



Booringa Action Group Inc.

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Booringa Action Group Inc. held at the BAG Cottage on Thursday, November 16, 2023 commencing at 5.30 P.M.

Attendance: Rob chaired the Meeting with Jeff Watson, Darryl Betzien, John Ford, Tilly Woodall, Donna McCarrol, Barbara Brennan, Hazel Wang, Chris Ferguson, Chris Gaydon, Cr John Birkett, Bernadette Stanton, Carly Cicero, Sandra Cornish, Kylie Miller, Cr Julie Guthrie, Pat Beggs, Charlie Cicero, Jane Fenton and Mayor Tyson Golder in attendance.

1.0 Apologies

Moved B. Stanton

Seconded H. Wang

"That apologies be received and leave of absence be granted for this meeting for Jaydon Ball, Ross Halpin, Crs Geoff McMullen, Mark Edwards, George Ladbrook, Cameron O'Neill, Wendy Taylor, Jo Hancock and Kaitlin Newton"

Carried 16/0

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved B. Brennan

Seconded S. Cornish

"That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Booringa Action Group Inc. held on October 19, 2023 as circulated be confirmed"

Carried 16/0

3.0 Correspondence

Inwards: Maranoa Regional Council

Advising as follows:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Booringa Action Group Incorporated as the preferred respondent to Tender 24001, for an amount of \$299,750.00 inclusive of GST per annum for three (3) years with the option for two additional three-year terms (total of another six years) commencing 1 December 2023.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to finalise all terms if acceptable and execute any document necessary to finalise the contract.
3. Adjust the 2023.24 budget to reflect the cost of the new management agreement.
4. Make arrangements for the Booringa Action Group Incorporated to operate the facility on a month to month basis until negotiations are completed.
5. Acknowledge that this agreement also incorporates Visitor Information Centre.

Maranoa Regional Council

Advising as follows

That Council:

1. Select Booringa Action Group Incorporated as the preferred tenderer for RFT 2400 to produce and distribute the Bottle Tree Bulletin, for the amount of \$12,865.00 x 24 months for a total of \$308,760 with the option to extend the contract for a further 24 months commencing 1 December 2023.
2. Endorse the new format design proposed for a publication size option, being 28 pages per edition.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to execute any documents necessary to formalise the contract.
4. Adjust the budget for 23.24, G/I 02018.2210.2001 Communications / Bottle Tree Bulletin / Materials & Services to incorporate the new annual contract amount.

Outwards Correspondence:

Maranoa Regional Council

Seeking Council's support in advocating for the installation of roadside toilets on the Mitchell – St George Road in light of the fact that there are currently no such facilities along the 200+ km of road.

Maranoa Regional Council – WORC Program

Seeking Council's approval for the WORC scheme to install a robust gateway and gate into the Dulbydilla Cemetery.

Moved S. Cornish

Seconded H. Wang

"That the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards Correspondence be endorsed."

Carried 16/0

4.0 Financial Report

Moved J. Watson

Seconded B. Stanton

"That the Financial Report for the November 2023 meeting be received subject to audit"

Carried 16/0

4.1 List of Payments

Moved J. Watson

Seconded B. Brennan

"That the List of Payments for October 2012as contained in the Financial Report be approved."

Carried 16/0

5.0 Officers Report

Jeff reported there has been some unrest at the Spa with the resignation of three staff.

An incident report had also been lodged after a close call with a young boy gaining access to the Spa pool area from the outside footpath through a loose piece of Perspex. Jack Tully was subsequently contracted to check the remaining Perspex area.

The Annual Meeting will possibly be held next General Meeting date as the books are still at the auditors.

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Moved J. Watson

Seconded K. Miller

"That the Officers Report for the November 2023 meeting be received".

Carried 16/0

6.0 General Business

FOG Report: John Ford reported a successful opening of the new display although he was a bit disappointed with the number of people who attended. A painting by Katie Byrne is still at the Gallery on offer to BAG for \$600.00.

Moved K. Miller

Seconded J Fenton

"That BAG purchase the painting, Jane will write its history, and it will be hung at the Spa"

Carried 16/0

John thanked everyone for their vision in purchasing the painting.

Tyson's Report: Mayor Tyson Golder acknowledged the success of the swimming pool since admittance has been made free for all. He thanked BAG for all it does for the Booringa community, also mentioned the availability of scholarships (Medical and Childcare) and cash payments for people willing to sign up to work in the Maranoa. He added that the Ken Hobson building is on the next round for a grant and that country university and regional hubs are on the horizon.

Rob thanked Tyson for his report.

Public Housing Issue: Following a discussion about the issue of Gov Depts sending people out with no means of support and no intention to assimilate with the community it was:

Moved T. Woodall

Seconded J. Ford

"That BAG write to Anne Leahy MP about the public housing situation in the Maranoa, suggesting local families be offered public housing first."

Carried 16/0

RAW Impact problem: Jeff commented on the issue of stolen cars etc in the area in the last couple of weeks following some public consultation with Raw Impact.

Moved B. Brennan

Seconded S. Cornish

"That BAG request the placement of mobile security cameras in the Mitchell area."

Carried 16/0

Christmas in the Park will be held on Friday December 1 commencing at 6pm. Eftpos will be used at the Bar and BBQ for the first time this year.

Next Meeting: The next Meeting will be held 21 December 2023 at 5.30pm unless otherwise advised.

Closure: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm and thanked all for their attendance.

Chairman.....

Date.....