

## **Balingup Progress Association Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Present:** William Marshall, Michael Staffa, Noelene & Michael King, Joe Taylor, Geoff McMullen, John Ranieri, Brian DeGaris, Fred Mills, Jodie Hornum, Per & Helen Christensen, Chrissy Sharpe, Wayne Irvine, Ron Robertson, Malcom Lee, Stephanie Doyle, John Wheatley

**Apologies:** Wendy & David Ayers, Sue Whiting, Jenny Degaris, Marsha Wachala, Bronja Slava.

**Visitor:** Mary Wheatley Chaplain at Balingup Primary School.

Minutes of the February meeting should have read, Paths, Trails & Tracks

**Minutes** of the February meeting received as true and correct. Moved Geoff, 2nd Michael S Carried.

### **Presentation:**

**Mining Exploration:** Stephanie Doyle spoke in regard to letters received by residents along Jaye's Road from Lithium Power International (LPI). Currently there is a \$320 million dollar expansion being carried out in Greenbushes and as Lithium is such a marketable product LPI are looking for future deposits and are the holder of a general exploration tenement that overlays some properties, including the areas around Mullalyup, Southampton and North Greenbushes. Residents can refuse to allow the exploration on their properties. However taking no action could bolster their position.

Steph has done some research into this and would like to hear and be a contact for any residents who may have concerns in regard to this matter. She can be contacted on stephanie@thegreenroom.net.au

Steph will keep BPA updated on the matter.

### **Correspondence In:**

1. Association Act Rules and Info workshop in DBK Invite ( Helen, Brian, Malcom attended)
2. Scholarship for Volunteers to attend a conference in Sydney (all expenses paid) from Nola Marino
3. Invitation from CEO Ben Rose to all community volunteers to a "Thank You BBQ & entertainment in Donnybrook on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. RSVP 19<sup>th</sup> March for free bus and attendance. 97804 200
4. From Steph Doyle in regard to Lithium Exploration.
5. Bell fire Equipment Invoice

### **Correspondence Out:**

1. Support letter to shire for Paths Tracks and Trails
2. Support letter to Shire for retaining Townscape Committee.
3. Letter sent from Townscape re tree planting in Bailey Heights.
4. To Shire requesting any existing plans for future paths in Balingup

Moved Helen C, 2nd Mike K.

**Treasurers Report:** President John Ranieri reported an opening balance of \$11,019.48 and a closing balance of \$9,314.82... Approval was given for payment to Balingup Post Office, Helen Christensen for \$50 payment to cleaner, Marsha Wachala for payment to TNT Graphics (signage for Brook Trail) BPA is still to be reimbursed from Shire for Volunteers Thank You in November.

Moved Brian 2nd Per All in favour, **Carried**

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

### **General Business:**

**Paths, Tracks & Trails.** To help this project progress , it was moved that: BPA adopt the Paths, Tracks & Trails document which will then allow Cr Mills and Cr King to promote the document to the Shire Council. Moved Geoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian All in Favour. The Paths Tracks and Trails Committee have been invited to present their document at the next full council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> March.

It was requested that in regard to the Rapids and Kerr block link the document should read: "These would suggest involvement by Friends of the Bibbulman and add **"Balingup Friends of the Forrest (B.O.F.F)"**

## **New Constitution Rules / Balingup Progress Assoc INC**

Thank you to Brian DeGaris, Helen Christensen and Malcom Lee who have incorporated all the rules required by government into our constitution in regard to the Association Incorporation Regulations.

**Motion:** It was moved that the existing Balingup Progress Association Rules be recinded and the new Balingup Progress Association (INC) Rules be accepted/adopted. **Moved Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen All in Favour.**

**Golden Valley:** Over the years the GV committee have requested a walking trail sign from DEPAW from the old Padbury Road to the Tree Park. This has not happened. Chrissy will follow up and if no sign is forthcoming BPA may fund the sign. Moved Chrissy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen

**Balingup Primary School Chaplain:** Mary Wheatley has been appointed as part time chaplain at BPS and is seeking support for the Breakfast program at the school to operate on more than one day. They would also like to have lunches available for anyone who forgets their lunch. The school would appreciate any community members who would be interested in helping with the program which operates on Wednesdays at 7.30am for about 2 hours. Some food is supplied to the school by food bank but other dietary items are required. Balingup Progress Association had in the past offered to donate money to a school project. Anyone handy with nails & timber or wishing to volunteer please call the BPS on 97641093.

**Motion:** BPA donate \$800 to the BPS to fund / assist the breakfast program. **Moved Brian, 2nd Helen. All in Favour.** Members requested that BPA write an article in regard to the donation for the Preston Press and Greenbushes Balingup Newsletter. Mary will send a report to the BPA on the program.

**Medieval Carnivale:** It was reported that due to the publicity from the \$12,000 donation to Balingup Primary School article in local newsletters M/C had gained several more volunteers.

## **Balingup in 5 – 10 years:**

It is planned to host a workshop in May 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? A facilitator is available free of charge from Business South West. A format and date will be set at the April Meeting

**Advertisement for the** Bunbury Geographic Region magazine advert was presented to BPA promoting the BPA, SFFD, Medieval Carnivale, Telling Tales and Art & Craft fair.

**Golden Valley Tree Park:** have sent a letter to the shire stating that they are opposed to the Main Roads plan for the Southampton Road upgrade. The upgrade will involve the removal of vegetation and allow B trains to access SH road onto the highway. They believe the upgrade is not necessary as there are other routes to service log trucks without running them through Balingup. The plan is incompatible with a tourist attraction. Discussion ensued re the Southampton Rd upgrade with some suggestion that some of the Road is in need of upgrade due to safety concerns, particularly the section from the Highway to about 300metres beyond the junction with Padbury Rd. It was also confirmed that the intersection works at the Highway was under the jurisdiction of MRWA with the upgrade of Southampton Rd being Shire responsibility. It was suggested that we should direct our lobbying for the road not to be used by double B trucks. This upgrade has not been discussed at a Council meeting. Main Road have a consultation session from 1 – 2pm on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> of March at the community Centre this is open to community members.

**Meeting Closed 8.45pm**

**Next meeting: First Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018. 7pm Balingup Community Centre**

**Agenda: Balingup in the future**

**More Info: John 97641686 or Noelene 97641080**