

MINUTES 2/09/26	GENERAL MEETING, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.	
Meeting opened	6.00pm	
Present	J.Hornum, W.Ayers, R.Thomas, G.McMullen,T.Benson, K.Menard, D.Guy, I.Guy, C. Bailey, J. Taylor, M. Giles, N. Aldridge,	
Visitor	S. Delaporte	
Apologies	W.Trow, C.Maddison,	
NEW BUSINESS		
Alan Rothery Walk	The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup is preparing an application to the Active Transport Fund for an upgrade to the Alan Rothery Walk. The project involves the design and construction of a new boardwalk and concrete pathway to replace sections of the existing gravel and asphalt path that are regularly impacted by flooding from Balingup Brook. Balingup Progress Association has provided a letter of support.	Information
Resilience	W.Trow is still investigating scheme water infrastructure in Balingup with Water Corporation. She requests approval for BPA write to the Shire (when Water Corp responds), asking Council to: • evaluate the effectiveness of fixed infrastructure (scheme water) and fire fighting resources to confirm that, recent changes will not affect the response times/ ability to respond to bushfire threats, • lobby Water Corporation to improve fixed infrastructure, • better inform the community about the impact of changes made to fire fighting resources and current limitations of the scheme water supply, and • carry out bushfire mitigation work along Jayes Road. This request was approved at the meeting.	W,Trow
Rainbow Rides - Balingup event (S. Delaporte)	Bring the whole family along to the FREE Rainbow Ride. This will be a community event in Balingup on Sunday the 4th of October, 9am to 12 noon at the Carnivale Grounds. The event will include a cycling activity (route below) along with stalls, local food and entertainment for all ages. Community groups are encouraged to participate and are welcome to host fundraising stalls such as cake stalls, sausage sizzle or showcase their group or event. Please contact Susie at the Shire if you are interested. The Rainbow Rides are being delivered in partnership by Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils and West Cycle, with support from Southern Forest & Valleys and the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup. Volunteer Roles are available with West Cycle to help host the event. Event details - https://southernforestsandvalleys.com/2026-uci-gravel-world-championships/rainbow-rides/ Route - https://westcycle.org.au/rainbow-rides/	Information

	Rainbow Rides are being held in Balingup, Bridgetown and Pemberton in the lead up to the main event, the UCI Gravel World Championships on 10–11 October in Nannup. This is the world’s premier gravel cycling event where the world’s best elite and amateur riders will compete for the rainbow jersey. UCI - https://southernforestsandvalleys.com/2026-uci-gravel-world-championships/			
Community Citizen of the Year Awards	Nominations are now open for the • Community Citizen of the Year Award • Senior Community Citizen of the Year Award • Young Community Citizen of the Year Award • Active Citizenship Award (group or event) Nominations close 31 October 2026, with award recipients to be announced on Australia Day 2027. Learn more and nominate here: www.citizenshipawards.com.au	Information		
Playground Committee	K. Magi reported a Playground Committee has been formed with the Shire's Director of Operations as the Chair for the proposed playground for older children. BalingupUpcycle's intention for the project was for the existing toddler playground to remain, and the new playground was to meet the needs of older children. K. Magi has been advised the Shire plan to demolish the existing playground. It was queried if a rationale detailing the reasons had been provided. BalingUpcycle are seeking community response regarding the demolition and support for it not to be removed. A petition is available at the General Store and Post Office. A show of hands at the meeting showed support of keeping the playground.	K. Magi		
Starlink Connection the Fire Shed	Following on from the issue of resilience, T. Benson raised a request for the BPA Starlink connection be extended to Fire Shed to create town coverage. One benefit would be boosted communications when dealing with fire control. Discussion to be held at next meeting with historical information on these plans.	T. Benson		
Report on Action Items Annex A	Ongoing (tabled) Complete (tabled)	Chair		
Correspondence list	Correspondence list accepted and received Moved: J. Hornum Seconded: R. Thomas	Secretary		
Umbrella Group Reports	None received	Secretary		
Confirmation of minutes previous meeting	Amendments (N) Moved: W. Ayres Seconded: R.Thomas	Carried (Y)		
Treasurer’s Report	<u>Bank account balances as of 31/8/2026</u> <table><tr><td>Operating Account</td><td>\$7,723.17</td></tr></table>	Operating Account	\$7,723.17	T.Benson
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	Trust Fund Account \$44,255.94 Term Deposit Insurance Reserve Account \$40,174.22 (\$3000 to be transferred to Trust Fund Account on next renewal) Term Deposit Future's Fund Account \$37,072.28 Coordinator Payment Account \$1.21 Treasurer's Report on bank balances accepted and received. Moved: T. Benson Seconded: G. McMullen	
Reminders	• Talison Open Day 19 Sept, 10am – 3pm • Balingup Medieval Carnivale Facilitated Feedback sessions at the Rec Centre on Thursday 24 Sept, 2-5pm or 6-9pm. Bring all your feedback and ideas • Rainbow Ride, Balingup 4 Oct, 9am-12pm, • Community fund discussions at Balingup Recreation Centre: ○ Tuesday 13th October at 5.30pm or ○ Saturday 17th October at 10am	
Meeting Closed	6.52pm	
Next Meeting	AGM Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 6pm	

