



### **General Meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 6pm**

**Present:** Robert Schwager (Chair), Lucinda Stump, Philip and Elizabeth Powell, Scott Hardy, Steve Gardiner, Jimmy Stevens, Jenny Holcombe, Sharon Shearer, Saro Malla.

**Apologies:** Janine Powell, Kate Schwager, Andrew Schwager, Suzie Marshall, Andy Tyna.

Minutes of last meeting accepted as a true and accurate record: Proposed Steve, seconded Saro.

### **Business arising from previous minutes:**

- The committee made a submission to Council regarding their plans for the 24-25 budget.
- Walking Path: correspondence from Council basically saying it was too complicated tabled. Alternatives mooted again. Jimmy suggested the other side of the road but the 100km speed limit was a safety factor. Suggestion made to poll the people at the bore to see if they would actually use a walking track. Philip Powell suggested a working bee to clean up all the wire etc along the proposed route and to slash it and see how much use it got. **Action:** Set a date for a working bee.
- Airstrip: Jimmy tabled a reply from Walgett Council (Tim Williams) outlining that they had examined the state of the airstrip and costed it but decided that until the edges dry up nothing can safely be done.
- Telstra Grant of \$7,115 won by Burren to set up a website. **Action:** Jimmy, Lucinda, Robert and Janine to form a subcommittee to examine the quotes obtained, select a winner and decide on a template for the website.
- Trees: Lucinda had emailed Council about removal of dangerous trees but no action has yet been taken. Have since received notification that they will be removed.
- Myna Bird update from Jenny: Men's shed in Wee Waa happy to make traps. Jenny has ordered 10m of mesh and is going to order more. Burren Junction Landcare Group is going to transfer its savings of over \$4 000 to the Progress committee for the express purpose of funding these traps. **Action:** Jenny to distribute plans and mesh.
- Truck stop: with the support of Dave Sullivan on the traffic committee and Mel Manchee from Roy Butler's office, our request for a truck stop in Burren with toilets and a proper rest area have been heard by the Minister Jenny Aitchison. **Action:** We will continue to lobby for this especially with the expansion of the Graincorp site and more trucks than ever expected to come to Burren.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Presented by Lucinda in Janine's absence. Janine has begun our Xero subscription (cost: intro fee of \$11.75 per month until Dec when it reverts to \$28 per month. The account balance is \$2 903.19. Account details are BSB 082 842 Account: 709170322. Janine has applied for an ABN number.

### **New Business:**

- General call for good local photographs for the website. Send to Lucinda.

- Update on oval ideas and distribution of Janine's very thorough draft masterplan for the Sports Precinct. The quotes obtained so far run into the hundreds of thousands for a proper job and that is not including the need to sink a new bore and test the water quality. Then there is the question of maintenance on such a large area if we are to keep it in good condition. Robert has had productive discussions with Sam Bullen from the campdraft committee. Propose we set up a meeting with them (see original group of locals interested in the sports precinct). **Action:** Lucinda to look into the Clubs Grants again and try to ascertain what amount we may be able to apply for.
- Container: unanimous agreement to place an end opening 20ft container facing South opening onto the concrete alongside the kitchen.
- Unanimous agreement to pursue opportunity of Graincorp grant to fund the container and concrete paths around to the public toilets and from the toilets back to the kitchen.
- Apply for Walgett Shire grant of \$3000 to top up the concrete allocation with gravel behind the hall so that mud is not traipsed into the kitchen and Supper Room. **Action:** Lucinda to pursue both these grants.
- Mural: Elizabeth has a quote to paint the 9m fence along the road with a historical timeline of Burren. However, at anywhere from \$22K to \$31K it was deemed too expensive at this stage but something that will remain on the list of possible improvements to the town.
- Culverts have been dropped in town which indicates that the Shire will attempt to improve the drainage around the township.
- Scott is still being given the run around by UGL regarding his Big Boomerang plans and the necessity for a DA.
- The Rescue Squad is holding a big Rescue Exercise in Burren on the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup>. Catering for 70 plus people for the weekend requested.
- Signage at bore baths very negative. Would be good to welcome arrivals to the bore with some positive signage and an opportunity to donate to a town improvement campaign, possibly with a platform that would host a QR code for direct donations. Scott may have some funds to put towards this from his father.

### **How can we raise funds in Burren to do what we want to do?**

Steve initiated a very worthwhile conversation around coming up with a good idea for an annual fundraiser for the town, along the lines of Rowena's Cracker Night or their Show and Shine competition. **Action: It was agreed that all local groups would be invited to come to a brainstorming session possibly at our next meeting** to see if we could come up with something like a Camp Oven Festival, Tractor Pull, Market Day or Big Sky display.

Meeting closed 7.30pm. Next meeting August 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm.

PAID members as of 29/07/2024

Kate Schwager, Sharon Shearer, Andy Tyrna, Amanda Austin, Dean Haverhoek, Belinda Haverhoek, Catherine Dickens, Sarokhan Malla, Lynn Holcombe, Robert Schwager, Lucinda Stump, Janine Powell, Christian Powell, Deedee Pederson, Steve Gardiner, Jimmy Stephens, Philip and Elizabeth Powell.