

Woomelang and District Development Association

Meeting Minutes

Date:	February 26 th , 2019
Place:	Woomelang Multi-Purpose Centre
Time:	18:00:00

Present

Gwenyth Barbary	Lisa Molina	Cindy Wooding
Darrell Boxall	Trish Fraser	Manfred Feeger
Monica Outen	Travis Mitchell	Andy McClelland
Mark Keenan	Brydie Kelly	Grant Kelly
Mark Burt		

Apologies

Joe Collins	Wendy Reiss	Sharon Gallagher
Kim Collins		

Meeting opened at 18:05.

Rick welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year.

Rick noted that everyone would be aware of Les Knights' passing, and that this is a good time to remember all the contributions that Les made to the community – not only as a member of the WDDA and many if not all of the other groups within the community, but as an individual person well known for his generosity, with his time and help all around the town. Les will be greatly missed.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes read by Trish Fraser. Moved to accept the minutes as a true account: Travis Mitchell. Seconded Brydie Kelly.

Business Arising / General Business:

Fuel

Rick presented the contracts SGH is asking us to sign. Provisions he noted were:

- SGH will pay WDDA \$200/month for electricity;
- SGH will pay the WDDA 1¢/litre on all fuel supplied via the pump, from the date of signing for the term of the contract;
- SGH will pay the WDDA 0.5¢/litre on all bulk fuel supplied on farm, for 2 years from the date of signing;
- WDDA must provide \$3 million in Public Liability for the site.

Rick moved that if the payment from SCH to WDDA covers the cost of the insurance, that we

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should go ahead and sign; seconded Grant Kelly, carried.

Monica reports that an average 8,000 – 10,000 litres is the weekly throughput on the pumps, so we can work out the income to set against the cost of insurance. This amounts to \$80 - \$100 per week, over \$1000/quarter.

Trish noted that in her opinion the indemnity clause in the contract is scurrilous, and suggested that we consult a lawyer. Grant noted that the WDDA has had pro bono advice from (he thinks) Garden and Green in Swan Hill; Trish will contact them tomorrow.

Trish will contact WFI who currently handle the Store and Shelter insurance, and ask for a quote.

The feeling in the meeting was that \$3 million for Public Liability cover was inadequate; Trish will raise this with WFI. She will also contact SGH to ask whether they have any PL cover not mentioned in the contract, which could explain the low figure.

Shearing Shed Works

Rick noted that many more works besides the roof had now been completed, and that thanks are due to Dave and all the others who have helped with this major project.

Combine Corner Garden

Dennis Harding, who has been watering the trees, has noted that there is a major infestation of bindi, and has asked us to deal with them – not only spraying but chipping.

There will be a working bee to deal with this on Tuesday March 5th at 5:30; Trish to send out SMS notification, also a notice that anyone who wants to can pop along and chip a few weeds any time.

Monica will provide sausages for the working bee, Trish will help with that.

General Working Bee for the town

Rick asked that everyone come back to the next meeting with at least 2 people they can ask to a town working bee.

Signs

Signs still waiting for installation; Cindy has access to surplus gal poles from the Hopetoun Tennis Court, she will send pics to Brydie. Travis suggested that we approach the Shire for assistance; Brydie will contact Marianne Ferguson.

Hay Bale Art

Trish proposed a vote of thanks to:

- Rick for thinking up the idea in the first place;
 - All the people who constructed the Art, and painted the art, and re-constructed and re-painted, every time there was a storm, or Sheep, and kept them good for the entire year;
 - Monica for selling and promoting the raffle all through the year, and for arranging the
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Barrel, and Mon and Gwen Michael for totalling and sorting ready for the drawing;

- Wendy and Mark for the artwork sign at the front of the store for the final Drive, and Rick and Mon for the Christmas-present Hay Bale;
- Kim and Joe for organising the gift card.

Seconded Monica, carried.

Mon noted that raffle tickets are hard to sell – another time, maybe send out books of 20 to people?

Mon will raffle the Hay Bale from the front of the store (make good mulch!).

Landcare

Rick has asked Maree Barbary to check if the project funds have arrived in the Woomelang Landcare account – nothing had arrived at the time of the meeting.

Ian Sluter's survey has not yet begun.

Corner Block

Monica is still working on this; tabled until next meeting.

Look Over the Farm Gate grant

Trish is currently completing a Diploma in Community services, doing work placement at the BNC. One work placement task is to organise a community event. As part of that, Trish would like to apply for a LOTFG grant to fund a series of events (the questionnaires around those events have already gone out). The grant must be applied for by a community organisation; Trish asks that the WDDA allow her to apply in the name of the WDDA, so that the BNC would remain free to apply for another grant if needed.

Grant Kelly moved that Trish can do this; seconded Mark Keenan; carried.

Easter

Mon reports that the Crafty Ladies group make quilts annually for the Royal Children's Hospital, and they would be pleased to mount a display of their work at the Shelter on Easter Saturday between 10am and 4pm. Other craft people are interested in having display tables.

For the Sunday, Mon suggests that we have a pop-up Cinema at the Hall.

Other business

Mark Keenan noted that we need a new planter box at the shelter; someone drove a bit close. Grant noted that we need new chains.

Mark noted that there was a break-in at the pool on the weekend; a small amount of money was taken, the biggest problem being the damage caused by the break-in.

Meeting Closed at: 19:00

Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th March 2019