as of 25/08/26	ACTION LIST, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC													
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Recreation Plan Jul 26/ A.Shah T.Saggers W.Trow	At the August meeting we discussed the Shire timeline for consultation for the Balingup Recreation Plan and agreed to: - liaise with the Shire to ensure that all Shire Councillors are invited to attend the workshop in November. - Widely advertise the workshop and encourage residents to attend. <table><tr><td>Aug 7th – early Sept</td><td>Draft Plan is expected first week in August and will be issued to Councillors and Shire Executive for review.</td></tr><tr><td>Sept</td><td>Consultant will facilitate a workshop with Council receive feedback and update Plan.</td></tr><tr><td>Oct</td><td>Plan endorsed at Council meeting and issued to community.</td></tr><tr><td>Nov</td><td>Community Comment period will be 4 weeks throughout November, and will include a Community Workshop in Balingup.</td></tr><tr><td>Dec/Jan</td><td>Consultant will update, based on feedback.</td></tr><tr><td>Feb</td><td>Final report will be issued to Council.</td></tr></table>	Aug 7 th – early Sept	Draft Plan is expected first week in August and will be issued to Councillors and Shire Executive for review.	Sept	Consultant will facilitate a workshop with Council receive feedback and update Plan.	Oct	Plan endorsed at Council meeting and issued to community.	Nov	Community Comment period will be 4 weeks throughout November, and will include a Community Workshop in Balingup.	Dec/Jan	Consultant will update, based on feedback.	Feb	Final report will be issued to Council.	ONGOING
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Landcare Aug 26/ W.Trow	Belinda O'Brien (Shire Technical Officer Parks & Reserves) has offered to attend a BPA meeting to share what the Shire is doing in the Balingup community in regard to bushland and Reserve management. W.Trow has invited Belinda to the September meeting. Belinda has advised she will not be attending as she does not approval from the Shire Management Team to do so. The CEO and the Director of Operations represent the Shire at these meetings, and have requested that any environmental matters requiring the Shire's attention be directed through them as the designated Shire representatives.	COMPLETE D												
Water costs May 26 W.Trow	BPA has written to Water Corp asking why Balingup is currently paying: 55% more than Donnybrook for standpipe water, and 72% more than Donnybrook for scheme water. And when we can expect infrastructure upgrade? Water Corp provided a response on 6 Aug. W.Trow has received a response but is seeking additional information.	ONGOING												
Building register March 26 J.Hornum D.Cameron	BPA currently do not maintain a register of work carried out. It was agreed that a register be maintained to record repairs and white ant treatment. J.Hornum to check BMC & BPA invoices – going back 5 years and start the register. D.Cameron to provide anecdotal information, with documents where possible.	COMPLETE D												

Shire sub-lease agreement Feb 26 W.Trow	The Shire has issued a draft sub-lease agreement for the community grounds (Brockman St). This has been reviewed and a 'plain English' version drafted by W.Trow. The Shire is redrafting an agreement suitable for groups that own their own premises. New draft agreement has been received. BPA Executive will progress when the new agreement is received (probably at the end of 2026)	ONGOING
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ANNEX B

Emails/Letters In

Note: This list does not include newsletters/general updates from other organisations.

Date	From	Subject	Action
5 Aug 26	BMC Treasurer	Paid invoice Primary School grant	TB
5 Aug	Water Corp	Water Bill \$174.70 credit	TB
6 Aug	Water Corp	Water bill \$114.58 credit	TB
13 Aug	Talison	Open Day 19 Sept	To all BPA
14 Aug	Water Corp J.Smith	Water infrastructure	WT
17 Aug	Dbk CRC	Confirmed BPA details for Preston press	WT
18 Aug	Dbk Shire	Alan Rothary walk	General business
19 Aug	Bendigo	Tyro reforms	TB
21 Aug	Bunbury Pre-Release	Confirm record updated	WT
24 Aug	Synergy	Invoice \$335.62	TB
24 Aug	James Wild	Community resilience enquiry	WT
24 Aug	G.Hodge	BACH SLA final draft report	JH

Letters/emails Out (in addition to those above)

Date	To	Subject	Actioned by
9 Aug	All BPA	BPA minutes	WT
9 Aug	All BPA	Workshop disability – Wed 10 Aug	WT
9 Aug	Shire B.O'Brien	Invite to next BPA meeting	WT
9 Aug	All umbrella groups	AGM & Insurance – request reports	WT
13 Aug	Water Corp J.Smith	Water infrastructure	WT
25 Aug	Shire	Letter support Alan Rothary walk	WT/JH