

<b>MINUTES 1/07/26</b>	<b>GENERAL MEETING, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.</b>	
Meeting opened	6.00pm	
Present	J.Hornum R.Thomas, W.Trow, K.Menard, W.Ayers, S.Smith, D.Guy, I.Guy, S.Noonan, I.Nissida, C.Maddison, T.Saggers	
Visitor		
Apologies	H.Christensen, T.Benson. C.Maddison, F.Wislhusen	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
Telling Tales	Inni advised Telling Tales is a one day event (Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July). Play will be Hansel & Gretel. Volunteers have stepped forward and all is going well. Talison has provided a grant – this is a welcome addition to the BPA community trust grant.	Informaiton
Balingup Brook Revegetation	Jay Prychla has submitted a plan to the Shire regarding the revegetation of Balingup Brook (up to Jalbrook). He is communicating with the Environmental Officer.	Information
Community Trust Grants	The Community Trust committee minutes are at Annex D. Ten requests were received requesting a total of \$24,821. 9 requests were approved – total value \$22,734.  A request from Balingup Primary School was received late and was forwarded to the Carnivale. BPA rules dictate that we cannot accept late requests.  <b>Treasurer requires Tax Invoices for all successful 2026 BPA Grant recipients.</b>	All successful grant recipients
Local Planning Strategy	The Shire has advised that, as a result of the significant volume of community objections and proximity to Golden Valley Tree Park, provisions for Lot 10 Old Padbury Road will be amended to provide for the protection of the Park as a natural asset.	Information
Balingup Sport & Recreation Strategy	Shire has advised that the final report from Otium will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform Council of the community priorities, provide budget estimates, suggested timeline, some concepts and mapping so Council can consider future resource allocations.</li> <li>• Assist with asset planning, funding/grant applications priorities and put Council in a position ready for the next election cycle(s).</li> </ul> <p>A.Shah raised some concerns about where the money will come from to construct/implement the strategy and how new facilities will be maintained.</p> <p>He also raised the issue of cheap accommodation in the area and suggested that could be incorporated in the Plan as a money making measure. He is working R.Marshall (Shire) on this.</p> <p>Anish advised that a motion has been put forward to Council for consideration at the July Council meeting). The motion requests a 90 day pause on further discussion of the Plan (after it has been delivered) so the community can determine if more input is</p>	Information  A.Shah  A.Shah  A.Shah

	<p>required. A.Shah will advise what process he intends to use to consult more thoroughly with the community.</p> <p>BPA recommends that community groups check the report carefully when it is issued, and pro-actively work with Council to identify and implement local projects.</p>	All
Council Plan 2026-2036	<p>The Shire CEO has provided details of the Council plan consultation process (summary at Annex C) and declined BPA requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for a second workshop to review the draft Council Plan in Balingup, and</li> <li>• to acknowledge the existing use of Balingup marketing slogan “Experience the Magic”.</li> </ul> <p>BPA encourages residents and community groups to refer to the Council Plan when requesting improvements/projects in the town. Projects that align with the (high level) objectives are more likely to be considered. A hard copy of the Plan can be accessed through Balingup Library.</p>	All
Munro Bushfire Brigade	<p>Council has received a report considering amalgamating Munro and Balingup Bushfire Brigades and has requested Captains and FCOs provide constructive input.</p> <p>The recommendations are only suggestions/discussion points - no final decisions have been made.</p> <p>BPA members agreed that local BFBs are best placed to consider this proposal and we will support their decision.</p>	Information
National Small Towns Conference	<p>W.Trow advised that she has been invited to talk about the Balingup Progress Association model at the National Small Towns Conference being held in Longreach in September.</p> <p>BPA currently has 19 sub-committees and this model is recognized as unique in Australia.</p>	Information
Staying in Place (SIP) Project	<p>W.Trow advised that the SIP group has re-activated and that Sandra Bland is making good progress in assisting a small number of older residents access aged care services. She is also keen to help others who are experiencing difficulty (eg financial difficulty, domestic violence etc).</p> <p>Sandra will operate out of Balingup Community Centre office 9am-12pm on Fridays. See poster attached.</p>	Information
Australia Day Awards (National)	<p>Nominations are open for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian of the Year</li> <li>• Senior Australian of the Year (aged 65 and over)</li> <li>• Young Australian of the Year (aged 16-30)</li> <li>• Australia's Local Hero</li> </ul> <p>Nominations at <a href="http://australianoftheyear.org.au">australianoftheyear.org.au</a> Nominations close Friday 31 July 2026.</p>	All
Camping at Kirup oval	<p>The Shire is seeking a community group to manage camping at Jim McDonald oval in Kirup on the Medieval Carnivale weekend. Interested groups must submit an Expression of Interest. Contact Susie Dellaporte at the Shire for information.</p>	Information
Business arising from previous		Chair

