

Woomelang and District Development Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: 3 April 2018

Place: Woomelang MPC

Time: 18:10

Present

Rick Johnston	Justin Marshall	Gwenyth Barbary
Les Knights	Kaye Collins	Monica Outen
Wendy Reiss	Mark Burt	Joe Collins
Manfred Feeger	Darrell Boxall	Trish Fraser

Apologies

Sharon Gallagher	Grant Kelly	Brydie Kelly
Jason Collins	Kim Collins	

General Business

Justin Marshall told the meeting about his two businesses: Fine Art Printing and Systems consulting. He thought there might be some opportunities to work together with the WDDA and other town organisations, around major events or producing tourism-based prints or photos for sale.

Hay Bale Art

2 artworks are up to the north of town following the last working bee, and they have already attracted attention - Mon has received emails (Trish to go to shop Wed 4th to retrieve).

Working bee #2 to gather at North West Ag at 2pm Wed 4th, Trish to send reminder out.

Photos of all 4 artworks to go up in both Shop and Pub, Trish to organise printing.

Envelopes for voting to be reworked, Trish to do (Mon arranging more envelopes) and distribute. Brydie has found boxes for entries.

Monies to be collected (new account to be opened specifically for HayBaleArt).

Trish to get corflutes from NW Ag to make roadside signs.

Publicity: already happening on FlowFM, Trish to follow up ABC Western Vic, also use Facebook and website. Must continue all year until time to draw. Mon will follow up with FlowFM advertising.

Container for shop:

Rick proposed a vote of thanks to the Lions for their very generous donation of \$5000 to buy the container for lockable, vermin-proof storage for the store. The meeting voted unanimously for Les to go ahead with the purchase. Rick, Grant and others will work with Les to work out placement, ramps etc before delivery. Noted that we will need to run power to the container for

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lighting.

Store subcommittee:

Monica noted that there had been such a subcommittee previously, and suggested that we should have one again. The discussion was positive, matter tabled for organisation at the next meeting.

Fuel to be tabled until next meeting, noted that much progress has been made and it is very exciting – it's closer than it's ever been.

Treasurer:

Manfred is working on putting the books into spreadsheets, will have them organised by next month. He will be talking to the accountant in Swan Hill who has been doing our BAS and getting everything straight regarding our GST obligations, and report back to the next meeting.

Website:

Trish reported that the website was hacked recently; it is now fixed and secured, but content had to be restored from an older version, meaning that some pages may not be up to date, and asked people to check and pass the word.

Trish bought a 6-month subscription to a security service, which has already paid for itself in cleaning the site. She will report back over the life of the subscription, before requesting further subscriptions.

The closure of the Group School was discussed; we decided to invite Natalie Mitchell to a WDDA meeting to discuss options, possibly to the July meeting.

Les suggested that we look at what Monique Conheady's group is doing towards Solar for ideas. Natimuk Community Energy will be invited to speak with us at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at: 19:10

Next Meeting: 24th April 2018 18:00