

Community Engagement Committee

October 2023 Minutes

Date, Location and Time:

- Monday October 2nd, Wallinduc CFA at 10am

Attendees:

- Garry Moorfield – Corangamite Shire Council – Community Development Officer
- Nicholas Cole – Corangamite Shire Council – Councillor
- Ben Middleton – Golden Plains – Senior Economic Development Officer
- Peter Ridsdale - Coordinator Economic Development
- Philip Beattie – GPG
- Luke Hatherell – GPG Berrybank Site Manager
- Benn Remington – GPG Berrybank Community Engagement Officer
- Robyn Alexander – Community member
- Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
- Malcolm and Jane Cooper– Community Members
- Ben Keating – Community Member
- Max Kerr- Community Member

Apologies:

- Avon Buchholz – Community Member

Chair of Meeting

- Benn Remington

Declaration of pecuniary or other interests:

- N/A

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

- **Moved:** Garry Moorfield
- **Seconded:** Robyn Alexander
- **In favour:** All

Business arising from previous minutes - response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested:

- Robyn asked Gary about the Berrybank Hall and what decision council has made around selling it Garry responded that there is no plans to sell it and there is discussions being had around the future of the hall.

Correspondence:

- N/A

GPG update:

BERRYBANK 1 UPDATE

- Availability is above 98%
- Annual safety checks remaining to be completed in 2023
- Anchor points
- Internal ladder
- Internal lift
- Internal crane hoist
- Rescue kits
- Fire extinguishers

BERRYBANK 2 UPDATE

- First annual service currently underway – 4 of 26 completed
- Annual WTG transformer service – 4 of 26 completed
- External blade inspection (via drone)
- Internal blade inspection
- YTD availability remains above 98%
- Luke explained what availability means and how blade repairs are undertaken.

Landscape Screening Program

- 18 of 53 have opted in
- 5 sites initially to be scoped
- Architect is on board and ready to start
- Landowners are being contacted regarding site visit availability.
- Luke explained how the LSP will work and that the first sites are being contacted

GPG Community & Stakeholder Engagement Update

Cressy Bowling Club

- After missing out on a community grant to purchase a defibrillator to replace the expired unit the Cressy bowling club now have a new defibrillator thanks to GPG.
- Brenda asked about a defib for Wallinduc to which Luke responded that he was looking into it.

Cressy and Lismore Newsletter Distribution

- Cressy Pioneer has distributed 38 copies since GPG has been Funding the program.
- Lismore news has distributed 150 copies.

Golden Plains Twilight Market

Benn explained that GPG are sponsoring the twilight market in 2023, to which Peter and Benn expanded on what the market is and the benefit of the community.

RMIT Entrepreneurship & Innovation Program

- Meredith Sharing Shed is now the hub for this initiative.
- The first 5 workshops have been well attended with very positive feedback.
- With a diverse demographic.
- Workshops have been moved to evenings to allow for more participation.
- Next workshop is on October 26th with the topic being **“Creating virtual reality videos.”**

Corangamite Shire Council Update

Berrybank Wind Farm Grants | Round 2

The four successful Round 2 project applicants have all accepted the BWF Grant conditions and have received payments directly into their nominated bank accounts.

- **Derrinallum Recreation Reserve Committee of Management**
Netball court upgrade \$20,000
- **Derrinallum Bowling Club**
Painting of Bowls Clubrooms \$12,000
- **Noorat A & P Society**
Enclose and clad the Homecrafts Annex \$10,000
- **Lismore Land Protection Group**
Restoring connectivity and on-farm biodiversity \$9,995

Berrybank Wind Farm Grants | Round 1 (2022)

There are two projects still to be completed of the six projects funded through Round 1.

The **Cressy Water Tower Public Art** project is expected to be completed in October 2023.

The **Restumping the Darlington Hall** will take place in early 2024, according to the most recent advice of the contractor engaged for this project.

Community Benefit Deed

Twelve of the 15 projects supported through the Community Benefit Deed have now been completed, with 2 more close to being finalised.

Darlington hall roof replacement

Plumber has been engaged to complete drainage works around the Hall in October 2023.

Glenormiston South Hall upgrade

All works complete except for laying gravel in the carpark area.

Bradvale Hall upgrade

Project completed with plumber certification of septic system supplied.

Derrinallum Change Rooms

Project is now progressing in stages. Corangamite Works staff are providing guidance.

Larger local projects

Community members are being supported to develop some larger high-impact local projects for which Berrybank Wind Farm funding support will/ may be sought. These include:

Derrinallum Skate Park at the Derrinallum Rec Reserve

Design specification and cost estimates completed by CONVIC, supported by local donations and a Corangamite Shire Enabling Grant.

Browns Water Holes footbridge replacement

Structural engineer has inspected and has provided a quote for development of the design specification for a replacement wooden footbridge.

Berrybank School renovation

GPG/ BBWF has obtained a building assessment report as part of preparations for scoping assessment.

Voluntary Agreement Part 2

Voluntary Agreement for BBWF 2 to be negotiated and adopted with a view to increasing the available BBWF Grant funding pool for Round 3 in 2024.

Berrybank School / Wallinduc Church

Luke and Benn explained that after receiving very confusing building condition reports, they will be working with both groups to come up with a scope of works to then get quotes for the required works.

Garry expanded and said that the facilities must be used to justify the significant outlay to renovate and go back to ruin, asked that we have a discussion around the types of events that could be held there.

Nick talked about possible short term accommodation. Benn expanded with Low cost camp for travellers.

Walliduc Signage

Max explained the stone sign has been cut and prepared and are waiting on the footing to be completed to then be put into place.

Wallinduc Mower

Benn asked if the mower could be donated to the Wallinduc CFA as to get around insurance and storage issues as GPG need to have an agreement with a group or a company to allocate funding.

Golden Plains Shire Update

- Peter reported that Golden Plains have applied for Federal funding to add to their Northern Streetscape Project, they came back with additional questions/requests

- **Issues and comments identified by the community or local government.**

- General business/feedback from the community**

- Robyn provided an update on the Cressy Water Tower project, the project has been approved by Barwon Water but still waiting on approval from Eastern Maar.
 - Robyn asked about the state of Urches Rd, To which Peter responded that the locals need to register the complaints more often to get the job higher on the list.

Meeting Closed - 11:04am

Next Meeting:

- Monday 4th December 2023, Lismore Golf Club 11:30am

