingup Progress Association. See general business.	ONGOING
Community Foundation Nov 24/ J.Hornum/ W.Trow	An online meeting was held with Fremantle Community Foundation on 18 th February to discuss the benefits of creating a Community Foundation in Balingup. See general business.	ONGOING
Community Trust Fund Nov 24/ J.Hornum	Promotional flyer for Trust Fund has been designed and issued via emails and on noticeboards. Closing date 1/4/25	COMPLETE
Video of Balingup Nov 24/ W.Trow	Completed - thanks to all who participated. See general business.	COMPLETE
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. 28 Jan 25, W.Trow emailed Shire, asking if any progress made. No response.	ONGOING
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. Letter has been written. W.Trow has spoken to the Shire President and new CEO and they will follow up. 28 Jan 25, W.Trow emailed Shire, asking if any progress made. No response.	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. 28 Jan 25, W.Trow emailed Shire, asking if any progress made. Shire has advised that we will receive a draft lease agreement for comment in the coming months.	ONGOING
Update of map in bus shelter Jan 24 J.Hornum	J.Hornum has arranged for Troy Kopp to make an electronic version of a map for the Information Bay (which can be easily updated in the future). This will now be displayed in one of the display boards.	COMPLETE

Emails/Letters In Note: This list does not include newsletters/general updates from other organisations.

Date	From	Subject	Action
10 Feb	George Bray	Community survey	WT
10 Feb	Shire	Lease agreement	JH/WT
10 Feb	P.Williamson	Website changes	JH/WT
11 Feb	Donnybrook CRC	Invoice printing	JH
10 Feb	Balingup Primary	Oval event query	Referred to Shire
12 Feb	W.Trow	Re-imburse mail out	JH
12 Feb	A.Carrig	WA Emergency App	Forwarded to all BPA
12 Feb	J.Esmond	NBN	JH
17 Feb	Shire (letter)	Lease agreement	JH/WT
17 Feb	W.Irvine	Honour board amendment	H.Christensen
18 Feb	Volunteers SW	Invite to join webinar	Info
18 Feb	Talison	Site bulletin / expansion	Forwarded to all BPA
21 Feb	S.Delaporte	Lighthouse Girl	JH
20 Feb	Synergy	Invoice	JH
25 Feb	ABC Television	Back Roads proposal	WT
24 Feb	B.Hamilton	Community survey	WT
26 Feb	W.Trow	Video gratuity	JH
26 Feb	Balingup Primary	BPS Community Grant request	JH
28 Feb	A.Carrig	Bushfire Ready news	JH
26 Feb	K.Menard	Talison query	JH
4 Mar	I.Massey	Community survey	WT
1 Mar	L.Hodge	Theatre 180	Forwarded to all BPA

Letters/emails Out

Date	To	Subject	Actioned by
9 Feb	All BPA	Feb Minutes and community trust	WT
9 Feb	All BPA	Community survey	WT
12 Feb	Balingup Primary	Oval event - to contact shire	WT
12 Feb	All BPA	WA Emergency App	WT
24 Feb	All BPA	Community survey reminder	WT
25 Feb	All BPA sub committees	Community grant application form	JH
25 Feb	All BPA	Talison expansion	JH
26 Feb	ABC TV	Back Roads response	WT
28 Feb	All BPA	Meeting notice/Action List	WT
27 Feb	K.Menard	Talison info	JH
4 Mar	All BPA	Scam warning email M.King	WT

FRUIT FLY BAIT IS NOW AVAILABLE AT BALINGUP TRANSFER STATION - FREE

Fruit flies burrow into plums, apricots, peaches, apple, citrus and many other types of fruit tree.



You can't see it from the outside, but when you open the fruit up, you will see a nasty black rot.....with wiggly worms



This is what the (new) Queensland fruit fly looks like. Report all sightings.

The good news is that you can prevent this!

Just pop into Balingup Transfer Station with a small container (500ml is usually enough) and they will give you some of the bait for free. Then, just use a small paintbrush to flick it (once or twice a week) onto the trees until your fruit has finished.

You can also make your own fruit fly bait. Just google the recipe or go to <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/sites/gateway/files/Make%20a%20fruit%20fly%20trap.pdf>