minutes		
<b>Report on Action Items Annex A</b>	Ongoing (tabled) Complete (tabled)	Chair
<b>Correspondence list</b>	Correspondence list accepted and received Moved: W.Trow Seconded: S.Smith	Secretary
<b>Umbrella Group Reports</b>	Telling Tales – see General Business. Medieval Carnivale – plans all on schedule.  <i>Update received after meeting provided by F.Wilshusen:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitor Centre is open 5 days a week as it continues to navigate new models. Special thanks to Jay and Chrissy.</li> <li>• Academy have workshops running every weekend in July and August and a display stall at the Carnivale. Special thanks to Japneet.</li> </ul>	Secretary
<b>Confirmation of minutes previous meeting</b>	Amendments (N) Moved: W.Trow Seconded: K.Menard	Carried (Y)
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<u>Bank account balances as of 30/6/2026</u> Operating Account \$11,245.23 Trust Fund Account \$53,306.98 Term Deposit Insurance Account \$40,174.22 (\$3000 to be transferred to Trust Fund Account on next renewal) Term Deposit Future's Fund Account \$37072.28 Coordinator Payment Account \$1.21  Treasurer's Report on bank balances accepted and received. Moved: W.Trow (for T.Benson) Seconded: A.Shah  Treasurer requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax Invoices for all successful 2026 BPA Grant recipients, and</li> <li>• Coded banks statements from BPA sub-account holders.</li> </ul>	T.Benson  J.Hornum
<b>Reminders</b>	Telling Tales 11 July 26 Medieval Carnivale 22 – 23 August 26 UCI mountain bikes (Balingup) 4 Oct 26	
Meeting Closed	7.18pm	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 6pm</b>	

as of 22/06/26		
ACTION LIST, BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC		
MEETING DATE PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ITEM	STATUS
Council Plan 2026-2036/ Shire slogan	See General Business & AnnexC.	COMPLETED
<b>Water costs</b> May 26 W.Trow	BPA has written to Water Corp asking why Balingup is currently paying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55% more than Donnybrook for standpipe water, and</li> <li>• 72% more than Donnybrook for scheme water.</li> </ul> And when we can expect infrastructure upgrade? No response to date.	ONGOING
<b>Community Grants</b> May 26 J.Hornum	Community Grants applications have closed. A meeting has been held to review the applications. See General Business.	COMPLETED
<b>Alan Rothery walk</b> March 26 R.Thomas W.Trow	R.Thomas requested we contact Council and ask for a plan to be developed to upgrade Alan Rothery Walk footpath and for it to be included as a priority project in the 2026/27 budget. He is liaising with D.Cameron and H.Christensen.	ONGOING
<b>Building register</b> 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.	ONGOING
<b>Shire sub-lease agreement</b> 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. BPA Executive will progress when the new agreement is received (probably at the end of 2026)	ONGOING

