

Woomelang and District Development Association

Meeting Minutes - 2018 AGM

Date: August 28th, 2018
Place: Woomelang Multi-Purpose Centre
Time: 18:00

Present

Gwenyth Barbary	Les Knights	Trish Fraser
Kim Collins	Joe Collins	Travis Mitchell
Wendy Reiss	Mark Burt	Mark Keenan
Monica Outen	Andy McClelland	

Apologies

Brydie Kelly	Grant Kelly	Darrell Boxall
Marianne Ferguson	Lisa Molina	Rick Johnston
Manfred Feeger	Carol Paech	Kaye Collins
Don Collins	Jason Collins	Lisa & Graham (pub)

AGM

Meeting opened at 6pm by Joe Collins as chair.

President's report tabled, read and passed around; copy attached to minutes.

No treasurer's report offered due to the treasurer's recent ill health; bank balances shown (also attached to minutes).

IT report tabled, read and passed around; copy attached to minutes.

All committee positions declared vacant.

Nominations called for the office of President. Joe Collins nominated Rick Johnston; Monica Outen seconded. No further nominations being received, a vote was called for; the nomination was carried unanimously.

Nominations were called for the position of Vice-President. Trish Fraser nominated Joe Collins, Mark Burt seconded, carried unanimously.

Nominations were called for the position of Secretary. Trish Fraser self-nominated; seconded Joe Collins, carried unanimously.

Nominations were called for the position of Treasurer. Joe Collins nominated Kim Collins; Mark Keenan seconded, carried unanimously.

Office-bearers for the coming year therefore are:

President: Rick Johnston
Vice-president: Joe Collins
Treasurer: Kim Collins
Secretary: Trish Fraser

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Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes read by Trish Fraser. Les Knights moved to accept, Mark Burt seconded. Carried.

Correspondence

2 items of correspondence received:

A form from the ATO to allow the contact person to be changed - this will be submitted this week;

A Water Agreement awaiting research and signature.

Business Arising

Bank

Now that Kim is Treasurer, she and Trish will arrange the additions of signatories and the change to any two of four signatures on cheques.

Combine Corner edging

Joe reported that they have found steel edging around 1.9mm thick and around 20cm deep for \$6 per metre, which is much cheaper than anything else they've found. Trish moved to authorise the expenditure; seconded Sharon, carried.

Gates to 2 Railway Crescent

Tabled until next meeting

Shearing Shed Roof

Quote from Nathan Pengelly still not in; Rick has it in hand.

Cronomby Tanks Pump

Still in hand; finding a way to fix pump, Rick is sorting this out. If the part is not fixable, another pump will be needed.

Shop Committee

Table meeting times until next meeting.

General Business:

Combine Corner Working Bee

The meeting agreed to pick a date at the next meeting. The Collinses will organise the edging and the plants required for the old driveway barrier.

We need to get Tim Conway to add gravel between the new driveway and the carpark.

Joe Collins moved that he get a quote for more table/chair units for the shelter. Seconded Mark Burt, carried.

Store Report

The feedback on the fuel is that it's an excellent addition. Around 1000 litres a day is being purchased. There are occasional user problems, the instructions could do with an upgrade. Lots of truck drivers have been through (and stopping at the Store).

The cane hutch from the toilet has vanished.

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Vote of Thanks

Joe Collins moved a vote of thanks to all the Fuel Volunteers. Trish Fraser seconded. Carried unanimously.

Town Signage

Travis mentioned the need for signs at the entrances to town showing what facilities are available; Kim will chase VicRoads. Brydie has some information about this; Joe will assist.

Pick My Project Voting

Joe mentioned the Voting Help session to be held at the school Wednesday 29th at 6pm; come one, come all; Monica providing a light supper. A representative from the Mallee Catchment Authority is coming to explain the endangered species.

Shop Container ventilation

Les noted that with the warmer weather around the corner, we need to arrange ventilation to help cool the container over the summer. This should be discussed at the shop meeting.

IT security for website

Joe Collins moved to approve the expenditure on IT security services as laid out by Trish in the IT report. Seconded Les Knights, carried.

Meeting Closed at: 19:00

Next Meeting: September 25th

Wdda

Fuel outlet has opened, big thanks to Travis and everyone else who helped get it off the ground. I believe it will have enormous benefit to the community now and for many years to come. Have been told that caravaners passing through town are talking on the uhf radio saying how amazed they are about our cheap fuel price, let's hope many stop and fill up with fuel and supplies.

