



General Meeting May 14th 6pm Supper Room

Present: Sharon Shearer (Chair), Kate Schwager, Cath Dickens, Phillip Powell, Steve Gardiner, Lucinda and Sandy Stump, Scott Hardy

Apologies: Elizabeth Powell, Suzie Marshall, Janine Powell, Angus Moore, Robert and Andrew Schwager, John Clements, Sarokhan Malla, Jimmy.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read with one amendment, that meetings hereafter will be held every two months, not monthly. Moved Kate, sec Sandy.

Business arising from previous minutes:

- No further progress on church.
- Toilets at bore fixed. Bore baths camping at full capacity. Need to get sports precinct camping option up and running.
- Janine working on Elders Grant for Sports Precinct due tomorrow. Lucinda and Sandy to apply for AGT grant for same project, due end of the month.
- Progress Inc to write a letter to Shire commending Geoff on his hard work and initiative at the bore. Moved Lucinda, sec Scott.
- Starlink to be installed tomorrow, password 2386. Ben Russell installed the Smart TV last week.

New Business:

- Saro, Kate and Sharon applying for Building Stronger Communities grant for signage for walking tour of Burren. **Grant expert at Shire is Andrew Rawsthorne, 0428 256299, who Janine has found very helpful. He contacted the committee to offer his services.** There remains \$2888 in funds earmarked for this project from Shire grant.
- Balance in account \$23 162.73
- **Website** (Kate):
 - Need more landscape photographs of news and events in town for website
 - Lucinda to write a page about the Progress committee and Janine to pass on notes made by web committee to Kate.
 - Kate to send out a link to the Progress members so they can comment on website.
 - Scott to design a new logo to present at next meeting with the correct number of silos and the bore referenced. Tag line to be changed to Home of the Bore Baths. Moved Philip, sec Sandy.
- **Sports Precinct** (Steve):
 - Sub committee now consists of Steve, James, Sandy St, Sandy Shearer, Maisie Holcombe, Tom and Ange McMahon, Laura and Sam Bullen. Campdraft now well represented.
 - **Priority set for oval to be ready to host 6 ways sports carnival in June 2026.**
 - Campdraft committee working on design for kitchen and offered some funds towards the purchase of a rhino tank (75 000 or 100 000 li).
 - Matt Holcombe offered to level oval with a lazer bucket and Ali Harris has an earth moving contractor prepared to sponsor the oval.

- Steven organised meeting with Anthony Doyle from the Shire to work out how to attack the area. Lucinda, Janine and Geoff all present:
 - Demolish sheds, having got rid of asbestos
 - Janine presented Anthony with her updated, excellent Precinct Plan for the area complete with costings and priorities.
 - Repair and fence one tennis court. Quote needed to fence the one court.
 - Remove old lights from everywhere except the remaining court.
 - Prepare a public use camping area to be used as overflow from the bore except when there is an event, eg campdraft. Charge \$10 per night and request that Shire use the income to reinvest in the area.
 - Bore needs replacing and Steve confident the Shire will do that.
 - Oval will have to be slightly moved to accommodate a 400m running track. Plan is to level it, secure water supply and seed the area in spring.
 - Athel pines represent a safety issue. Committee consider that is something we could take care of at minimal expense.
 - Shire's plans indicated they were considering a fence around the park. Steve raised with Anthony the importance of a new fence around the pool instead.
- **Shire meeting 7.30pm Wednesday May 28th. Members encouraged to view Shire's plans <https://www.walgett.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Draft-Council-Plans-on-Exhibition> if they want to comment at this meeting. Janine has done quite a lot of work on this already and has identified issues like the pool fence, the air strip and the need for an all weather road to the cemetery and the tip.**
- War memorial: Phillip Powell has replaced the rosemary plants that died in the wet and is working on keeping the Memorial tidy. Thank you Phillip.
- Sharon has contacted Dee to encourage her to come to meetings to represent the Fishing Club.
- There is to be no Biggest Morning Tea in Burren this year.
- Janine sent in an update for the Graincorp Graze Long Lunch on August 24th. Inspirational speaker and band. Sounds good!
- Anzac Day very good. Lucinda would like some group to take on the lunch each year and it was agreed to keep Peter coming at 12.45pm for the foreseeable future and to cover his petrol costs. Lucinda to write to Peter to thank him. A big thank you to Scott for the wonderful new lecturn. Scott keen to decorate the front.
- **Hall:**
 - Smoker's Room:
 - Flooring and air-conditioning complete. Janine to source some second-hand leather armchairs so there is a quiet space available in the room. Elizabeth to work with Bill Moore when she is better on setting up the exhibition. Kate suggested some old school photos and old school trophies might be suitable additions.
 - Concreting completed around the hall complete, container in place. Thank you to Janine and Christian for emptying out the Smoker's room and tidily moving the contents into the container. Lucinda still to order a Graincorp sign to acknowledge their grant. John Stump engaged to bring in crusher dust and soil to bed down the path and landscape the area. Lucinda to contact the Shire re pest control at the hall.
 - Steve moved that we purchase a camera for zoom meetings and encourage members to join meetings by zoom if possible, sec Lucinda who will talk to Janine. Cost approx. \$275.
 - Working bee to be organised before the Graincorp Graze to tidy the hall up and maybe work on sports precinct. Maybe combine with a film night and website launch. Date to be decided.
 - Lucinda moved that we apply for the Shire's community grant of up to \$3000 for the Cmas party. Sec Kate.

Next meeting Wednesday July 9th. Meeting closed 7.15pm.