



Meeting 12th February 2025 6pm Supper Room

Present: Steve, Andy, Cath, Kate, Janine, Robert, Sharon, Saro, Lucinda, Sally Croft, Genevieve Sendall, Scott Hardy.

Apologies: Philip and Elizabeth, Jimmy Stevens, John Clements

Minutes of previous meeting read as correct: prop Robert, sec Steve.

Business arising:

1. Cmas party broke even, was quite well attended. Massive thanks due to Cam Holcombe and Tom Slack-Smith who not only erected a massive tree for us but also built a fantastic tree stand for future years. Consider online ticketing next year and more help on bbq. **ACTION:** Look for second hand fake hand tree to avoid need for sourcing real tree in future.
2. Grant update: so far \$53K in grants.
 - Shire community grant for 3K for bikes and walking tour.
 - 10K from Graincorp for container due to be delivered on Saturday.
 - 23K from Shire to concrete paths around hall to access public toilets and make a little museum once the container is in place. **ACTION:** Lucinda to try to persuade providers to lessen quotes for sanding, air con and concrete so it comes in under 23K.
 - Burren Switched On \$10K – try to obtain less expensive smart tv than quoted in order to leave more money for Starlink. Wait until starlink hardware goes on special and Robert happy to install it.
3. New grant possibility: Up to 20K from Stronger communities Grant
<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/stronger-communities-programme-round-9> **ACTION:** Robert and Saro to apply for grant for signage for our town and bore.
ACTION: ask Elizabeth to liaise with the mural painters to come up with a mural proposal so we are ready for any future grants targeting tourism.
4. Website: Kate on track to show website progress next meeting. Lucinda to try to complete map for the website. Janine to provide further content and photos.
5. Myna birds. Three traps have been sold for \$50 each. **ACTION:** Kate to promote traps on facebook.
6. Sports Precinct: Steve has quotes on a mobile watering system. **ACTION:** Lucinda to table a letter to the Shire asking for the Shire to work with us to come up with a grant ready plan for the sports precinct, the truck stop and the bore.

Chairperson's report:

Robert has been working with the Shire which is currently in a state of flux. Jason Ramien and John Clements happy to do a walk around with committee. Robert pointed out what progress had been made in the past year and that the committee has achieved quite a lot and has a pathway now to getting more done. Keen to work with Shire on strategic plan.

Treasurer's Report:

Bank balance of \$24 915.45 most of which is grant money. Janine tabled the accounts.

New Business:

1. Bore meeting of Scott, Steve, Ruby, Annabelle and Robert to access funds from past bore account. Steve has been working hard with the Shire and Geoff to come up with a good drainage plan for the bore area so that the water that currently runs off the car park does not go back into the evaporation ponds thus contributing to their overflow issue. Steve is keen to liaise with the Shire, support Geoff, and work with Ray Nixon to re-route the water prior to the bore reopening. Thank you Steve.
2. Anglican Church: Genevieve and Sally presented an update on the state of the Anglican Church which is in need of refurbishment. There are two options: the first is to get the Church Heritage listed so that it can receive funding to do it up and the second is for the community to purchase the church and apply for grants itself. **ACTION**: Genevieve to find out what the cost of purchasing the church might be and present the second option to the community at the AGM in March.
3. Anzac Day prep. Scott will have finished the new lectern by Anzac Day. Thank you Scott. Saro to meet with Lucinda re the organisation of Anzac Day. Issue of missing dongle for the portable speaker unresolved.
4. Farewell for Brett. **ACTION**: Kate to find a suitable date that suits Brett to meet at the pub and invite the whole community to farewell him.

Meeting concluded 7.15pm. Next meeting AGM March 12th 2025 followed by a general meeting.