## ANNEX B

**Emails/Letters In Note:** This list does not include newsletters/general updates from other organisations.

Date	From	Subject	Action
3 Jun 26	K.Connor	Council 10 year plan	WT
6 Jun	Bendigo	Bank statement 245	To TB
8 Jun	Shire	Mining lease (DBK)	Info
8 Jun	Donnybrook CRC	Membership renewal (free) completed	WT
8 Jun	Inni Nissida	Telling Tales grant request	WT
9 Jun	W.Trow	Minutes of Community Trust Fund	WT
10 Jun	Water Corp	Water bill \$228	TB
12 Jun	Shire (Planning)	Local Planning Strategy	To all BPA
12 Jun	Shire (R.Marshall)	Sport & Red Plan	General business
12 Jun	L.Hodge	She is strong	To all BPA
13 Jun	Jay P	Working with Children document	JH
14 Jun	P.Davis	Fit jockey wheel to BBQ trailer	TB
15 June	Shire (CEO)	Council 10 year plan	General business
15 Jun	Centre Social impact	Survey request (art/culture0	To G.Hodge
15 Jun	BACH (G.Hodge)	Draft BACH annual report	Info15 Jun
15 Jun	T.Saggers	Concerns re Recreation Plan	General business
16 Jun	A.Shah	Proposed closure Munro BFB	General business
18 Jun	Jay Pырchia	Balingup Landcare	To F.Wilshusen
24 Jun	Synergy	Synergy bill \$270.53	To TB
28 Jun	Murray Dare	Balibngup cycle club – historic info	To N.King
30 Jun	Synergy	Power outage 14 Jul	To H.Christensen
29 Jun	Inni Nissida	Talison grant approval for Telling Tales	
30 Jun	Inni Nissida	Telling Tales invoice for BPA community trust	To TB
30 Jun	B.Chia	Community trust (cookup) invoice	To TB
1 Jul	Auspire	Australia Day nominations	General business
1 Jul	Shire (S.Dellaporte)	Camping at Kirup oval for Carnivale	General business

### Letters/emails Out

Date	To	Subject	Actioned by
9 Jun 26	Community Trust recipients *1	Outcome Trust applications	See Annex D
9 Jun	Shire CEO	Council 10 year plan feedback	WT
9 Jun	All BPA	BPA Meeting June 26 Minutes	WT
26 Jun	All BPA	Next BPA meeting 1 July	WT
28 Jun	All BPA	Bird flu advice	WT
28 Jun	F.Wilshusen	Balingup landcare	WT
29 Jun	Umbrella groups	Coded bank statements needed	JH

\*1 Telling Tales, B.Chia, N.King, J.Pырchia, Tourist Group, W.Trow, J.Mitchener

### **Summary of response from Shire CEO 15th June 26**

In response to BPA letter requesting a second workshop to discuss the Council Plan and for “Experience the Magic” to be acknowledged in the Plan, Shire CEO has advised that:

- The engagement approach undertaken by Council in the development of the draft Council Plan has been appropriate, allowing for multiple opportunities and channels for stakeholder input. As such Council does not believe the request for an additional workshop session is required.
- The new draft Shire vision of ‘discover the magic’ was a direct response to feedback provided at the two community workshops – these are not words developed by Council staff, rather demonstrate Council’s commitment to authenticity in the engagement process.

The following details were provided to describe the consultation process:

- September 26.
  - MARKYT® Community Scorecard. CATALYSE® mailed scorecards to all households and residential PO Boxes in the Shire via Australia Post unaddressed mail, hosted the scorecard online and managed a direct email campaign. The Shire provided supporting promotions through its communication channels. 774 responses coming from a broad age demographic and a representative geographical spread across the Shire.
  - MARKYT® Voicebank promoted.
- 19 February 2026. Community Workshops held in Donnybrook and Balingup (two hours). At the workshop the facilitator presented an overview of the findings from the Community Scorecard and invited attendees to help craft a vision and values for the Shire/Community and prioritise potential initiatives Council and the community could undertake to address the local needs identified in the survey.
- May 26. The above results were incorporated in the Council Plan and publicly exhibited for comment following the May Council meeting, with submissions closing Friday 19 June

