

MINUTES 1/05/2024	GENERAL MEETING, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC	
Meeting opened	6.00pm	
Present	J.Hornum, W.Trow, G.McMullen, N.King, G.Patrick, G.Hodge, H.Christensen, S.Franks, G.Hodge, R.Benson, J.Milton, R.Wright, R.Thomas, K.Menard, S.Burke, T.Ridley	
Apologies	H.Christensen, W.Irvine	
New Business Rail Project	G.Hodge advised Balingup Rail Group have received an interim report regarding the proposed tourism and commuter rail service between Bunbury and Greenbushes and results are very positive. The group is now progressing with a series of meetings with government departments and businesses. Will be doing another survey to see how people will use the services.	Information
BACH	BACH has just completed four very successful shows ranging from opera to community/original works to comedic. All performances have been very well attended. BACH is now working with BADTA to develop a market for high quality weddings/receptions where all services will be provided locally.	Information
Wedding Expo	S.Burke advised it is planned to run a Wedding Expo in first week of November. The vision is for all the wedding venues to opt in and create a space at their venue where people can visit. Balingup Town Hall will be used to coordinate activities and showcase local services (photographers etc).	Information
Night Markets	S.Burke advised the night markets are continuing into winter and have been well supported. The organisers are investigating getting grants to purchase sturdy marquees, heating and lighting.	Information
Other Events	N.King encouraged people to support the following: 11 May Old Time Dance at the Town Hall. 7.30pm 11 May CWA Mother's Day stall at General Store. Funding raised at the stall will be used to replace signs at old school sites. G.Hodge confirmed that Telling Tales is running 6/7 July. The group is working with schools, public library and visitor centre and there will be a street parade.	Information
Disabled Access Community Centre	S.Franks requested that improvements be made to the ramp that provides disabled access to the community centre. G.Patrick agreed to find out what the specifications need to be. Discuss at next meeting.	G.Patrick
Home Care Car	Geoff McMullen expressed concern at the loss of the Home Care car. N.King confirmed this will be addressed at the meeting on 7 May.	Information
Talison/ acceptance of money.	At the April meeting, R.Thomas moved that BPA adopt a policy of not accepting money from Talison because some community members believe that the mine is inflicting a lot of damage in the environment. He advised that he did not propose that this policy should apply to umbrella groups – they should be allowed to make their own decisions. Some members of BPA expressed concern that BPA should target one company. J.Hornum advised that, if an umbrella group wants to apply for a grant from Talison, they are required to apply under BPA incorporation therefore this proposal would be impractical under our current structure. It was agreed that, as all funding applications by BPA must come to a BPA meeting anyway, current procedures do not need to change.	None

