



Minutes Community Meeting August 9th 2023

Present: Kate Schwager, Robert Schwager, Janine Powell, Lucinda Stump, Scott Hardy and Kaitlin Taylor, Amanda Austin, Peter Holcombe, Steve Gardiner, Dean Haverhoek.

Apologies: Coral Marshall, Philip and Elizabeth Powell, John Clements.

Business arising from previous meeting.

- Bore closing at end of next week. Urgent need to discuss alternative – use of 3rd evaporation pond which Dean has slashed.
- Drainage: previously water drained out through Amaroo. Suggest to shire that water to the north of the village is directed West to a borrow pit on the stock route.
- New shire GM Megan Dixon visiting Burren on 21st August. Lucinda, Janine and Scott to meet with her at the hall, 10am. Issues to cover include:
 - To be or not to be a 355 committee. How best to liaise with Shire to further our vision for Burren.
 - Future of the bore (this year and in the long term). Get to the bottom of the funding of the bore and the sports precinct.
 - Drainage of town.
 - Truck stop in town HVSP
 - Water across to park.
 - Grant opportunities for township – for walking path, outdoor gym equipment...
- Walking path: we have not been able to establish contact with Amanda Shirvington thus far but will persevere before next meeting. Path may require pipes under it. Dean agreed to slash a bit of a route out to the bore so we can see more easily what we are working with.
- Indian Minor birds still a problem.
- Vinyl has been laid in the toilets.
- Scott to meet with school children on 21st to talk to them about lecturn for hall. Thank you Scott.
- James Stevens and Andrew Schwager have approached VRA commissioner about utilising part of the new Rescue building as a gym. Idea to start a pilot program in the “Shred Shed” and use statistics from the success of this pilot to see if idea can be built on. Outdoor circuit would be a great addition to the town.

Update on **A Touch of Glamour** on September the 2nd. Massive thank you to Janine who has done all the heavy lifting so far on this.

- Only 40 tickets sold so far. Need to get out there and publicise it and encourage more to come. McGills are doing the food. BYO.
- Meeting on the Saturday morning at 10am to decorate the hall. So far Janine, Scott, Amanda, Steve, Carol and Kate have volunteered to help.
- Kate to complete the application for the hire of the hall.
- Janine and Lucinda to find out how much money the Shire has allocated to this event.
- Lucky door prize – have a dance competition, game or spotlight dance to decide on price (large esky donated by H and P).
- Decorations:
 1. Lucinda to ask Belinda Haverhoek and Belinda Smith if they have lights for event. Also to check what she has (disco ball for example).
 2. Kaitlin to see if Wee Waa High School has some decorations they would lend.
 3. Black silhouettes an idea made from cardboard.
 4. Janine to meet with Genevieve and make a firm plan for decorations.

New Business:

- Birds are making a real mess at back door to hall. Lucinda and Sandy to purchase a ladder for the hall and try to fix anti bird spikes to control this problem. Steve to work out if the wire the birds are perching on is still live or a relic of the past hall that we can remove.
- RFS is encouraging community members to register concerns they have for the upcoming bush fire season so potential risks can be mitigated. Go to <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/managing-bush-fire-risk/bush-fire-management-committees/north-west> and complete the survey. Kate is going to promote the link on the Burren website and in the newsletter. Dean is going to slash the Birds and Bees area or 50m to the West of Roger Ley's so mitigate that risk.
- Blue tree: Scott still waiting to take ownership of his boomlift. (Since the meeting I see that the tree has been painted!)
- Kaitlin requested that water at the park be added to the list of requests to the Shire. Possibility of piping it from the pool. Dean has spoken to the Shire property manager, Julie Brown, who is in favour of this proposal.
- Thank you to Philip and Elizabeth for printing, framing and hanging the lovely new photographs in the Supper Room. It really enhances the room and is a wonderful record.

Meeting closed 7.30pm **Next meeting September 13th 6pm.**