Community Grants 2026  
9 June 26

Members present: T.Benson A.Scott S.Pember W.Trow	Criteria: 1. Benefit to Balingup/Mullalyup communities 2. Likelihood of success 3. Sustainability 4. Availability of other funding sources 5. Past funding through BPA grants <i>(only if required as an additional criteria)</i>
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**Declarations of interest:**

W.Trow - Item 10 Curtin University visit (Wendy is co-ordinating visit for BPA/BMC).

**Applications received:**

#	Proponent/ Group	Amount granted	Reason	Comment/ funding issued subject to conditions
1	Jakub Prychla/ None (see comments)  Balingup Tourism Committee/ BFOF	\$3900	Establish Balingup Environmental/ Eco Centre in conjunction with Visitor Centre and Friends of the Forest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jakub volunteering his time/ well qualified.</li> <li>• Jakup skilled at grant writing (and prepared to help other groups apply for grants).</li> <li>• Will provide local water and soil testing service.</li> <li>• Engaging with children (event program) and local environmental groups (BFOF).</li> <li>• Plans to establish “Balingup Landcare” as BPA sub-committee.</li> </ul>	Recommend start off under Balingup Tourism sub-committee or BFOF and create new sub-committee if required.  Needs Working with Children Check.
2	Blackwood United/ BUFC	\$4400	Purchase equipment (portable BBQ, soccer balls, Marquee).	Marquee to be made available to BMC and SFFD on request. (BMC/SFFD to pay if damage incurred).
3	Beth Chia  BPA/BACH	\$1300	Community cook up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two events with food, live music and kids games at Balingup Rec Centre.</li> <li>• Community building and mental health focus.</li> </ul>	Recommend event be run as BPA or BACH activity (insurance/ banking).

4	Historical Group/ Townscape	\$700	Refurbish war memorial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work undertaken by Townscape volunteers.</li> <li>• Project of historical significance.</li> </ul>	Recommend work undertaken as a Townscape activity (insurance/ banking).
5	Julia Mitchener/ None	Nil	All Ages Gig: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two x free 3 hour events at Town Hall</li> <li>• BBQ sausage sizzle</li> <li>• BACH will host at Town Hall and promote on social media.</li> <li>• Community building/social activity for all ages.</li> </ul>	Unsuccessful
6	BACH	\$4700	Provide support for two events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She is Strong, and</li> <li>• Community at its Heart.</li> </ul> <p>Focus on recognizing local women through performance, photographs/video Will be promoted by BACH. Total project cost \$8250. Ticket sales will recoup \$1800. BACH will pay for venue, sound, lighting etc.</p>	
7	Telling Tales/ BACH	\$4800	1 day event focused on local artists. Community production of Hansel & Gretel. Total project cost \$15,210	Recommend event be run as BACH activity (insurance/banking).
8	Balingup Tourism Committee	\$2274	Operating costs for Visitor Centre (utilities, internet etc)	
9	Tom Larkin/ None  Historical Group	\$360	Replication of John Allumn gravestone. Work already completed. Requesting re-imburement of hours (12 hrs x \$30)	Recommend funded as Historical group activity (insurance/banking).  Historical group to check quality of product.
10	Curtin University visit/ BPA	\$300	Pay for food for Curtin University students volunteering in September. A grant of \$550 has been received from the shire to pay for their accommodation.	Activity has been approved by BPA.
	TOTAL	\$22734		

#### Acquittal

All grant recipients are to complete a progress report by end of May 2026 to the TFC that contains a photo of the progress to date and a short written report on:

- Use of allocated funds for purpose requested,
- Extent of the benefit to the community (with evidence if possible),
- Success indicators, and
- Sustainability indicators (if appropriate).