

Woomelang and District Development Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: 27 February 2018

Place: Woomelang MPC

Time: 18:00

Present

John Spencer	Sharon Gallagher	Mark Burt
Wendy Reiss	Lisa Molina	Marianne Ferguson (Shire)
Les Knights	Gwenyth Barbary	Claire Kelly (Landcare)
Monica Outen	Brydie Kelly	Mark Keenan
Rick Johnston	Trish Fraser	Travis Mitchell
Andy McClelland		

Apologies

Manfred Feeger	Lisa & Graham (pub)	Grant Kelly
Joe Collins		

That apologies be accepted: **Moved:** Mark K

Seconded: Brydie K

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Brydie K

Seconded: Mark K

Treasurer's Report

Bank balances reported; Trish is helping Manfred set up spreadsheets, there will be financials up on woomelang.com from next month; Commonwealth NetBank access has been set up and is working fine. Bills are up to date.

Manfred asks that when people put purchases on the WDDA account, they make sure their name and the project they're purchasing for is included, so he knows the invoice is legit.

Correspondence:

In: Correspondence via email from Price Merrett re the Graincorp reveg project; docs will be put up on woomelang.com to give people a chance to read them, decision tabled until March meeting.

Letter from Shire regarding Community consultation; date set for 23rd October, venue

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to be the MPC since this will be an open-house consultation (walk-in, walk-out) rather than a sit-down evening.

GWM Water announcement re water supply upgrade - all households received a copy, this is the same.

Business Arising:

The presidency being vacant, nominations were called for. Rick Johnston was nominated and accepted the nomination, so elected unopposed.

Hay Bale art:

The Hay Bale art project is to go ahead, with 2 installations to the north of town and 2 to the south. All 4 are to be installed before Easter weekend.

- Deadline for submitting designs is Tuesday March 6th at 12 midnight. Designs, including bale requirements and construction, to be submitted to Trish at wdda@woomelang.com (if help needed such as scanning, please contact Trish on 0451 114 254).
- Working bee for installation of final 4 designs on Friday March 23rd at 4pm, starting point to be advised.
- Voting points will be the Store and the Pub, with photos of all 4 designs; gold coin entry fee (exact amount to be advised). Pre-printed envelopes so people can check a box (Trish to arrange).
- Trish to organise signs for use on the fences (using hay caps (8' x 4') from Travis) to tell people how/where to vote, include contact info

General Business:

Fuel

Travis reports that he and Grant met with the people from CMP yesterday and arranged some gravel (to be moved on Wednesday), the slab will be started late this week or early next; 2 weeks after that the tanks arrive.

Solar

Trish passed around info on Natimuk's solar project and asked whether people wanted to see someone from their Clean Energy group. Trish to organise for next meeting if possible.

Recycling

Trish to contact Bernie Naylor (Shire) and Wimmera Mallee Waste to find out where we're at re continued recycling pickup.

Landcare Grant

Claire Kelly from Landcare reports that the Expression of Interest made last year to have a 3-year project on VicTrack land by the station/Cronomby Tanks has been successful; the grant process closes on March 12, so input into the grant document is needed urgently. In particular

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Claire needs input on the Objectives, and the Outcomes/Benefits for the environment, Social and Community benefits. Trish will send out email with more detail ASAP.

The project will include revegetation - mostly grasses, herbs and small shrubs to form an understory, and an ecological flora and fauna survey; it includes some walking tracks and seating. The grant amount is \$30K, and the timeline for the project is 3 years.

Trish will set up an Instagram account for photos of the project over time, and add the feed to the website (This is already done - just needs to be brought on live on the website).

Claire notes that we should be in touch with the Barengi Gadjin land council (www.bglc.com.au) for their input into the project; Trish to contact them once we know the application has been successful.

Mark K noted that there is to be a community forum at the BNC on March 26th at 6pm; the new Inspector for our region will be there, plus a representative from the BNC and others. Tea will be provided, all are welcome. Trish to contact the BNC for more information.

Gwenyth reported that she, Brydie and Marianne will be meeting with Jean Parsons from VicTrack this week.

Brydie reports that the application for a \$50K grant to refurbish the Hall kitchen, from the Drought Communities Programme, has been successful; colours have been selected and work will begin in April.

A solar pump for Cronomby Tanks has been donated by the Lions Club; just needs installation. Rick will arrange.

Gwenyth reports that Nancy Schumann, author of "A Land Worth Saving", has passed away at 99 years and 2 months of age, on February 25th.

Monica reports that 1% of Store receipts are being put aside for the WDDA, to cover works on the store. The first 2 projects have been completed:

- Spouting replaced on the east wall
 - New screens on the range hood
- Flywire doors are next on the list.

Les noted that we need a town working bee to do the many jobs needed around town; he thanked Dave Walker and Dave Woodbridge for works already done, but we need a town working bee to do more.

- Trish to gather up list of jobs needing doing and pass to Mon; request Dave Walker to

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organise. Trish to speak with Les about this.

- Mez suggests a Share Grant application to cover the cost of a plumber to do the Shearing Shed roof; Trish to complete application after speaking with Les about requirements.

Meeting Closed at: 19:40

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 27th, 6pm.