

Balingup Progress Association Meeting Wednesday 7th February 2018

Present: Michael Staffa, Noelene & Michael King, Joe Taylor, Geoff McMullen, John Ranieri, Brian & Jenny DeGaris, Fred Mills, Jodie Hornum, Peta Knapton, Steve Milton, Per. & Helen Christensen, Jan Helsham, Wendy Ayers,

Apologies: Janine Milton, Don Cooper Sue Whiting

Minutes of the December meeting received as true and correct. Moved Fred, 2nd Michael Staffa, Carried.

Business Arising:

The BPA documentation required by SFFD to set up their Credit Card machine has been sent to Russel. Thank You Helen for a successful Australia Day Breakfast and thanks to the Ex- Lions for their cooking, to BPA members for their help on the day and the DBK-BLP Shire

Treasurers Report: President John Ranieri reported an opening balance of \$17,193.45.

Expenses were \$6,173.97 leaving a balance of \$11,019.48. Approval was given for payment to Pest Control, Helen Christensen for expenses for AD Breakfast and Balingup General Store.

BPA is still to be reimbursed from Shire for Volunteers Thank You in November.

Moved Peta, 2nd Geoff. All in favour, **Carried**

The BPA email address is: **info@balinguppa.com.au**

Correspondence In:

1. Pest Control Invoice
2. Balingup General Store.

Correspondence Out: None Moved Michael K, 2nd Wendy

General Business:

It was reported there were white ants in the work space area; this has been addressed by Pest Control Co

Paths Tracks & Trails. The sub-committee has been working on this project since 2014 and any paths tracks and trails put in place now will be there for the future and can be built on to extend to other points of interest in Balingup. There are already several link paths which could be upgraded and the committee is also looking at cycle tracks and paths throughout the SW. The Brook trail is completed and signs will be posted every 100 metres to guide walkers. BPA approved \$500 for signage at the Nov meeting.

Brook trail is the basis for several other walks that will lead off to Birdwood Park, Racecourse Reserve and Amber Valley. The work has been accomplished with the help of the committee, Townscape and the many BPA volunteers. The other area the Sub-committee looked at was the maintenance and safety of our existing footpaths within the town. There was concern that an extension of the footpath from the corner of Dearle Street to the Cheese Factory was proposed in 2008 and has never been completed and in some areas residents and visitors were forced to walk on the road, particularly when large events were held in the town.

The trails document is attached to the minutes

Motion: BPA write to the Shire seeking support for Paths Tracks and Trails and help to seek/obtain funding for maintenance on the existing trails and to request a presentation by the committee on the Paths Tracks and Trails project at a Shire Council Meeting. **Moved Jan Helsham, 2nd Wendy All in favour**

Motion: BPA request a copy of the existing footpath plan for Balingup. Moved Helen, 2nd Per. All in favour

Cleaner: Has been appointed to clean the Community Centre every Monday.

Permission was given for the purchase of new matching cups/mugs for the Community Centre

Townscape Committee: BPA request that the Townscape committee write to the DBK – BLP requesting street tree planting in Bailey Heights. Moved Jan, 2nd Noelene

New Constitution Rules: Brian DeGaris, Helen Christensen and Malcom Lee have been working on the new guidelines in regard to the Association Incorporation Regulations

A new Balingup Progress Association (INC) Rules has been **drafted** for all members to read and make comment on. Many of the original rules and constitution is incorporated in the document.

The document is attached to the minutes and a hard copy will be placed in the library.

The document will be discussed at the next BPA meeting on the 7th March.

It would be appreciated if any proposed amendments to the draft constitution be put in writing 7 days prior to the meeting. These can be addressed to **PO Box 89 Balingup 6253**.

Defibrillator: Currently it is located in the Balingup Pharmacy and now needs to be re-located to a point which can be accessed at any time. Some suggestions were at the town hall, toilets on the Village Green or at the fireshed. St Johns Ambulance will install a locked box and in the case of an emergency when you dial triple 0 the operator will give you the key code to access the defibrillator. Notices will be put up when this has been installed

Shire Committees: At the last Shire Council meeting resolved to do away with the small community committees and redesign the committee system. No formal information has been sent to any of the committees. There Balingup Townscape Committee has played an important role in the development of the main street, Village Green, Yarri Park, Koolyamia Park, lighting the Village Green, clearing of the brook, upgrading the Rothery Walk, tree planting and many other projects.

Motion: A letter be sent to the DBK-BLP Shire to support the continuation of the Balingup Townscape Committee and request that it be able to continue its valuable contribution to the town. Moved Brian, 2nd Michael S. All in favour.

Balingup in 5 – 10 years:

It is planned to host a workshop in 2018 to think about where would Balingup like to be in 5 – 10 years, how we would like to develop, how do we keep our town vibrant and a place where people stop to visit? Are businesses sustainable? expansion of mining in other towns and its effects on us and our environment. If changes are going to happen we need to be able to control the outcome. We have a great lifestyle so how do we embrace changes and influences that may impact on our town. It would be of great benefit if younger community residents could be encouraged take part in the workshop. A facilitator could be sourced free of charge from Business South West. Moved Fred, 2nd Jan

The Balingup Visitors Centre: is now included in the Bunbury Geographic Region and the manager has asked if the BPA would be interested in running an advertisement promoting our major events in the 6 monthly magazine which is put into airports and visitors center's all around WA. The cost is \$1000 for 1 year. It was agreed that we put an advert in which would include the promotion of BPA, SFFD, Medieval Carnavale, Telling Tales and Art & Craft fair. Moved Helen 2nd Wendy Majority in favour.

Medieval Carnivale: Volunteers meet every Sunday at the Community workspace (down near the tavern) from 1-4pm. Afternoon tea included. All welcome.

Peta Knapton thanked the BPA for their support for the Art and Craft Affair held in May.

Balingup Friend of the Forrest, BOFF has a new dynamic committee and is running several walks around Balingup. Please keep check the notice board at PO for future walks.

Free Movie: Lion on the Village Green 7.30pm bring a picnic, drinks and chair. This is funded by the DBK-BLP Shire.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Next meeting: First Wednesday 7 March 2018

Agenda: New Constitution Rules Association Incorporation Regulations

Meeting Date for Balingup Future Workshop

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