

## **Balingup Progress Association Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Present:** Noelene & Michael King, Joe Taylor, Geoff McMullen, John Ranieri, Brian DeGaris, Fred Mills, Jodie Hornum, Per & Helen Christensen, Chrissy Sharpe, Ron Robertson,

**Apologies:** Sue Whiting, Jenny Degaris, Janine Milton, Wendy Ayers

### **Amendments to March Minutes:**

**Visitor:** Mary Taylor, Chaplain at Balingup Primary School.

Steve and Douglas's report to the shire should have read, **Trax and Trails**

**Golden Valley Tree Park:** The letter to the shire stated that they are **not opposed** to the Southampton Road upgrade and widening but would not support the road to be used by double B trucks to access SH road onto the SW highway.

**Minutes** of the March meeting received as true and correct. Moved Geoff, 2nd Helen Carried.

### **Business Arising from March Minutes:**

DEPAW will not fund signage for the walk trail from Old Padbury Road to Golden Valley, BPA paid for signs for Trax and Trail markers and they have coloured scarecrow triangle markers which can be used for this walk. Chrissy will organize installation.

### **Correspondence In:**

1. Premium Publishers Invoice for Advert in Bunbury Geographe Magazine for \$1188
2. Request for invoice from DBK-BLP Shire for invoice from BHPG \$1500 for rental space.
3. Reply from DBK-BLP in regard to Footpaths & Paths and Trails
4. Thank You from the Chaplain at Balingup School for \$800 donation to the Breakfast Program
5. From Roger Rogerson in regard to removal of the RSL Chimney on SW HWY Padbury's Hill
6. Remittance from Shire for \$1500 BHPG and \$635 refund for Vol A/Tea in November 2017.
7. Review of Paths Trax 'n' Trails presentation to the Shire from Steve Milton

**Correspondence Out:** None. Moved Brian, 2nd Mike K.

**Treasurers Report:** President John Ranieri reported an opening balance of \$11,019.48 and a closing balance of \$9,347.82 with two cheques still to be presented. Approval was given for payment to Helen Christensen for \$200 for payment to cleaner for the months of March April May and June. Brian DeGaris, \$66 fee for Association Incorporation Regulations. Moved Ron, 2nd Per All in favour, **Carried**

### **General Business:**

**Trax & Trails Summary:** From the Council viewpoint the presentation probably becomes an addendum to the Councils Trax and Trails study carried out two years ago, and could be given a priority within the "across the whole Shire" Trax and Trails development budget. If the pathways (sidewalks) around the townsite were raised as a safety issue, this would elevate their priority. BPA and Townscape committee write to the CEO raising this issue, prioritizing the worst sections to be done first.

Council has a very limited budget for sidewalks and pathway renovations, but safety (particularly on a gopher) is a strong driver. 1. Alan Rothery walk needs to be upgraded to the highest level and a No 1 priority. It would become a role model for finished Trax in the future. Try to retain trees and make footpaths to accommodate them. 2. Racecourse reserve via Amber Valley and cemetery. All walk trails would be a loop. Foreshores along waterways are under native title and would need to be in consultation with an Elder.

**Medieval Carnival:** Several Wattle trees on the carnival site have been looked at by an arborist and based on the information it is recommended that they be removed due to the rotting of the trunks. M/C will pay for the removal and if needed will re plant using mature trees. Moved Fred 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen. All in Favour.

**Removal of RSL Chimney:** Due to the widening of Padbury's hill on the south side of Balingup, the old RSL chimney needs to be removed. It is suggested that it could be relocated to the Birdwood Avenue of Honour. Wayne arranged for Roger Rogerson to inspect the old fireplace and chimney to ascertain its structural state. Roger did some measurements of the chimney and some drawings and calculated the weight around 12 on tons. With industrial glad wrap, the top part of the chimney could be separated which would reduce the weight by around 4 tons, that would leave the main structure around 8 tons, the same industrial glad wrap with a frame to support the fireplace (bottom half) would be able to be picked up by a large loader and transported to a pre-prepared hole. Roger's suggestion is to contact Greenbushes Talison and see if they would donate some help. Main Roads had offered to move the stones up to Birdwood. The chimney was built between 1930 and 1950 and was originally the Balingup Golf Club House, when it moved it was sold to the RSL, only the chimney remains. The quality of work is average, cement mortar, but still a beautiful work that needs to be preserved. **Wayne to follow up**

**Historical Town Walk:** 10 signs are currently being prepared for buildings in the main street with another 10 being developed. The Magpie is the emblem for the signs, this being the old and current logo on the school jumpers and colour of the uniforms.

**Upgrade of Southampton Road:** Main Roads consulted community members in regard to future plans for SW Hwy and SH Road. The entrance to SH will be moved towards the Catholic Church, this will allow for a slip lane for traffic waiting turning into SH road. The upgrade and widening of SH is Shire related and may take up to 2 years. Roberts Road will become a cul-de-sac at the Catholic Church end. A plan can be viewed at the Library.

**Balingup in 5 – 15 years:** 2032

The date for the workshop is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Of May at the Balingup Recreation Centre. From 2pm – 4 pm with nibbles after the workshop. Questions: How we would like to develop, how do we keep our town vibrant and a place where people stop to visit? A facilitator will direct the meeting.

A crèche will be available and children are welcome to attend.

**Lease for BPA Land:** This is still to be negotiated by the shire with the current owner of the Railway Land. Noelene to Action

**Racecourse Reserve:** Upgrades to walk trails and firebreaks have been very successful.

**ANZAC DAY: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, March 10.30am, Service 11am, P&C Sausage Sizzle**

**Meeting Closed 8.45pm**

**Next meeting: First Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018. 7pm Balingup Community Centre**

**Agenda: Balingup in the future  
Old Balingup Website**

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