

## **Balingup Progress Association Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Present:** Noelene King, Geoff McMullen, John Ranieri, Helen Christensen, Wendy Ayers, Malcom lee, Jeff Pow, Helen Vander Waal

**Apologies:** Sue Whiting, Jodie Hornum, Janine Milton, Wendy Ayers, Michael King, Joe Taylor, Fred Mills, Per Christensen, Chrissy Sharpe, Fred Mills, Chris Spence

**Minutes:** As there were only notes taken at the May meeting due to not having a quorum, the April minutes were received as true and correct. Moved Geoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Carried.

Membership fees from Helen Vander Waal & Jeff Pow

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

Plaques for the Town Heritage walk are currently being printed with funding from Townscape and SFFD. Trees have been removed from Medieval Carnival grounds.

### **Correspondence In:**

1. SFFD requesting another BPA member for the SFFD trust committee and also a community position which will be advertised on notice boards.  
Noelene nominated Geoff McMullen as a BPA member, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy A
2. Lease agreement from the DBK – BLP Shire for the area around the Community Centre and workspace from 2018. Noelene moved that this be signed off 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy

**Correspondence Out:** None. Moved Wendy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen.

**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 of accounts of \$499. Moved Helen C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen V

### **General Business:**

It was recorded a very big vote of thanks to Malcom Lee for his work on the Association Incorporation Rules & Regulations. This has been a very lengthy process and Balingup Progress Association appreciates the huge amount of time put in by Malcom. Also thank you to Helen Christensen and Brian Degaris

Thank you to Noelene for her assistance with the 2030 workshop.

**2030 Workshop:** Major issues regarding the future of Balingup were:

- Cultural Art Hub Cultural Centre / golden Valley Tree Park
- Sustainable Town
- Value adding produce
- Rural Fire Station
- Tourism
- Education entre for food sustainability
- Marketing Strategy
- Railway to re-open / Trucks/ Tourism

How to drive these ideas – Sub Committees / Create Educated Co-ordination.

President John will approach several people in regard to the Cultural Art Hub

If there are any community members interested in progressing any of the above topics please contact John on 0438 996 848

### **Re-open Railway / Trucks / Tourism**

**Motion:** that BPA appoint a committee to inform it as to the desirability of future action by BPA to support re-opening the South West rail line between Bunbury and Pemberton, in particular the possibility of establishing a tourist train service on that line. Moved Malcom Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen C. All in Favor.

The committee comprises: Malcom Lee, Jeff Pow, Chrissy Sharpe, and Don Cooper. Malcom suggested that members may be interested in the Dowerin Shire Website and how they have established and maintained their rail network.

**Achievements of BPA:** Over the past 35 years Balingup Progress Association has been very successful with the achievements of many community events which have not been promoted or recognized. It is the umbrella for Patches and Craft, Men in Shed, Balingup Historical Project Group, Community Gardens, Mullalyup Improvement Group, Medieval Carnival, Small Farm Field Day, Community Markets, Art Affair and Telling Tales.

Jeff Pow has kindly offered to promote BPA achievements and history and future events on Social Media and Facebook.

**Community Radio:** Donnybrook Community Radio would like to expand its coverage into Balingup, (currently it only goes as far as Newlands). So we can find out more as to what this would require from Balingup, Barry green will be invited to speak at the July BPA meeting.

**Playgroup:** A playgroup would like to use the community centre every Thursday morning, this had been operating at the Balingup Primary school, however the room has now been used for other purposes. All members were in favor of a trial of 1 month.

**Brook Walk:** Trax and Trails signs are being erected

**Tennis Club:** AGM for Balingup tennis Club will be held in the Balingup Rec Centre at 7pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. This is for an election of new office bearers and to decide if the tennis club will progress with trying to obtain some hard courts. UPDATE This year three courts 2,4,&5 near the brook, have been top dressed and sprayed for weeds and look in pretty good condition. Courts 1,2,&3 would be the ones planned to be made into hard courts. About 12 members have been playing tennis at Greenbushes over the past season and it is hoped that by November we may be able to start up again at Balingup. Everyone welcome

**Chimney:** Main Roads would like to remove the Chimney by September, by then several issues need to be finalized by the Birdwood committee: Relocation point, Birdwood Avenue, this will need Shire approval and safety requirements once relocated, until the structure is rebuilt. Main Roads will endeavor to move the structure as complete as possible otherwise they may need to cut the chimney into pieces and BPA will reconstruct on new site. If it is not possible to rebuild as a chimney / memorial, it could be rebuilt as a seat or BBQ. Wayne Irvine to investigate Shire approval.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm Next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 7pm

### **Agenda:**

#### **2030 Workshop Update from community Groups**

Barry Green Community Radio Guest Speaker.

#### **Additional Notes:**

A few sub committee working groups have come out of the 2030 works shop and these will be discussed at the July meeting.

There is to be a meeting to discuss the money the labor party gave to the renewal project for the town hall, this date still has to be set by the Shire so will keep our members informed of when it happens.