

Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association (Incorporated)

Minutes

Venue: In person and Zoom

Date: 25/05/2021

Meeting time 6pm

Invitees:

Committee: D Graham, K Hodge, C Cooper, J Coates, A Henderson, K Pearce, G Brick,

Council Representatives: S Healy, E Aldersea

Guests: Park Victoria – Matt Berry, Tanya Taylor, Phil McGuinn

Gallery:

Apologies: Anne Brewer, Donna Mraz, Jarrod Bowd (PV), Dean Sutton (PV), Darrin Lynch (PV), Donna Mraz, J Sutton, Jeremy Tscharke, Hamish Hancock

Minutes of meeting: Minutes from 27 April, Moved by Donald Seconded by Chris

Business arising from minutes:

- Anne is continuing her work with the streetscape upgrade project
- Waiting on the result of the funding for the Balley Hooley application
- Letter is written, just making a couple of amendments prior to sending
 - o Also pushed this message in a meeting with BRV
- Working party for the pillars met, report in next meeting as Anne isn't at this meeting
- Community engagement strategy has begun
- Digital connectivity survey out in the community at the moment
- Successful land management session earlier this month

Treasurers Report:

Balance: \$82449 in business account

- See Treasurer's Report below
- Moved by Kirstie, Seconded by Donald

General Business:

1. Parks Vic Update – a project officer has now started in bushfire recovery.
 - o Balley Hooley – development of a master plan and potential future application for delivering that master plan which would include making campsite bigger and landscaping etc
 - Site meeting since we last met
 - Trying to divert money (\$250K) into the campsite development, waiting for sign off by next level of management but everyone seems generally supportive of this
 - PV are happy to come back to the committee to work through the design.
 - Secondary assessments of hazardous trees at Balley Hooley has been undertaken.

- Buchan Caves Reserve – redevelopment of reserve (\$2mill), succession plantings, pool
 - Procurement of consultants for precinct design plan took longer than expected, contract signed yesterday
 - Getting all info together and drafting ideas, they will bring ideas to the committee when ready then bring plans back at another meeting
 - There will also be input from GLAWAC
 - This will determine what comes out of the \$2m
 - Bridge 2 determined as needing to be replaced, not useable as it has reached the end of its service life and is now unusable
 - Meeting tomorrow to discuss short term plan so the reserve can keep operating and long-term plans for rebuilding
 - **Action: Matt will send outcomes to Suzie to share with the committee**
 - Impact on the business is that the campground is closed and no vehicle access past bridge 2
 - Need to work out parking for the upcoming long weekend
 - Visitation is up and there is still full capacity for tours – people just need to walk from bridge 2 to cave entrances
 - Pool update
 - Started process to work out how to move forward with it. Pool will be included in the design discussions. Costings are being worked through
 - Heritage Victoria and East Gippsland Shire Council are involved in the re-opening discussion and requirements.
 - There's operational funding available from next year once it's up and running for costs such as equipment and lifeguard. It will have opening hours
- One Tree Hill – discussion about the development of this site
 - There's been discussions about replanting a tree and making it a memorial site, creating a viewpoint for people to go to with historical information
 - It was thought that there would be a process in naming it after John Brownbridge
 - The site has some indigenous significance which may trigger cultural heritage permits for the installation of extra picnic tables, seating and BBQs.
- Suggan Buggan campsite – no plans to upgrade as a low-level facility; great spot with lots of potential
 - New BBQ and group firepit installed
 - River flats and banks sprayed
 - Sprayed for weeds yearly for last 5 years
 - Chris suggested it's a site worth cleaning up

- New toilet at Jacksons Crossing; 2 new toilets along Snowy River (DELWP project) at Long Point and Sandy Point
- Potholes Reserve to be fenced. Waiting cultural heritage. Shelter, information board, water tank, karst walk, extensive interps
- General land management activities currently occurring include:
 - Weed spraying – Willis McKillops, Basin creek, Balley Hooley Campsite, Green Hills, Potholes, lookouts, roadside s and One Tree Hill
 - Brush cutting – Tulloch Ard, Basin Creek, Balley Hooley, McKillops Bridge
 - Aerial Shooting of pest animals occurring
 - Ground shooting occurring specifically focusing on rain forest sites – Little River Gorge, Pyramids Reserve, Anticline Buchan Caves, Plum Gully and Lake Tyers
 - Deer exclusion fencing at Green Hills
 - Pig trapping (1 full time trapper in Buchan) and dog work
 - Rock wallaby project
 - Seeking quotes for directional minor entry signs; tables. Interpretative signs to come later
- Working For Victoria – hoping to have up to 30 positions working across fire impacted Parks Victoria estate
- Recent State Budget allows for support \$\$\$ for tracks, roads, tree management
- Kate requested more information about the European wasp situation
- Action: PV will provide monthly updates in the Phoenix
- Action: a working group will be established for the discussions regarding the design of the caves reserve

2. Buchan Gelantipy and Districts Digital Connectivity Issues and Gaps Project

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T9TT9FX>
- Hard copy form – see attached
- Suzie sent an email to everyone with the survey to fill out and distribute to the community
- Issues to be collected to understand the problems and open to peoples ideas for solutions
- Report will be shared for this district