Combine Corner has come a very long way and is a marked improvement over the falling down buildings that were there. Work is still needed to complete the project but I would like to thank all those involved in getting it to this stage.

Colour run was a fantastic event enjoyed by the 85 people that entered as well as the spectators that enjoyed the fun of the day. A big thank you to Joe Collins for leading the organisation of a great event our community.

All were concerned when Manfred had a health scare but glad to see him on the mend again now, not the way to try to get out of the treasurer's job Manfred!

A big thank you to Trish for all her work as Secretary. The hardest job in any club. Well done.

The WDDA has continued to hold working bees around the town where needed and I would like to thank all those who volunteered the time and equipment.

Thanks to all who come along to meetings and working bees to ensure the WDDA continues to keep our community ticking along.

Regards

Rick Johnston
Northwest Ag

<u>Nickname / Type</u>	<u>BSB / Details</u>	<u>Account number</u>	<u>Account balance</u>	<u>Available funds</u>
- WDDA				
<u>Fuel Account</u> ▼	06 3692	1001 6975	+ \$883.25	+ \$871.25
<u>Shop Account</u> ▼	06 3692	1007 2213	+ \$7,459.13	+ \$7,459.13
<u>General Account</u> ▼	06 3692	1007 2221	+ \$9,001.98	+ \$9,001.98
Total debits: \$0.00		Total credits: + \$17,344.36		Net position: + \$17,344.36
				Summary position: + \$17,344.36

IT report August 2018

Email:

Currently we get one free email address with woomelang.com, which is being used by us the WDDA - it's wdda@woomelang.com. We do have the option of adding more; an unlimited amount of email addresses with unlimited storage would cost us \$14 per month (\$185 pa with GST), which we could provide to Woomelang residents and businesses for a fee, and maybe make a few bob. To illustrate: if we charged them out at \$15 pa, we'd only need 13 takers to be covered - any more would be pure profit. Easy enough to set up, and it would just be a matter of doing the yearly renewal billing - a nice little job for the treasurer...

Woomelang.com:

On March 25th 2018, I received an email from Google, letting me know there was malware on our site - we'd been hacked!

The hack was a known type, where hackers put malicious files on the site and then cause people to send out spam emails. That got us noticed by Google, and listed on Spamhaus, a spam-blocking service. NOT a good look.

Over the last few months, I've been working hard to both clean up the site - that took about four months of hard work - and lock it down hard to make sure it doesn't happen again. It's clean and safe now, and I aim for it to stay that way.

To do this, I've taken two steps.

First, I re-loaded the content from backups made before the hack, and then updated it to reflect more recent changes as far as I could. If anyone's seen any out of date info, please let me know so I can update it. I've had to do this a couple of times while getting everything locked down, so I'm getting pretty fast at it now!

Then, I purchased two security services; one is WordFence security, and one is GoDaddy's own security. Each of these scans the site daily in different ways, and alerts me to any problems and gives me ways to fix them. I also watch a couple of announcement boards about security issues with WordPress, in case we have any hazardous materials!

I haven't asked for reimbursements for the purchases, because I wanted to establish that these services would actually do what we need - but they're coming up for renewal in the next little while, so we need to decide whether this is a good expenditure. Without them, we're likely to be right back where we started quite soon.

WordFence security: \$99 USD per year - the first payment came through at \$133.96.
The current licence expires in April 2019.

GoDaddy security: \$132 per year, in AUD.

This includes fixes if the site is hacked again - so far, they've done about ten fixes for us as problems came back up. The current licence expires on 27 September this year.

So the cost per year is around \$266, depending on the exchange rate, but it's staggered.

I'd estimate that overall, I've put in a couple of hundred hours sorting this problem out; there's a plugin update to take care of several times a week even now. On the bright side, Google loves us again, we're off the Spamhaus list and people can visit our site safely.

Website Visitors:

From July 1 through today, we've had 692 visitors (the other hundred were search engines and bots). Of those, over 86% were new visitors; most were from Australia. Our visitor numbers spiked in July, but overall they're growing a little each month - the tourism marketing is having an effect, people are looking us up!

I'm attaching copies of Google's emails so people can see a bit more of the breakdown.

Succession planning:

I really need an apprentice; there's only a little bit of work each week, but it needs to be done on a regular basis to keep the website safe and fresh. Please ask around in the family!

Trish Fraser, Webmeister.