



BURREN JUNCTION PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, 9 September 2026

Meeting opened: 6.05 pm

Present: Angus Moore, Steve Gardiner, Sharon Shearer, Janine Powell and Kate Schwager

Apologies: John Clements, Scott Hardy, Sarokhan Malla, Lucinda Stump, Philip Powell and Elizabeth Powell

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2026 were presented for confirmation.

Moved: Steve Gardiner

Seconded: Sharon Shearer

Carried: Yes

Business Arising from the Minutes

Business arising from the previous minutes was held over and discussed under the relevant items in the main part of the meeting.

Correspondence

Incoming

- Walgett Shire Council – response regarding matters raised at the previous meeting
- Walgett Shire Council – resignation and recruitment of the Burren Junction Urban Maintenance Worker
- Council correspondence regarding the Historic Bicycles Walk and Coronation Park signage

Outgoing

- Follow-up correspondence to Walgett Shire Council regarding outstanding matters from the previous meeting
- Email to Council regarding the condition and maintenance of the Bore Baths area
- Transport for NSW correspondence regarding heavy vehicle/rest area concerns
- Correspondence regarding permission for the Historic Bicycles Walk sign/photo frame in Coronation Park
- Correspondence regarding Whitehaven Coal Community Investment funding and the sports precinct bore

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report was presented. The report will be presented at the next meeting.

Insurance

Janine advised that she has requested insurance quotes but has not yet received a response. She is checking that the insurance will include volunteer and public liability cover.

Janine will also ask Council whether items obtained through grant funding and stored in the School of Arts Hall are covered under Council's hall insurance and whether the level of cover is sufficient. These items include museum artefacts, the large television screen in the supper room, the projector and large screen in the hall, and other equipment.

Action: Janine to follow up insurance arrangements and Council coverage.

Sports Precinct / Bore and Grant Funding

The Association discussed applying to the Whitehaven Coal Community Investment Program for funding towards a replacement bore at the sports precinct.

Janine has obtained quotes for the bore and will provide these to Kate for use in preparing the funding application.

A letter from Walgett Shire Council is required confirming Council's responsibility/control of the land and associated arrangements. Kate will contact Council to obtain the appropriate letter to accompany the Whitehaven application.

Actions:

- Janine to provide the bore quotes to Kate.
- Kate to obtain the required letter from Walgett Shire Council.
- Kate to prepare the Whitehaven Coal Community Investment funding application.

Historic Bicycles Walk

The Association has received the \$3,000 funding and has sought written permission to install the photo frame/sign in Coronation Park. The request has been referred to Council.

Turner Signs has been asked to commence production of the sign and, once completed, install it in the park.

Heavy Vehicle Rest Area

Angus advised that he had spoken with Roy Butler's office. The Minister for Transport has requested the relevant correspondence between UDL and Roy Butler's office so the matter can progress without duplication and the proposed land for the truck stop can be pursued under one coordinated approach.

The Association agreed to await the outcome before taking further action, as all relevant information has now been provided.

It was also discussed that GrainCorp is considering rerouting the highway around its facility as part of its proposed expansion, which includes two additional bunkers. If this proceeds, it may affect the existing truck rest area and further strengthen the case for establishing a suitable truck stop at the Association's preferred location.

Action: No further action at this stage. Await developments.

Walgett Shire Council Matters Update on Previous Matters

Council has completed a number of the actions raised at the previous meeting.

Stage 1 of the drainage works has been completed.

The Bore Baths area has been cleaned up, the showers repaired and the grounds mowed. The area is looking considerably better.

The old tank has been connected to the hall toilets, the RFS tank has been filled, and Council is filling the large tank at the oval. This is regarded as a temporary solution until a more permanent water supply can be secured.

The information regarding recruitment of a new Burren Junction Urban Maintenance Worker has been distributed throughout the community.

Invitation to Council Representatives

It was agreed to send a personal invitation to Walgett Shire Councillors and senior Council representatives to attend the next Progress Association meeting.

Invitations are to be extended to Councillors **Joe Coleman, Greg Rummery, Jason Ramien and Daniel Walford**, together with the General Manager, Grants Specialist **Andrew Rawsthorne**, and other relevant Councillors or Council staff who may be available.

The Association would like the opportunity to discuss five priority issues directly with Council:

1. Sports Precinct and Bore

The Association would like assurance that if the community obtains grant funding to improve the sports precinct, Council will provide an appropriate and ongoing level of maintenance. Council will also be asked whether it could contribute or match funding towards the replacement bore if sufficient funding is not obtained through the Whitehaven application.

The Association would also like Council's support for future ClubGRANTS funding applications and assistance in providing a "clean slate" for improvements to the precinct, including demolition/removal of the old tennis court building and other obsolete infrastructure.

2. Swimming Pool Fence

The existing pool fence is in very poor condition and requires urgent attention with the swimming season approaching. The Association would like to establish whether Council can replace the fence or, alternatively, support the Association in seeking grant funding for its replacement.

3. Bus Shelters

Concern was expressed regarding the unfinished installation of the new bus shelters. The concrete slabs required at the three locations have not been poured and the Association would like advice on when the work will be completed.

4. Bore Baths

The Association would like the Bore Baths grounds and facilities maintained throughout summer. While the swimming pool itself would not operate during the summer months, the Association would like to discuss maintaining sufficient bore water flow to enable the shower facilities to remain available to travellers and campers.

5. Burren Junction Welcome Signage

The Association would like advice on when the Burren Junction welcome signage will be replaced. If Council does not have plans to replace the signage, the Association would like to know whether it can seek grant funding for new signs.

Action: Kate to prepare and send invitations prior to the October meeting.

Campdraft Area

The condition and ongoing maintenance of the Campdraft area was discussed.

The Association would like clarification from the Campdraft Committee regarding responsibility for maintaining the grounds, buildings and infrastructure, including the broadcasting box.

If responsibility for some or all of the maintenance rests with Walgett Shire Council, the Progress Association is willing to assist the Campdraft Committee in approaching Council to have necessary maintenance and repairs undertaken.

Motion: That the Burren Junction Progress Association write to the Campdraft Committee seeking clarification as to who is responsible for maintenance of the Campdraft area.

Moved: Sharon Shearer

Seconded: Angus Moore

Carried: Yes

Action: Kate to write to the Campdraft Committee.

General Business: No further general business was recorded.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 14 October 2026**.

Meeting Close: There being no further business, the meeting closed at **7.00 pm**.