Local Planning Strategy	<p>Robin Wright, representing the Golden Valley Tree Park Management Committee, voiced concern about proposed changes to zoning in the draft Local Planning Strategy which is currently out for public comment. He urged likeminded concerned people to put in a submission to the Shire before 15 May (see link below) that objects to the proposed rezoning of Lot 10 from “General Agriculture” to “Residential/ Rural Residential” on the basis that this would allow for housing to be developed on the hillside overlooking the Tree Park. This would diminish the visitor experience of the Tree Park and be counter to other stated objectives of the Strategy regarding tourism, social, community and environmental values.</p> <p>https://www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au/services/development-services/town-planning/town-planning-review-project.aspx</p>	All
Talison Land Acquisition	<p>G.Patrick advised that the LPS is a planning/guiding document only. Land has only been identified for possible zoning change if current or past landowners have contacted the Shire showing an interest in rezoning.</p> <p>The Shire is holding two meetings in Balingup Recreation Centre on Monday 6th May 3.30pm-5.30pm and 6pm – 8pm. All were encouraged to either put a submission into the Shire via their website or attend the meeting or both.</p> <p>T.Ridley raised issues about Talison land development in Balingup. She has been told of cases where land has been acquired using heavy handed tactics. T.Ridley to send W.Trow contact details of persons affected so that we can arrange for them to meet with State MP Jodie Hanns.</p>	T.Ridley
Town Teams	<p>Town Teams movement is offering potential ‘seed’ grants of up to \$5,000 incl. GST for traffic calming initiatives and community-led activations, such as: road murals, active transport infrastructure, street furniture, parklets, planter boxes, community gardens, street art, pop-up libraries and street parties. Anyone interested to contact W.Trow to receive details.</p>	All W.Trow
BBQ Trailer	<p>C.Leam has provided a draft agreement between the Balingup BFB and BPA to manage the Lions BBQ trailer. It was agreed that any major maintenance should be paid for by BPA and this should be added to the Agreement. The Agreement shall then be signed.</p>	W.Trow J.Hornum
Emergency Generator	<p>C.Leam has suggested we hook up the emergency generator to the Recreation Centre to make sure it operates correctly. W.Trow and members of Resilience Committee to liaise with him and update procedures.</p>	W.Trow
Water discolouration	<p>W.Trow advised that due to community concerns, she had contacted Water Corp regarding water discolouration in town. Their response is at Annex C. They advise there is no cause for concern.</p>	Information
Water Availability	<p>G.Patrick advised that the Shire is monitoring water taken from the Balingup standpipe by water trucks servicing the Talison work camp in Greenbushes. The Shire will ensure that Talison pays the same as the community and do not receive a volume discount.</p>	G.Patrick
Council Meeting updates	<p>Cr G.Patrick advised he would be happy to update future BPA meetings about issues being discussed at Council. It was agreed that, from the next meeting, we will receive a Council update.</p>	G.Patrick
Emergency Helicopter	<p>BPA has received an email regarding our concern about landing grounds for the emergency helicopter. As agreed at a previous BPA meeting, J.Hornum to notify emergency services that no further action is required.</p>	J.Hornum

Blackwood United Football Club	G.Patrick advised that the soccer club is going from strength to strength and has doubled in size – with many participants being local children. BPA commended BUFC for this excellent achievement.	Information																																								
Report on action items Annex A	Ongoing (tabled) Complete (tabled)	Chair																																								
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Treasurer's report Accounts for payment	<p>(tabled)</p> <p>BPA Treasurer's Report as 30/04/24</p> <p>Available Balance - BPA Operating Account \$ 6,981.18</p> <p>Current Balances:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>BPA Operating Account balance (including funds held on behalf of BPA sub committees see table below)</td> <td>\$50,676.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BPA Trust Fund Account</td> <td>\$25,258.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balingup Futures Term Deposit Account</td> <td>\$1000.50</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 30/04/24 (included in operating account balance above)</p> <table border="1"> <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>10,406.90</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>44,727.00</td> <td>30,391.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$57,610.94</td> <td>\$43,274.94</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Record of grant funds held for BPA as 30/04/24 (included in operating account balance above)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Balance (Start of Month)</th> <th>Balance (End of Month)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>War Memorial Grant</td> <td>260.17</td> <td>260.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bendigo Bank Grant</td> <td>250.30</td> <td>250.30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BPA Operating Account balance (including funds held on behalf of BPA sub committees see table below)	\$50,676.59	BPA Trust Fund Account	\$25,258.81	Balingup Futures Term Deposit Account	\$1000.50	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	10,406.90	Health and Wellness Group	1,250.00	1,250.00	Balingup Rail Group	44,727.00	30,391.00	TOTAL	\$57,610.94	\$43,274.94	Name	Balance (Start of Month)	Balance (End of Month)	War Memorial Grant	260.17	260.17	Bendigo Bank Grant	250.30	250.30	Treasurer
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Treasurer's report accepted and accounts approved for payment	Amendments N Moved J.Hornum Seconded J.Milton			Carried Y
Business arising from previous minutes	See Annex A			
Reminders	7 th May Being at Home meeting (organised by CWA) 10am at Community Centre 11 May Old Time Dance at the Town Hall. 7.30pm 11 May CWA Mother's Day stall at General Store. 6-7 th July Telling Tales 24/25 Aug Medieval Carnivale 5 th Oct Health & Wellness event at Village Green November Wedding Expo (date to be advised)			
	7.15pm			
Next meeting date/time	Wednesday 5 th June at 6pm			