3. LER Review (Kate and Suzie)

- Committee representative meeting with BRV consultant
 - Kate, Donald and Kirstie went to meeting with Tony Thompson
 - Circulating a survey on how the CRCs want the next round of LER funding to be done

- Talked about the need for using community plans and ensuring communities with greatest need get funding
 - Needs to be a more strategic approach to make sure all communities have access to funding
 - A survey is available online to provide your feedback
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LEReview21>
- 4. Feedback from Streetscape project meetings (Anne and Suzie)
 - Ideas needed for where to engage with community about plans (footy, Post Office, pub etc)
 - Footy home games, community meals, footy/netball training, golf on Sundays, youth boxing nights, fortnightly Thursday morning tea at Bush Nursing Centre (from Annemarie), pony club, the tip, Fun, Food and Friendship at Buchan Pub, Thursday night meals, school bus.
 - Committee to feedback back to Suzie
 - Walking track for Caves reserve to be done as separate project so this will get underway soon
- 5. BRV update on the Budget (Kate)
 - Need for a strategic planning session to follow this
 - Response from Carmel after our push for them to lift their game (see attached email)
- 6. Windmill art works (Kate)
 - Artwork relates to John Flynn and existing historical narrative and was sourced by RFDS
 - Campbell Sinclair asked if we would like some historical narrative paintings on windmill blades
 - Two will come to Buchan
 - They can be part of the new streetscape project, near the Bush Nurse
 - Artist to come in July, photo of handover of art
 - Action: document this and write an article, write letter of appreciation to the artist after the visit
- 7. Feedback from pillars list (Anne)
 - Update on Community Renewal Plan development
 - Moved to next meeting
- 8. Community engagement strategy (Anne and Suzie)
 - Flow chart to share with community attached
 - Infographic to give people information on where people can find out what's going on
 - Action: Show to people around town for feedback – the hub, Tracey, Sophie (Erin)
 - Action: add Neighbourhood House's email list for distribution (Erin)

9. Place Manager Update on Three Priorities (Suzie)

- Play space
 - Request for Quote complete and now sitting with BRV to access supplier from the Support Panel
- Rec Reserve
 - Sitting with Suzie to get a formal request to Council for options
- Tourism opportunities
 - 3 submissions received, hope to make decision next week
 - Intention for a quick turnaround on project
 - Would like reps from this committee on the working groups
 - Action: Suzie to do a call out for who would like to join
 - Kirstie is interested
- Once projects are moving forward, what are the next priorities?
 - BRV have a panel of experts available to use which we need to utilise

Other

- Outcomes from land management session
 - Suzie has clear actions written down from the meeting and these will be sent out
 - Many follow ups in this space and from this session.
- So many individuals still suffering – what more can we do for them as a committee?
 - Action: Find ways to use the legal services available for individuals who are having problems
 - Apply for funding opportunities for individuals not just community – should we be doing this?
 - Infrastructure costs, insurance issues
 - Table this issue at a CRC Chairs fortnightly meeting, this will be an issue across the Shire
 - What support is still available from BRV for individuals?
 - Case managers available
 - Action: Suzie to follow up with how other communities dealt with donations and distributing them
 - Action: Chris asked if case managers are available to go visit individuals now their case loads should be less?

Next meeting: 6pm

Meeting closed: 8pm

Minutes written by: E Aldersea

Chairperson: K Hodge

Signed: K Hodge

Date: 22 June

Treasurer's Report
Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association Inc.

Income Statement
01/01/2021 - 31/03/2021

Income	
Donations	29,919
Grants	0.00
Gross Profit (Loss)	29,919
Expenses	
Bank Fees	66
Donations	3,000
Event Expenses	4,814
Room/Venue hire	14
Total Expenses	7,894
Net Income (Loss)	22,025

Balance Sheet
as at 29 November 2020

Current Assets	
Cash at Bank	82,449
Fixed Assets	-
Total Assets	82,449
Current Liabilities	(520)
Long-term Liabilities	-
Total Liabilities	(520)
Owner Equity	
Retained earnings	60,943
Profit	22,025
Total Assets	82,968
Total Liabilities & Stockholder Equity	-
Total Equity	82,968

Treasurer's Report

Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association Inc.

Income Statement:

Donations were received from Neighbourhood House's Go Fund Me account.

Donations were paid out to the Buchan Kindergarten and Primary School (\$1500 each).

Event expenses relate to the costs associated with the AGM. A grant from the East Gippsland Shire Council has offset these expenses.

Balance Sheet:

We currently have funds of \$82,449 in our main operating account. Marg Brick has transferred over all the funds held in the Trust account on our behalf.

The surplus sitting in Other Current Liabilities of \$520 relates to funds that the Australian Taxation Office owes us for the BAS.

I have now updated our bank details and these funds should be deposited into our bank account within 14 days,

Compliance:

BAS's submitted for the December 2020 and March 2021 quarters

Treasurer now has access to the online Australian Taxation Portal for ease of lodgement.

The Secretary and Treasurer have lodged the Annual Return with Consumer Affairs Victoria.