

Woomelang and District Development Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: 28th February 2017

Place: Woomelang Multi-Purpose Centre

Time:

Present

Les Knights	Trish Fraser	Joe Collins
Mark Keenan	Sharon Gallagher	Carol Paech
Gwenyth Barbary	Grant Kelly	Rick Johnston
Kaye Collins	Travis Mitchell	Andy McClelland
Shane Michael	Jason Collins	Connor Michael
Angus Collins		

Apologies

Marianne Ferguson	Brydie Kelly	Rachael McClelland
Monica Outen		

That apologies be accepted:

Moved: Trish Fraser

Seconded: Sharon Gallagher

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Joe Collins

Seconded: Grant Kelly

Reports

President's Report *No report*

Treasurer's Report *No report*

That reports be accepted:

Moved: N/A

Seconded: N/A

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Correspondence:

In: Letter from Historical Society (see minutes); Email from Brydie Kelly forwarded from Landcare (see minutes).

Out: N/A

Business Arising:

Shelter:

Due to a hiccup in their arrangements with subcontractors, the work was not completed until 13/02/2017. Now that it is up, we're pleased with the result.

Town people arrived in numbers to watch the crane putting the shelter up; pics are on the website.

Warrack concrete people have measured up, we're awaiting their quote.

Nathan's quote is in and has been accepted. Price was around half of the original; the work is partly completed.

Cronomby Tanks:

The pump which was working now isn't; Grant will check and sort it out.

The drought relief crew will wed and set up the watering system, beginning in around 2 weeks.

Grant is in the process of contacting Tim to get his part of the works completed.

Grant has contacted CMA to see about weed control in the tanks; we need to let the water level fall substantially and then either cut and then spray, or spray and then cut. CMA will then provide up to 15GL to flood the tanks; this will probably not happen before September.

We might have to do some test patches to see which method works best. Grant will contact Jeff Barbary (Landcare) to see what is known.

The main problem is in the two smaller tanks; the large tank is less choked.

Working bee set for Friday 17th March to start control works. Trish F to send out a reminder.

Sign for the Tanks: table for next meeting.

General Business:

1: Monica had to leave for home before the meeting; Store item put over until next meeting.

2: BNC/Carol P:

- Carol explained that much of the funding for community health services will concentrate on mental health and chronic disease. Since this will affect Woomelang BNC, Carol is asking for input from WDDA to the following:

- What do we expect from the BNC a) historically, b) now?

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- Future development - how do we see it? Will it involve partnerships with local organisations; should we be working towards facilities such as a heated pool, community gym, other?

Trish Fraser to send around a questionnaire with these questions, gather the feedback and send it up to Carol by the next meeting.

- Men's shed is taking a new direction. There will be a co-ordinator for projects, who will work with the BNC; people can take their project requests to the BNC, who will pass them to the co-ordinator, or they can go directly to the co-ordinator.

Currently there are 3 financial members; they're working towards more.

Restorations a specialty.

3: Historical Society - Gwenyth Barbary

Move to the Fire Station is complete; a working bee on Thursday 2nd March to fix up the old Post Office ready for return. Thanks to all who helped; there were no breakages!

The Op Shop now has \$13K and is working well in its new home.

Letter from WDHS to WDDA re the McClelland wagon, restored by the Men's Shed. Could we agree to have it put on the corner block, with the Historical Society arranging for shelter/fencing as needed, and signage? The meeting felt that this was a good proposal, with only some detail to be sorted out. Trish to write a letter from the WDDA to the WDHS to that effect.

4: Grants

a: Joe's 2016 application for a grant to celebrate youth was successful. He is planning a Colour Run, with an event date of 22 April, to celebrate youth and be an official opening for the Cronomby Tanks project. The funds will be paid to the WDDA; Joe is asking for permission to purchase the first supplies and start planning the event. Gwenyth mentioned that the CWA 70th birthday celebrations might be on that day; Joe will work with CWA, CFA etc to make it a gala event with many organisations represented. The meeting felt that this was a good thing, and the ok was given for Joe to order the colour and supplies.

b. See Correspondence: Graincorp is seeking a local group to work on a tree planting project; they must put in an offset planting across 7ha at their Woomelang site, involving growing trees (around 12000), preparing the ground, weed control and planting the trees when they're ready. The scope of the work is unclear; the meeting felt the WDDA would probably take it on, but need more information. Trish to respond and ask for clarification, report back at the next meeting.

c. Fuel. Travis is still awaiting specs and quotes from the fuel people; it hinges on the Shire's requirements for the separator. If they accept the small separator, the cost is much less - if they require larger the cost jumps by several thousand dollars. Trish to contact Marianne to find out where this is at in the Shire, and prepare info for next meeting on the range of possible grants to apply for. The meeting felt that we could possibly apply for a large-scale grant to cover the fuel requirements and the remaining work needed for the shop site (historical display shelter, floor concreting, landscaping, artwork etc).

d. Art grants: Joe has discussed with Andrew Bourke a set of endangered species artworks to make an art trail around the shop block site; the meeting felt to table this until the other grants have been done.

5. Shelter:

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We can work with the floor as is; concreting that large area will be very expensive, can't afford it right now. We need to wet it down and level a couple of places, then we can install the table/seat combos purchased last year.

Solar lights were suggested for some light at night; Grant noted that the fuel sign will be very bright!

Landscaping should be done after the fuel installation, possibly August/September. Kaye Collins agreed to head the landscaping sub-committee, joined by Sharon G, Joe C and Trish F. They will report on progress at the next meeting.

6. WDDA brand: Trish presented a couple of examples of letterhead, some logo drafts and some colour charts, explaining that for official correspondence we need a letterhead. The meeting felt that the traditional blue/white colours should stay, as they are very Woomelang. Trish will do some more logos and letterheads to circulate, for a decision at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at: 19:40

Next Meeting: 28th March 2017