BPA Action List

Annex A

as of 23/04/24	ACTION LIST, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC	
ITEM MEETING DATE PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	STATUS
Umbrella Group Bank Accounts Apr 24/ J.Hornum	J.Hornum has sent a letter to Umbrella Group Committees advising them to open own bank account and manage own funds after 12 months if continuing as group.	COMPLETED
BPA Strategic Plan review Apr 24/ J.Hornum	The updated Balingup Strategic Plan has been distributed to all BPA members for comment. No feedback was received prior to the May meeting therefore the updated plan will be sent to the Shire A/CEO.	ONGOING
Balingup Futures Fund applications Apr 24/ J.Hornum	At the April meeting we agreed to form a working group to further develop application guidelines for the Balingup Futures Fund policy document. BPA members have been invited via meeting minutes to contact BPA if they are interested in participating and J.Hornum is organising the meeting.	ONGOING
College of Traditional and Modern Artisanhip Apr 24/ W.Trow	A general letter of support for Balingup College of Traditional and Modern Artisanhip has been issued.	COMPLETED
Mining Grants/ Talison Apr 24/ J.Hornum	At the April meeting, R.Thomas moved that BPA adopt a policy of not accepting money from Talison. See New Business on 1/5/24.	COMPLETED
Australia Day Awards. Mar 24 S.Franks H.Christensen	S.Franks has obtained a quote of \$385 to purchase a board to recognise Australia Day Award recipients. She has not yet obtained a quote for the sign writing. To be discussed at June meeting when all costs are known. H.Christensen to collate a list of past winners.	ONGOING
Rural Aid CISC model Mar 24 W.Trow J.Hornum	At the March 24 BPA meeting it was agreed BPA approach Rural Aid to run a project that will share the Community Information Social Centre (CISC) model with other small rural communities. Rural Aid has confirmed they want the project to go ahead in 6 communities. W.Trow will manage this project.	COMPLETED
Response to heatwaves Mar 24 W.Trow	A notice has been issued to advise the community that BADSA will open the Recreation Centre in times of community stress (eg heatwaves).	COMPLETED

Lions Club BBQ Mar 24 C.Leam W.Trow	The Lions BBQ trailer is to be relocated to the Bushfire Brigade. See New Business on 1/5/24.	ONGOING
Community Club Expo 18 May Mar 24 W.Trow	The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup is holding a Community Club Expo on 18 May in Donnybrook. W.Trow emailed umbrella groups in March but no interest shown.	COMPLETED
Talison Meeting Feb 24/ K.Menard R.Thomas	K.Menard/R.Thomas are organising a community meeting with Talison. They have collated a list of 39 questions and sent them to Talison in advance. They are now awaiting a date for the meeting.	ONGOING
Shire Works Balingup J.Hornum Nov 23	J. Hornum has contacted Shire to follow up on Skatepark maintenance plans/progress.	ONGOING
Shire Lease Agreement W.Trow/ Jul 23	The Shire has provided lease documentation that lists approved use as 'Community Centre, workshop and toilet block'. BPA has responded with a request to add "event, recreation and market stalls" to the approved list. Awaiting response.	ONGOING
Mining Tenements K.Menard/ Jul 23	K.Menard is arranging a presentation from DMIRS on how the Mining Act works. DMIRS has agreed and they are looking at a date in June. Small groups are preferred therefore they may hold two meetings.	ONGOING
Cluster Developments April 23 W.Trow	The Shire has issued their draft Local Planning Strategy and a hard copy is available at the Balingup Library. See New Business on 1/5/24.	ONGOING
Update of map in bus shelter June 2021 H. Christensen W.Trow Feb 2023	A budget of \$200 was agreed at the September meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display posters are being returned to the panels (J.Hornum) • H.Christensen is coordinating the map with Sandy Mitchell. Request for update from H.Christensen or Town Planning Committee at next meeting.	ONGOING

