

## BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 4/03/20

Meeting opened: 7.01pm

Present: Fred Mills (President), Helen van der Waal (Treasurer), Jodie Hornum (Secretary), Wendy Ayers, Geoff McMullen, Helen Christensen, Wayne Irvine, John Bailey, Ron Robertson, Noelene King, Jackie Massey, Janine Milton, Geoff McMullen, John Ranieri, Deb Vanallen, Mike Staffa, Sonja, Jeff Pow, Ben Rose (Shire of Donnybrook Balingup CEO)

Apologies: Douglas Gordon, Sharon Smith, Pier Christensen, Mike King, Brian Piesse, David Ayers, Jenny de Garis and Brian de Garis.

### Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting:

Resolution - that the minutes of the of the Balingup Progression Association meeting held on 5/02/20 at the Balingup Community Centre be read and confirmed as true and accurate.

Moved (J. Hornum) / Seconded (G. McMullen)

**Carried**

### Business arising from previous minutes:

#### 1. Community Centre toilets (Fred Mills)

Fred presented details of a quote from a local contractor, a total of \$24,000 for three toilets (including two disabled toilets) plus \$3000 for leach drain works if required. Including the Shire budget allocation, the quote was higher than previous estimates such the BPA's SFFD Trust Fund Application.

**Fred to bring designs and additional quotes to next meeting.**

#### 2. SFFD Grant application (Fred Mills)

*Presentation of designs and final costings, agreed proposal to be forwarded to SFFD Trust Fund – refer to Item 1.*

#### 3. Hall management group

Discussion on creating a hall management committee included the functionality of the existing booking system via the Shire and the option to apply for a waiver of fees (currently one waiver per group, per category per annum) are good reasons as to why a hall committee is not necessary. The Shire CEO indicated he would be happy to review multiple waiver fee requests. Noelene suggested adding a statement on to the waiver agreement, asking if a group would like to make a donation.

**Motion – the Hall Management Group item be taken off the agenda.**

Moved (J.Hornum) / Seconded (G. McMullen)

**Carried**

Discussion on increasing use of the Hall in past meetings has included presentations on Music and Other Performances and Testing the Balingup Town Hall acoustics for performance by Gary and Louise Hodge and BPA has advertised an expression of interest for a volunteer to represent BPA to begin this project, with no real advancement. After the competition of the Balingup Hall refurbishment project, BPA distributed posters to encourage community to host an event to make use of the upgraded facilities. A few music events have been since been hosted at the hall and most recently an Old Time Dance arranged by the Donnybrook Country Music Club.

Ian Reynolds, President of the Donnybrook Country Music Club, has communicated they will be calling out for assistance next time they have a dance in the Balingup Hall. Some of the things they will ask for help with is the setting up of the tables and chairs in the Hall, transporting chairs from the Tennis Club over to the Hall to be used for the event and then return them, and help with the Raffles and activities that are run at the Dance.

The meeting agreed assistance with events and use of the hall can be provided from BPA members generally.

Noelene King suggested arranging to have the Tennis Club chairs repaired (rubber stoppers replaced) and they can then be left at the hall. **Noelene to contact Shire regarding repairs and BADSA to formalise arrangement.**

Jackie Massey asked if members at the meeting would be interested in other uses of the hall such as showing of movies in the Winter, like those held in Nannup. **Jackie to raise suggestion with the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup.**

#### 4. Balingup Community Climate Change Plan

Climate Change Talk with Garry Middle will be held at **Balingup Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> March from 2-3pm**

'Breathing Life Into Boodja' a documentary screening fundraiser for Gondwana Link will be held at **Balingup Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> March from 2-3pm** <https://facebook.com/events/s/film-fundraiser/235184824168274/?ti=ia>

5. Radio Balingup (Noelene or Helen for Douglas Gordon)

*Radio Balingup transmitter is now in operation on 98.5 FM. Barry Green has been in contact regarding an 'Opening' event for Balingup broadcasting. Douglas will report back to the meeting on what assistance is needed.*

A meeting was attended by Carolyn Austin, Noelene King, Helen Christensen, Geoff McMullen with Donnybrook Balingup Community Radio. The request from Barry Green was that BPA contact all shopkeepers and commercial Association members encouraging them to give local sponsorship to the station and offering "On Air interview spots on the Village Green Live broadcast" by arrangement.

