

**Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association (Incorporated)**

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| **Meeting Minutes** |
| **Venue**:  | Buchan Rec Reserve |
| **Date**:  | 4 February 2025 |
| **Meeting** **time**  | 6pm |
| **Committee in attendance:** | Katie Hodge, Donald Graham, Susan Freeman, Rohan Flower, Margy McCole. |
| **Chairperson:** | K Hodge |
| **Guest/s:**  | Kellie Lawler (EGSC) |
| **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country** | *I would like to acknowledge the Gunaikurnai, Monero and Bidawel people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land that encompasses East Gippsland Shire. We pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in East Gippsland, their Elders past and present and the Country we meet on today.* |
| **#** |  | **LEAD** |
|  | **Guest –** Kellie Lawler EGSCKellie discussed remaining CRC\_LGA funding.I raised that the application for Land Use had been denied and explained that I feel they had misunderstood our request. Kellie unaware that John Hamilton had discussed with Martin Richardson EGSC, she will go back and revisit our application. There are still funds available in the Professional Services stream.  |  |
| **1.** | **Apologies**Kirsty Pearce, Stephanie Franks and Suzanne Davies |  |
| **2.** | **Previous Minutes**December Meeting Minutes have been distributed.**Motion:** Meeting minutes are a true and accurate record.**Moved:**  Kate Hodge **Seconded:** Susan Freeman  | **Susan** |
| **3.** | **Operational Reports**Treasurers ReportProfit and Loss and Bank Balance Reports emailed and discussed.**Motion:** That the Profit and Loss and Bank Balance Reports were presented and discussed.**Moved:** Donald Graham **Seconded:** Rohan FlowerThe Gelantipy Hall kitchen is now completed but is over budget by $3,667.82.**Motion:** That the overspend of $3,667.82 on the Gelantipy Hall Kitchen be paid from donations.**Moved:** SusanFreeman **Seconded:** Margy McCole**Admin Project Officer Report*** Kath Smith Emergency Manager, EGSC still not able to provide an answer on the insurance for the new pavilion. Council is putting together a business case to go to the Councillors
* Emerge Consultants appointing to design Play Space and Pump Track. Geotechnical work to commence this week. Consultation with community later in February.
* Buchan Discovery Trail – plans are progressing
 | **Susan** |
| **4.** | **Correspondence – Committee*** Emerge Consultants – Letter of Appointment
* Email Mark Tickner re Generator
* Email re Dump Point
* Email Rod Clough re grant sourcing for Rec Reserve
* Email Gippsland Community Foundation re funding for IPad for the Cricket Club.
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| **7.** | **Play space and Pump Track Update*** Letter of appointment
* Letter to owners of Windmill Paddock – permission to access
* Draft Engagement Plan
 | **Susan** |
| **6.** | **CRC\_LGA Professional Services Fund Applications*** Cultural heritage studies for Suggan Buggan - approved
* Buchan Residential Land Availability Study – denied see attached response
* I spoke with John Hamilton about this, it seems Council have perhaps misunderstood our request. Martin Richardson had a discussion with John and said that he was open to look at any potential rezoning. John will have a look at Council’s response and is happy to meet with John Salter and myself to discuss.

Consider an application for assistance with our transition from a Community Recovery Committee. The Committee agreed that they needed to continue past June 30 due to the amount of unfinished projects. Agreed that we need to find more funding for Susan’s role, so that the projects can continue to progress. Concern around what will happen if there is no one in Susan’s role to progress these projects. | **Susan** |
| **8.** | **Review Community Renewal Plan** No meeting for January.Do some thinking about next year.Go through the renewal plan tick off and cross what has been done. Look at our long term / short etc goals. Find funding to support Admin and Project Officer role for another two years. Not discussed. | **Kate** |
|  | **GRANTS**Gippsland Community Foundation - $25,000FRRR - $10,000 and $25,000Discussion around Butter Factory and Jane Davidson accessing these grants. Agreed that it was unlikely that the Gippsland Community Foundation would provide further funds for the Uniting Church.I met with Rohan and Julianne (JDA) to look at the building works required. Rohan estimated that they would need at least $25,000.Both organsations would like a kitchen. I am investigating the likelihood of the Butter Factory being able to put in a septic. If they can’t then a kitchen will not be an option for them. |  |
| **13.** | **OTHER BUSINESS** Professional Services - Susan to speak to Mike Sewell to see if can support us in putting in an application for the design/development of the track.Funding for Susan’s role finishes on 30 June 2025, Katie to give FRRR a call to see if this is something they can support us in.Emerge – Kristin Davis has met with Martin and Vicky today re the ownership options for the Windmill Paddock.Kate also suggested that we could approach organisations such as Rotary for support with this.Still no progress on the Dump Point or Trees in spite of repeated requests for information and engagement from Council. Katie has drafted an email to Stuart to try to progress some of these projects. Need to consider also speaking to Senator Sheldons office. |  |
|  | **Next meeting: Wednesday 5 March 2025** |  |