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

Date	From	Subject	Action
4 Apr	Town Teams	Safe roads funding	Forwarded to Townscape members
7 Apr	N.King	Belong meeting	Issued reminder to all BPA
8 Apr	W.Irvine	Request to use BPA logo	Confirmed
8 Apr	Water Corp	Water Bill	J.Hornum
11 Apr	H.Christensen	Cleaner fee \$960	J.Hornum
12 Apr	BADTA	Notice of meeting	Info
15 Apr	G.Patrick	Attendance at meetings	W.Trow
15Apr	Emergency Response Helicopter	Requesting info about landing grounds	J.Hornum
15 Apr	Preston Press	ANZAC Day & Volunteers Week	W.Trow
16 Apr	K.Connor	Shire Planning Strategy – raise awareness	J.Hornum/W.Trow
18 Apr	S.Dellaporte	Changemaker workshop	Issued to all BPA
19 Apr	A.Shah	Concern re GVTP email	Forwarded to GVTP & K.Connor
19 Apr	Water Corp	Town water discolouration	Issued to all BPA
22 Apr	Shire	Meeting re LP strategy	Issued to all BPA
22 Apr	R.Wright	LP strategy	Info
23 Apr	Synergy	Electricity bill \$266.89	J.Hornum
24 Apr	Shire	Exploration license	Info
29 Apr	Town Teams	\$5000 grant avail for traffic calming	See New Business
1 May	C.Leam	BBQ trailer and generator	See New Business

Letters/emails Out

Date	To	Subject	Actioned by
7 Apr	All BPA	April minutes	W.Trow
7 Apr	NbN	Visit to Balingup	W.Trow
8 Apr	All BPA	CWA meeting/Anzac Day	W.Trow
8 Apr	All BPA	Rec Centre use in times of stress	W.Trow
10 Apr	Shire Planning	BPA submission Local Planning Strategy	W.Trow/ J.Hornum
10 Apr	W.Irvine	BPA logo - approval to use	W.Trow
16 Apr	G.Patrick	Council update at BPA meetings	W.Trow
16 Apr	K.Connor	Council Planning strategy	J.Hornum
17 Apr	All BPA	Council Planning strategy – raise awareness	W.Trow
17 Apr	Preston Press	ANZAC Day & Volunteers Week	W.Trow
22 Apr	R.Benson	Letter of support	W.Trow/J.Hornum
23 Apr	All BPA	Meeting re Shire LP strategy	W.Trow
30 Apr	Assorted	BPA Trust Fund invite	J.Hornum

WATER DISCOLOURATION BALINGUP

Please see below, a re-assurance from Water Corporation regarding the Balingup town water supply.

“Millstream Dam which normally supplies Balingup and other towns is currently at a very low level, as are many dams this season.

To maintain supply to the towns, we are utilising groundwater for the time-being. As you know, some information was sent to customers about this a few weeks back.

Customers may notice a change in the aesthetics of the water, but please be assured the water continues to meet all of the requirements set out by Department of Health and the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, and is 100% safe to drink. As mentioned, we have stringent standards to adhere to in terms of treatment and monitoring that ensure this is always the case.

You described some customers reporting very discoloured water. This may be more related to changes in the rates of flow in the pipe network than the groundwater. When demand changes in any scheme, it is common for harmless minerals like iron, manganese and calcium that build up in the pipes over time to be stirred up, causing some discolouration. While this is inconvenient, again, please be assured the water remains safe to drink.

If customers experience discolouration as described, we encourage them to contact us on 13 13 75, so that we can assess and respond accordingly”.