**The Grand Opening of Balingup 98.5FM will be held at the Village Green on the 29<sup>th</sup> March from 9am to 1pm.**

<https://facebook.com/events/s/grand-opening-of-balingup-985f/210860676700776/?ti=ia>

**Motion – that BPA pay for the catering to a maximum cost of \$400.**

Moved (H. Christensen) / Seconded (N. King)

**Carried**

6. Townscape Committee Update (Helen Christensen)

- Town entrance statements and outline of proposal to be presented for comment and view on public notice boards (presentation of photographed examples) – it was noted the design and plan has been revised, the idea is for the colour bond cut-outs to be staggered on the left hand side of north entrance to the town, starting after the Balingup town sign. They include a Scarecrow, a Pied Piper, a Knight and a Dragon and will measure 1500 high and 1100 wide. They will be attached to steel posts and will be moveable therefore changes to their position can be made. Public Comment can be made to the Townscape Committee via email to [info@balinguppa.com.au](mailto:info@balinguppa.com.au), the information for comment will be on display at the Balingup Post Office and General Store. **Comments close 19<sup>th</sup> March.**
- Townscape and Damien Morgan from the Shire of DB have reviewed the footpaths effected by tree roots from the Village Green an along the main street. There will some changes being made to the tree surrounds and with the next Shire budget the roots will be cut back and the footpath resurfaced.
- Honour Board at Balingup Hall refurbishment, a higher resolution photo is needed for sending to contractor for quote. **Jodie to take photo of honour board.**

Correspondence In:

from Bronwyn Hodgson, Shire of DB, April 2020 School Holiday Program (7/02/20)

from Noelene King, Cobblestones Balingup quote from Covert Signs (8/02/20)

from Sharon Smith, Repairs to BBQ trailer (17/02/20)

from Douglas Gordon, Meeting to discuss opening of radio Balingup (26/02/20)

from Leith Guthridge, Strategic Building Projects and Assets, Shire DB, Renewal of Balingup Community Centre Toilets (28/02/20)

from Anna Sabatini, Climate Change Talk 14<sup>th</sup> March and Film Breathing Life Into Boodja 21<sup>st</sup> March (29/02/20)

from Paul Davis, Balingup Welding and Civil Pty Ltd Invoice (1/03/20)

from Steve Potter, Executive Manager Operations, Shire DB, Balingup Weir – Shire of Donnybrook (4/03/20) (received at meeting)

from Damien Morgan, Manager Works & Services, Shire DB, Speed Zoning – Balingup Nannup Road

from Main Roads, Main Roads: South Western Highway Balingup – Maintenance Works March 2020

from Water Corporation, Greenbushes to Kirup Link – Project Update – Balingup Progress Association – March 2020

Correspondence Out:

to Ben Rose, CEO, Shire of Donnybrook Balingup re Availability of vehicle for watering townsite trees in Balingup

to Roger Sumner, VP Shamrock Sporting Club re BBQ trailer not available for sale

to Janine Milton, SFFD re BPA – SFFD Trust Fund (via Helen Christensen)

Resolution - that correspondence be received.

Moved (J. Hornum) / Seconded (Helen Christensen)

**Carried**

**Treasurers Report: (to be filed)**

Closing Balances: as of 29/02/20

BPA operating Account \$ 8246.31

Bendigo Bank Term Deposit 1 \$ 11915.55

Bendigo Bank Term Deposit 2 \$ 34827.19

Other amounts held for

Memorial Grants	\$ 260.17
Men In Sheds	\$ 400.00
Avenue of Honour	\$ 1163.04

Accounts for payment: Synergy \$170.93, Australia Post \$39, Balingup Welding and Civil \$400, Bell Fire \$73.70  
Payment received at meeting:

**Query over amount of invoice for BBQ trailer repair, two or more quotes required for future maintenance.  
Hire income from BBQ trailer to be itemised in future reporting.**

Resolution - that the Treasurer's report be accepted.  
Moved (H. van der Waal) / Seconded (Jackie Massey)

**Carried**

**Guest Speaker: Ben Rose, CEO, Shire of Donnybrook Balingup**

Projects; there are several current projects involving Federal and State funding such as the Donnybrook Apple Fun Park, Donnybrook Goods Shed/Heritage Precinct, Tuia Lodge expansion and fire repression system, affordable housing project, Fire Sheds. Concept plans are being developed for the Donnybrook Sports Precinct and Donnybrook Health Precinct.

The Drought Communities Program has recently announced the Donnybrook Balingup Shire is eligible to apply for up to one million dollars to fund economic development projects. This is based on the rainfall received in the Shire over past years. These projects will need to be improving economic resilience and are based on criteria set out by the Drought Communities Program.

The AGM of Electors of the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup will be held at the Council Chambers in Donnybrook on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 5.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2018/19 Annual Report and any general business of electors of the district.

