



Booringa Action Group Inc.

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Minutes of the General Meeting of the Booringa Action Group Inc. held at the Shire Hall on Thursday March 21, 2024 commencing at 5.30 P.M.

Attendance: Rob chaired the Meeting with Sandra Young, Carol Newton, Barbara Brennan, John Ford, Ross Halpin, Seamus Batstone, John Birkett, Stuart Hunt, Joyce Hughes, Jenny Hockey, Peter Cummins, Vikki Wilson, Jerry and Rose Bahre, Charlie Cicero, Chris Garton, Jeff Watson, Donna McCarrol, Rob and Sandra Cornish, Jane Fenton, Jayden Ball, Lex Hewitt, Hazel Wang, Craig Hilly, Berna Stanton, Chris Hughes, Kylie Miller, Allison and James Bayliss.

1.0 Apologies

Moved S. Cornish

Seconded B. Brennan

“That apologies be received and leave of absence be granted for this meeting for Julie Guthrie, Geoff McMullen”

Carried 15/0

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved R. Halpin

Seconded J. Ford

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 February, 2024, as circulated, be confirmed”

Carried 15/0

3.0 Correspondence

Inwards: Maranoa Regional Council

Advising that BAG’s submission to have the present Chlorine dosing system at the Spa pools replaced with salt chlorinators had been approved by Council.

Outwards Correspondence: Maranoa Regional Council

Outlining the case for replacing the present Chlorine dosing system at the spa pools with salt chlorinators and requesting Council’s consideration of approving and funding this project in view of the significant safety benefits it would deliver to Spa operators and financial savings it would deliver to Council.

TRICE Consulting

Providing a letter of support for the funding application submitted by Mitchell and District Landcare to undertake a sustainable project

Moved J Watson

Seconded C. Garton

“That the Inwards Correspondence be received, and the Outwards Correspondence be endorsed”

Carried 15/0

4.0 Financial Report

Moved J. Watson

Seconded B. Stanton

“That the Financial Report for the March 2024 meeting be received subject to audit”

Carried 15/0

4.1 List of Payments

Moved J. Watson

Seconded J. Ball

“That the List of Payments for February 2024 as contained in the Financial Report be approved”

Carried 15/0

5.0 Officers Report

A verbal report was presented to the Meeting.

Moved J. Watson

Seconded S. Cornish

“That the Officers Report for the March 2024 meeting be received”

Carried 15/0

A verbal report presented to the Meeting included:

- Remembrance Wall ... \$20.00 per plaque, BAG to sponsor up to 10 plaques for a year
- Overflow at the Mitchell Showgrounds (Darryl)
- Booringa Festival 2025 ... Centenary for St Pats, BAG do Grazing on the River, Markets on Sunday, Gallery Sunday morning
- Pool alterations
- Hazard Inspection Report (12/12/2024) ... no hassles
- Food Safety Inspection Report (06/03/2024) ... no hassles
- Roast nights ... commencing soon

General Business:

Remembrance Wall:

Moved B. Brennan

Seconded B. Stanton

“That BAG sponsor up to 10 plaques per year, commencing with WW1 soldiers who were killed in action”

Carried 15/0

FOG Report – John Ford

John reported that one exhibition has been taken down and the Indigenous exhibition is up and receiving great reviews. An anonymous person has donated a PA system, many thanks them. A very successful photography competition was held last weekend, the photos from the competition are now on display at the Gallery.

Thanks to John for his report.

Directors Report:

Seamus presented a written report to the Meeting. Council now has 7 trainees and apprentices, a huge achievement as, in the last 15 years, only 1 apprentice has been employed in Mitchell.

Thanks to Seamus for his comprehensive report.

Caravan Park Overflow: Following discussions on Caravan Park overflow it was:

Moved D. Betzien

Seconded R. Halpin

“That BAG take discussions to Council regarding use of the Showgrounds as overflow powered camping sites on those occasions that the Major Mitchell Caravan park is at full capacity. Intending users would , on those occasions be redirected by the operators of the Major Mitchell Caravan Park only.”

Carried 15/0

Bank ATM:

John Birkett reported that there has been little change in the situation since the last meeting. Kay Ross (Bendigo Bank) is in charge of Community Banking but her bank is restructuring at the moment so nothing will go ahead until the restructure is complete.

AusCO: Modular Housing:

Alison would like to see some appreciation for the work these guys carried out while in Mitchell. Seamus will write a story for Maranoa Regional Council and Jeff will do a story and give it to Jenny Hockey for printing.

Power Point presentation:

Jeff delivered a power point presentation to give people a better understanding of what BAG does. During the slide show Jeff explained the contents, outlining a catalogue of the work BAG has done over the years for the benefit of the district.

Chairman Rob thanked Jeff for the presentation.

2025 Centenary of St Patricks School:

Kylie is looking for school photos of every year for next years’ display.

Lex Hewitt:

Lex has a fantastic train display and is keen have visitors coming in. He wonders should he charge an entry fee or have a donation box available. The general consensus was that a donation box would be the best first step.

Next Meeting:

The next Meeting will be held April 18 at 5.30pm unless otherwise advised.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.42pm and thanked all for their attendance.

Chairman.....

Date.....