



Progress Committee Meeting 6pm 14.8.24 via zoom

Present: Robert and Kate Schwager, Cath Dickens, Philip and Elizabeth Powell, Lucinda Stump, Sharon Shearer, Steve Gardiner, Jimmy Stephens

Apologies: Jenny Holcombe, Dee Pederson, Jacqueline Minors, Susie Marshall, Janine Powell.

Business arising:

- Money from Telstra grant has been deposited into our account. ACTION: Janine to pay the winning bid (Congratulations Kate) a deposit to begin work on the website. ACTION: Lucinda to set up a meeting of the website subcommittee to advise Kate on what we want the website to look like.
- Scott in discussions with Janine about securing the Bore Trust funds for the Progress Committee. Very complicated but do-able.
- Unanimous vote in favour of applying to the Shire for funding for the history walk that Sharon has started. ACTION: Lucinda to follow up with Sherisse and see what we can do. Lucinda also to see if there is money for more than \$3000 worth of gravel.
- Landcare Grant: Scott to look at Landcare grant with a view to obtaining further funds to help eradicate minor birds. Jenny Holcombe also interested. ACTION: Scott to discuss with Lucinda. Grant date Sept 20th.
- Fundraising and membership drive: Lucinda to email the group a sample list of survey questions for feedback (see attached) so we can get the whole district to participate in setting priorities and hopefully joining our group. Janine to facilitate with Survey Monkey.
- Bore: Geoff Kelly, who has done a great job at the bore and in the township, is getting fed up with the job. As a committee we would like to acknowledge Geoff's efforts and discuss with him how the position might be supported better in the future. Unanimous decision to hold the next meeting at the Bore and invite Geoff to come. A bore sub committee might be set up to deal with issues pertaining to the bore. Steve prepared to lead this.

New Business:

- Small and Vital Grants of up to \$10 000 available. Unanimous agreement to apply for Wi-Fi connectivity at the hall to enhance it as a venue and support meetings held there. Lucinda and Steve to investigate the suitability of such a proposal to this particular grant and work out if the Wi-Fi should be public and free. The grant could initially support maybe 3-5 years of Wi-Fi charges on Starlink @\$139 a month plus set up costs.
- Bingo: Steve brought to the group's attention that people camped at the bore travelled to Pilliga to play bingo. ACTION: Sharon to talk to Coral from Module Makers and report back to next meeting on viability of setting up weekly bingo at the hall as a small but ongoing fundraiser for the Burren Progress Inc.
- Community Christmas party: it was decided not to apply for funding, to keep it simple with Santa and carols and a BBQ at a small cost, say \$10 per head, BYO. ACTION: Date to be negotiated with the school.

Meeting ended 6.45 pm.

Next meeting at the bore, Wednesday 11th September. Bring folding chair!