<https://www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/special-council-meeting/annual-general-meeting-of-electors-2020/274>

Members from the meeting in turn asked questions of Ben Rose as CEO on the following subjects

- **Balingup Projects;** it was queried why there was no mention of current projects in Balingup and communicated this was disappointing.
- **Drought Communities Program;** the meeting asked for more details on the criteria for eligible projects, it was discussed past funding was based on economic resilience. The details of the criteria were to be provided at meetings scheduled for the following day and will be reported back.  
There was further discussion on if the funding could be used support farming and if this would be considered an economic benefit. Other ideas included water shortage, bores, BPA's current Balingup Nannup Road Proposal, Blackwood River salinity, toilets at the Community Centre, climate mitigation.
- **Climate Mitigation;** it was asked if the Shire plans to address Climate Mitigation as part of its policies. It was indicated this query would need to be put forward to Council.
- **Balingup Nannup Road Proposal;** it was asked what the timeline was on this proposal, BPA had received a response to the correspondence regarding the proposal but not details as to when it would be addressed. (Ben Rose to follow up).
- **Bore at Balingup Oval;** Balingup Townscape Committee representatives spoke of their disappointment that their application was not addressed at the last Shire Council meeting. Discussion on the proposed bore at the oval included delays in accessing water if there is a wait for funding, Townscape offering to cover the cost of bore and have these costs refunded in the Shire's 2020/2021 budget. The water source/location has already been identified.

**New General Business:**

1. A Taxi Service is now available in Balingup, contact William Marshall 0456 486 473.
2. Balingup Historical Group (Helen Christensen)

The group will be hosting an afternoon tea for Friends of the Exhibition and opening of a new display on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion – that BPA pay for the catering to a maximum cost of \$300.**

Moved (H. Christensen) / Seconded (J. Hornum)

**Carried**

### 3. Coordinator role (Geoff Pow)

Geoff asked what the BPA's position on the employment of a paid Coordinator to assist the Small Farm Field Day's committee. He noted key chair holders were stepping down this year and perhaps we were looking at not having a SFFD next year due to lack new volunteers coming forward.

Janine reported the SFFD Committee were now accepting of the possible need to employ a coordinator. She asked BPA to recognise SFFD's funding obligations and that they were not an incorporated committee.

This was followed by discussion about past meetings on this subject and if BPA needed to consider employing a coordinator for events. Suggestions on how to recruit for this position included head hunting and asking directly, advertise an expression of interest on the SFFD flyers or booklets. Ben told the meeting the part time coordinator employed by the Apple Festival was also employed by a Nannup event and they maybe a possible recruit.

BMC's concern was the employment of a coordinator, either singularly or shared, is not detrimental to the event/s.

**Motion – that the SFFD Committee advertise an expression of interest for the position of Coordinator and interview will be held after this year's SFFD event. That the BPA supports the position of the SFFD to advertise for a paid coordinator.**

Moved (J. Milton) / Seconded (H. Christensen)

**Carried**

Ben Rose said the Shire of DB would offer support in promoting Expressions of Interest for a Coordinator by the SFFD.

**Deb Vanallen to follow up on examples of position descriptions and contracts.**

### 4. Cobble Stones and Water Corporation pipeline (Wayne Irvine)

Wayne reported he had received correspondence from the Water Corporation stating the pipeline will cross the road where there are no visible stones but was concerned it said there were "no currently identified cobble stones." Wayne will be requesting a map with more detail of the location and will forward emails to the BPA.

It was suggested we propose a meeting with their representative. John Ranieri stated he had met Mr Francis from the Water Corporation onsite last year and was of the understanding this matter has been finalised and the location of the stones had been identified. As reported at previous BPA meetings, the wording and a quote for signage at the location of the stone been prepared. Helen Christensen suggest Townscape pay for and install the signage.

**BPA to follow up on signage and onsite meeting (Fred Mills)**

### 5. Water (Deb Vanallen)

Deb asked if we thought the 'decision makers' knew of the severity of the current water shortage in our area and felt there was a need for a formal discussion on this issue as a group.

It was suggested BPA could take on gathering this information and presenting it to relevant bodies. Other comments included the needs of both farming and tourism, the question of sustainable water supplies and the benefits of forward planning. The upcoming Climate Change talk was seen to be an opportunity to ask more about these topics.

The merit of compulsory water collection by households and industry led to queries about the Shire's current water tank policy.

### 6. 40km Speed Zones (Noelene King)

Noelene queried when there will an opportunity to give feedback on the 6-month trial of 40km speed zones in some townsites including Balingup. Ministers and CEO's are scheduled to be meeting about the review committee and Ben expects to know this information soon.

#### Dates to Remember/Events

March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Origins Centre, Music concert
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Shire Outdoor Film, Donnybrook
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Climate Change talk
<b>March 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Balingup townsite entrance Comments closing</b>
<del>March 21<sup>st</sup></del>	<del>Breathing Life Into Boodja Film (cancelled)</del>
<del>March 21<sup>st</sup></del>	<del>Free Family Concert (cancelled)</del>
<b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Shire Council Meeting</b>
<b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>DB Radio, Balingup Tower Opening</b>

This meeting closed: 8.54pm

Next Meeting: April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm