

Progress Meeting

Supper Room, Wednesday June 14th 6pm

Present: John Clements (Narrabri Shire Councillor and Roy Butler's advisor and Chair of Wee Waa Chamber of Commerce), Robert and Kate Schwager, Janine, Philip and Elizabeth Powell, Amanda Austin (school principal) Steve Gardiner (VRA) Andy Tyrna, Scott Hardy, Abraham, Lucinda Stump

Apologies: Coral Marshall, Sandy Stump

Business arising from minutes of previous meeting:

	Item	Action to be taken
	Megan Dixon has been appointed new Shire General manager.	Lucinda to send a letter to Megan Dixon explaining a bit about the history of the progress committee and saying we are looking forward to working with her. Also to request her advice about us being a 355 committee or remaining independent with a 355 hall committee as part of our larger Progress Committee.
	Walking path: Scott has been in touch with railways regarding the Big Boomerang and he says Amanda Shirvington is the person to speak to about TAHE land (Transport Asset Holding Entity) which is the land south of the highway where the walking path will begin.	Lucinda to follow up with Amanda re walking path.
	Andy Tyrna as asked Shire ranger to come and take care of the Indian Minor bird problem.	
	Vacant blocks. Shire still haven't slashed theirs.	
	Burren Dance. Family/community event. Date still not secure, awaiting band. Janine to ask Miguels re catering and subcommittee to meet to take the idea further.	Scott is going to talk to a teacher/DJ at LR to see if he might be available.
	Toilets – hall toilets to be fitted with proper vinyl flooring on 26 th June. Thank you Coral and Elizabeth for organizing.	
	Septic tank.	Sandy Stump to call Robin Beckwith who does Shire plumbing work and go through the issue with him.
	Hall lectern	Scott very kindly to build a lectern for the hall after talking to the school kids to get some decorating ideas. Exciting.
	Road deviation outside Graincorp. Shire has responded that they support the proposal but cannot act on it. They will send a letter to Philip Powell endorsing his request for a diversion.	Philip to send his letter and the Shire's supporting letter to Roy Butler and ask him to send it on to Jenny Aitchison (State Minister for Roads).
	Truck stops	Lucinda to follow up with Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program to see who can apply for a truck stop in town to the south of the highway.

New Business:

	Sports complex: John Clements suggested we talk to Grace in Roy Butler's office at Broken Hill because there has been some very successful projects to build sports buildings at Ivanhoe and Binnaway.	Kate Schwager to follow up with Mel in John's office.
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	<p>Meeting with Shire representatives: Kimley Talbert (director of Environmental Services), Tim McLoughlin (Roads Manager) and Sherisse Fensom (Admin Engineering).</p> <p>The Shire have sent us their minutes from the meeting which, in large part, align with our own records (see attached).</p> <p>However, there are a number of points which we wish to get to back to them on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage: Ask how old the Council GIS contour plans are because we feel very strongly that there needs to be a proper survey of the township before any meaningful drainage plans can be considered. • Town water: Ask the Council how Rowena funded access to water to each block in town? Is this a model that we can follow in Burren? • Walking path: a possible solution for the problem of there not being room for a walking path between the road and the railway line might be that where there are “pinch” points and the space narrows, we construct short fences either side of the path to direct walkers (nothing elaborate, just a sort of hitching rail). This might obviate some of the railways and the roads objections to the project. The committee do not feel that we can leave the project to rot since, just in the last week, two of our committee members found people walking with prams on dusk on the edge of the road at great risk to themselves. • Sports precinct: the Shire has not come back to us with a breakdown of funding promised for this area and for the bore. Topdressing the oval is an urgent safety issue. • Finally, we would like to set a time to have a follow up meeting with the Shire now that a new GM has been appointed. 	<p>Lucinda to reply to Sherisse, who sent through her minutes for our meeting, with these points made.</p>
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Meeting closed 7.10pm. Thank you to all who attended.

Next meeting 6pm July 12th.