



### **Minutes General Meeting October 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 6pm School of Arts Supper Room**

**Present:** Ainsley Brown, Cath Dickens, Steve Gardiner, Ruby, Saro, Belle, Sharon, Robert, Lucinda.

**Apologies:** Susie Marshall, Jenny Holcombe, Scott Hardy, Sally Croft, Philip and Elizabeth, Jimmy, Kate.

Previous minutes accepted as a true and accurate record: Prop Robert, sec Ruby.

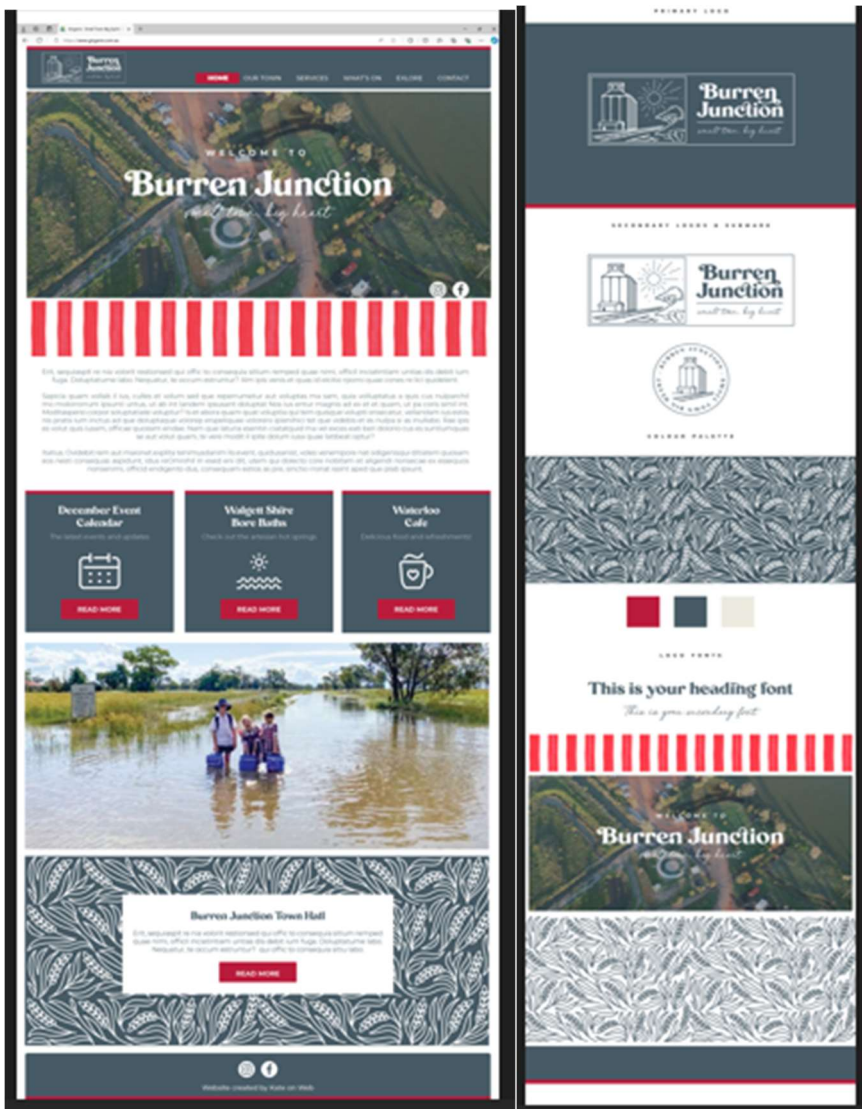
### **Business arising from previous minutes:**

- 3K Walgett Community Grant moved from gravel to bikes and history walk. Money to reimburse Sharon for her expenses and purchase QR codes signs to link to website as well as two explanatory signs at the bore and the café or the park to invite visitors to embark on the history walk.
- 10K from Graincorp. Unanimous vote to purchase a container to empty out the hall furniture from the Smoker's Room.
- 20 – 23K grant via Walgett Shire for gravel and concrete to make paths around the hall connecting the toilets to the kitchen, the kitchen to the back Supper Room door and the front entrance to the concrete outside area, as well as the footings for the container. This is not official yet but Sherisse confident she can secure this funding. There will also be gravel for the rest of the area behind the hall. Yeomans have quoted on this job and it was decided to ask them to donate or make prefab concrete bases for the bikes so that they are properly mounted and the QR code signs attached.
- Myna birds traps being built.
- Survey results (see attached summary – unfortunately only 16 responses). Truck pull, or vintage vehicle pull and camp oven competition idea were the most popular. Idea to build these events into the Flower Show to make a weekend of it.
- Many respondents mentioned that they would like to see petrol available at Burren. Robert explained that Matt Woodham is not keen because petrol would involve a new licence, underground bunkers and has to be installed on private land. He has, however, upgraded the two existing diesel bowsers.
- Pool needs a sign and a lot of work to bring changing rooms etc up to scratch. Belle and Ruby to report on what has been done at the pool when it opens to the school.
- Robert to email Megan and Carissa to ask that the painting of the PO, the pool, a new cemetery wall and two new town signs, similar to the very smart new ones at Collarenebri, be installed in Burren using the new logo or the web design as inspiration.
- Bore subcommittee formed so that funds can be accessed for the Progress Committee: congratulations Scott Hardy, Steve Gardiner, Robert Schwager, Ruby and Annabelle.

### **New Business:**

- Saro donated a portrait of King Charles for the hall. Thank you.
- Oval: Steve has spoken to Dean Murray who is doing the laser work at Graincorp because he has worked on a few ovals and says he can laser level it for much less than quoted. If we give up on the idea of a watering system, we could go with Geoff Kelly's idea of a solar powered travelling irrigator for the oval, again much less expensive. Steven and Lucinda to work on a plan for the oval with costings to bring to the next meeting and submit to the Shire to see if we can, as a committee, organise the upgrading of the oval ourselves.
- Steve suggested that the sports precinct be advertised as a summer camping ground once the bore has closed so we keep campers in town. It would be a simple, basic campground with no power and at the same charge as the bore.
- Sharon suggested there is a business opportunity for a laundromat in Burren, especially during harvest. Lucinda to find out what happened to the machines in the dry cleaners in Narrabri that has just closed.

- Website: Alice Harris has created a very smart and clean and attractive style guide for our website, voted on unanimously by the web subcommittee:



Thank you Alice. Kate is ready now to embark on putting website together. A reminder to all those who have pages to “write” to submit their wording to Kate asap.

**Christmas Party Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (the same day as the school’s presentation day)** Lucinda to make Save the Date to send out asap

Charge entry fee of \$15 per adult and \$10 per child. BYO drinks.

Jumping Castle for kids – Janine to ring and book.

Carols: Cath has the booklets from last year. Each class will do a short item as last year.

Santa: TBA. Lucinda to source lollies.

Bbq – either the Progress Committee runs it or we invite another community group to do it. School has sausages to donate. Janine asking Woollies for a donation towards meat.

Christmas Tree – invite the Fishing Club to find and install a tree. Volunteers asked to help decorate it. Decorations stored in hall.

Giving Tree <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/christmas/get-involved-this-christmas/host-food-toy-drive/> Cath very generously volunteered to organise this and deliver gifts. The school will promote the gift drive.

Great meeting. Wound up at 7.15pm.