



Present: Elizabeth, Philip, Ainsley, Steve, Scott, Lucinda, Angus, Sharon

Apologies: Kate, Janine, Susie Marshall

Move to change summer meeting times to 6.30pm moved Elizabeth, sec Ainsely, carried.

Previous minutes read as accurate with one change. An amendment Scott Hardy was not recorded as an apology for the previous meeting.

Business arising:

- **New tank at oval:** lengthy explanation of how the new 100,000li tank was supplied and installed at the oval thanks to the hard work of Philip, Harry and Janine Powell, Sandy and Lucinda and John Stump. \$5000 was donated towards the tank by the supplier, Aquawest in Dubbo, leaving \$7,000 to be paid. The Shire were not interested, the Campdraft had promised \$5,000 and Steve kindly offered to find the other \$2K from the Fire Service, provided a 3 inch fitting was added so that the fire truck could fill up from the tank. In less than 24 hours the whole project was completed (a truly remarkable effort) although there remains an issue with a small leak which **Sandy and Steve are looking into.**

Sadly, the Shire has given us a slap on the wrist for acting without full permission, although there was much communication with them at the time, they have known our plans for nearly a year and Anthony Doyle specifically told us to go ahead and do what we could. Lucinda has apologized to the Shire.

The short story is that the bore is pretty hopeless and needs re-sleeving at the very least. The Shire has known about this for some time but, as a result the tank is filling very slowly.

Steve proposed that we ask the school if we can tap into their bore in the interim, just a short-term measure, so that we can move ahead with the plan to resurface the oval in time for next year's winter sports events. Matt Holcombe championing at the bit to get on with it. Seconded Lucinda, who will **ask Janine to approach the P and C and the school Principal.** From memory the school bore was purchased by the parent body sometime in the last 20 years.

A second quote for watering the oval, necessary for any future grant applications, is being prepared by landscaper Wayne Cook of Tamworth.

- Move to write a letter to Bill Moore thanking him for all his work and his donations to the Smoker's Room Museum, Moved Elizabeth, sec Philip. **Lucinda to write to Bill.**
- **Museum:** Alice Harris has donated back her fee for all her work on the branding and the funds have been used to purchase two chairs and lighting for the museum. The chairs are in transit. Janine has ordered and taken delivery of the lighting – it now needs to be installed. **Lucinda to write a letter of thanks to Alice for her generosity.** Would be good to hold an official opening of the museum, for which Philip has organized a very charming sign for the Smoker's Room Museum and Elizabeth has installed some more memorabilia about the fettlers working on the railway in the past. Possibly at the Christmas event.
- **Christmas Party:** Ainsley is interested in organizing a Christmas party, either at the pool or at the hall. She has support from the PCYC in Walgett. She is going to talk to Saro to gauge interest from the school

and also going to approach the Fishing Club to see if they might work together with the CWA. Suggested it be held early December to avoid the build up of too many Cmas events. Subcommittee proposed by Steve, seconded Angus with members Ainsley, Elizabeth, Scott Hardy, Sharon Shearer. Other members happy to support this event, and if support needed Ainsley will schedule into a teams meeting in November to outline what is required.

- **Tourism Committee:** there is currently no representation from Rowena or Burren on the Shire's Tourism Committee. All attempts to find someone to volunteer from Burren have so far failed. Lucinda is going to talk to Rowena residents and see if anyone there would be interested.
- Janine has purchased a massive screen for the hall with the remaining grant funding from the Burren Switched On grant. It was suggested that a kid's movie night at Cmas might also be a fun way to christen it and raise some funds.
- Janine has also purchased a lock box for the café and made up some signs to advertise the wifi at the hall. Thank you Janine.
- Scott is going to approach Alice to see if she can amend the logo.

New Business:

- Proposed we thank Scott for the new lecturn for the hall, moved Philip, sec Angus.
- Shire consultation: The Shire is visiting Burren at 12 noon on October the 22nd. Lucinda has contacted the Shire to confirm the date since an email this morning seems to say that the meeting is next Tuesday evening 7.30 at the hall. Residents are invited to attend and respond to the Shire's Draft Community Engagement Strategy.

<https://www.walgett.nsw.gov.au/Public-Exhibition/Draft-Community-Engagement-Strategy-and-Community-Participation-Plan-2025-%E2%80%93-2029>

Lucinda and Janine are away on that date and despite it being held during harvest, Philip, Angus, Steve and Sharon are hoping to attend. The Shire is calling for submissions to this draft plan. Despite the fact that we have submitted countless requests and responses to previous draft plans, we agreed that another submission, bringing all our concerns together in order of priority, would be advisable. As you can see from the attachments to this email, there has been a lot of communication between us and the Shire over the last few years, much of which has been ignored.

In order of priority: **Top priority**

- Sports precinct and bore to water oval.
- Management of bore baths. Where are they up to with it?
- Truck stop opposite café to avoid any possible accident on that corner when trucks are parked up and cars often coming from the school pull out onto the Hway with limited visibility. At the very least a sign saying No Parking near the café will obviate this risk.
- Pool fence.
 - Town drainage – culverts purchased and sitting at Rescue Shed.
 - Regularly blocked public toilets.
 - Town signage.

Lucinda and Janine are going to put together another submission for the attendees to present on the 22nd based on previous submissions.

- Future agendas to include action items from previous meeting to better reflect the flow of the meeting. Prop Angus, seconded Ainsley. All in favour.

In SUMMARY: ACTION ITEMS

Item	Responsible person	Date to be completed by.
Fix leaking tank at oval	Sandy and Steve	asap

Approach school to see if they would be willing to give us temporary access to their bore.	Steve and Janine	asap
Letters of thanks to Bill Moore, Alice Harris and Scott	Lucinda	October 14th
Christmas party	Ainsley (with the help of Elizabeth, Scott and Sharon).	Mid November
Installation of large screen	?	Before Cmas Party
Installation of Museum lighting	?	Before Cmas Party
Source potential member of tourism committee	Lucinda	October 14th
Amend logo	Scott	
Put together new submission to Council	Lucinda and Janine for everyone to comment on before Council meeting whenever that turns out to be.	October 14th

Next meeting: Dec 3rd **First** Wednesday of December.

Meeting closed 7.38pm