

Woomelang and District Development Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 24th October 2017

Place: Woomelang MPC

Time: 18:00

Present

Sharon Gallagher	Les Knights	Gwenyth Barbary
Lisa Molina	Trish Fraser	Rick Johnston
Manfred Feeger	Joe Collins	Monica Outen
Wendy Reiss	Mark Burt	Andy McClelland
Travis Mitchell	Shane Michael	

Apologies

Rachael McClelland	Darrell Boxall	Mark Keenan
Grant Kelly	Jason Collins	Kim Collins
Marianne Ferguson		

That apologies be accepted:

Moved: Joe Collins

Seconded: Shane Michael

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Mark Burt

Seconded: Sharon Gallagher

Business Arising/General Business:

Woomelang Colour Run

The event and official opening of Cronomby Tanks went very well - pictures are now up on Facebook. The meeting applauded Joe Collins for a great event well organised.

Fuel

Sunraysia Fuels will be here early next week; the equipment for the installation is currently in Mildura, they need to do a site inspection and peg it out. Then Chris Pearce will do the electrical connections.

Retirement Units

Gwenyth reports that the Retirement Units committee is having its AGM tomorrow, Thursday 26th October. They need more local people on the Committee to make sure that control is kept in Woomelang. The meeting is at 7:30 pm at the MPC.

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The recent refurbishments have been excellent; all 5 units are now full, with 10 on the waiting list; applications are in for grants to build two more units.

Train station refurbishment

Brydie Kelly reported that the application by the Historical Society to VicTrack has been successful, so the station building will be refurbished in the 2018/19 financial year, with some preparation work done before then.

Cronomby Tanks / Tourism

22 RVs stopped at the Tanks on their way from the Patche Music Festival, and were very impressed; they donated \$100. Their main negative comment was that signage is needed. Joe noted that this was discussed at the Wimmera Mallee Tourism meeting, where he is the representative for Woomelang. Joe suggested that as an interim measure we could invest in corflute signs with info about available services. We could write to local businesses asking for donations to cover the cost of signs.

The meeting noted that 3 signs are needed - one at each end of town on the Sunraysia Highway and one on the entrance to town from Sea Lake on the C246.

Signs are also needed on the Hopetoun Road and the Sunraysia Highway before the entrance to Cronomby Tanks Road, giving people time to turn.

Signs are also needed at Cronomby Tanks with information on what's available in town. Joe will contact Marianne Ferguson and enquire about possible grants.

Wimmera-Mallee Tourism Committee is bringing a group of University students to the area for around 5 days; Joe will be showing them around Woomelang and ask for input on signage and more.

Monica noted that the large iron artwork is not well-exposed, and suggests that we do more to encourage visits to see all our iron art. Trish will highlight a Local Artwork page on the website.

The meeting noted our thanks to Dennis Harding for constructing frames for the pamphlet holders.

Manfred noted that our meetings should be of interest to and possible support to the publicans of the Woomelang Hotel, and asked that we encourage them to come to meetings.

General Store:

Les noted that we'll be required to line and seal up the storage room at the rear of the store. A grant may be needed to pay for the materials.

Monica noted that a larger sink is required, to properly separate dish-washing, vegetable-washing and handwashing.

Vacancy for President

It was noted that we currently have nobody willing to take on this task. The matter has been tabled until the next meeting.

Rick Johnston's Hay Bale Art project is to go on the agenda for the February meeting.

The Harvest Hiatus is now on: meetings will cease until February 2018.

Meeting Closed at: 19:05

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 27th 2018, 6pm.