

Community Engagement Committee

March 2024 Minutes

Date, Location and Time:

- Monday March 4th, Wallinduc CFA Hall at 10:00am

Attendees:

- Garry Moorfield – Corangamite Shire Council – Community Development Officer
- Nicholas Cole – Corangamite Shire Council – Councillor
- Ben Middleton – Golden Plains – Senior Economic Development Officer
- 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
- Max Kerr- Community Member

Apologies:

- Peter Ridsdale - Coordinator Economic Development
- Ben Keating – Community Member

Chair of Meeting

- Benn Remington – GPG Community & Stakeholder Engagement

Declaration of pecuniary or other interests:

- N/A

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

- **Moved:** Max Kerr
- **Seconded:** Ben Middleton
- **In favour:** All

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

GPG update:

BERRYBANK 1 UPDATE

- Availability is above 98%
- Works to be completed in 2024
- Electrical Balance of Plant Outage (completed)
- 3 Yearly service
- Transformer Inspections
- External blade inspection (via drone)
- Internal blade inspection
- Safety Checks - Fire extinguishers, Lift, Ladder, Anchor Points, Rescue Kit, First aid kit, crane hoist.

BERRYBANK 2 UPDATE

- Availability is above 98%
- Works to be completed in 2024
- Electrical Balance of Plant Outage (completed)
- 2nd Yearly service
- Transformer Inspections
- External blade inspection (via drone)
- Internal blade inspection
- Safety Checks - Fire extinguishers, Lift, Ladder, Anchor Points, Rescue Kit, First aid kit, crane hoist.

Landscape Screening Program

- 5 Properties visited in round 2
- Planning and design complete for round 1 & 2.
- Round 3 site visits to happen in coming weeks

GPG Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Update

- Wallinduc Community Group – Ride on mower purchased in January
- Skipton P/S- Netball court resurfacing
- Lismore CFA – Light vehicle acquisition, Lismore CFA must provide 1/3 the cost of the light vehicle to be eligible for CFA and state funding for the rest, they have asked if GPG could assist.
- Lismore Recreation Reserve – Netballers change rooms, Luke explained how GPG attended the Rec Reserve meeting and all of the clubs involved with the reserve, they all voted on purchasing a new change room facility for the netballers.
- Leighdale Equestrian Centre – GPG have been approached to pick up a shortfall in grant funding awarded to the centre in Covid times, and due to price rises have fallen short on the funds need to install the arena surface substrate.
- Golden Plains Shire – Senior citizen program funding
- Play like a girl foundation – 10 Scholarships per year for 3 years
- Runway Ballarat – Sponsorship and start up grant funds
- Community Grants Funding agreements drafted for stage 2.

Corangamite Shire Council Update

Shire have started advertising the 2024 Grants.

Cressy Water Tower Public Art

The water tower has now been painted with a lot of positive feedback from the community.

Robyn said Colac Otway Shire have mentioned they will do some levelling works around the site to make viewing safer.

Barwon water have also mentioned they will do some landscaping within the site.

Signage is to go up, and an open day is set to be around May.

Community Benefit Deed

13 projects finished, the following still have works pending.

Darlington Hall

Restumping taking place, but issues have arisen with the flooring becoming unsalvageable and now the project has incurred further costs to replace the floor.

Glenormiston South Hall upgrade

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

Derrinallum Change Rooms

Project is now progressing in stages. Corangamite Works staff have been engaged to undertake the construction work in stages.

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. Also on GPG's radar for possible funding.

Browns Water Holes footbridge replacement

Plans have been received and estimates have been indicated at around \$100,000. Funding being sought to assist the council in completing this project.

Berrybank School / Wallinduc Church

- Meeting between Council, GPG and the Community group has brought positive results with GPG and Golden Plains Shire Council both agreeing to see the project take the next steps, they have requested the community group secure adequate community interest to provide justification of the project.

Wallinduc Signage

- Max explained the stone sign has been cut and ready to be put in place, the footing has been completed, just waiting on the stonemason to bring it out and set it.

Golden Plains Shire Update

- Smythesdale Clinic has been nominated for an LGPRO award, GPG funded \$50,000 toward equipment fit-out in the clinic to help secure and keep doctors at the clinic.
- Geelong Landcare group – purchase of a PA – acquitted-

- GP arts - \$26,000 over 3 years, 2023 event has been run.
- Teasdale twilight markets and carols - \$13,200 over 2 years, 2023 even has been run. Estimated 3-4,000 people attended.
- Cape clear bush dance has been run and was a great success.
- Inverleigh Bowls club - \$15,700 for lighting upgrades which have been completed.
- Inverleigh Sports Club - \$10,000 for sun shade – waiting approval from DEECA.
- Maude She Oaks & Steiglitz Community Group – Community Gathering 2023 has been run and was a success. Approx. 1000 people attended.
- Shelford Duck Race – \$10,100 over 3 years. Has been run and expanded.
- Shelford public hall - \$49,000 over 2 years. Works being undertaken but have met some issues and have sought further funding.

Issues and comments identified by the community or local government.

General business/feedback from the community

Second CFA site familiarization to be planned in 2024.

Meeting Closed – 11:10am

Next Meeting:

- Monday 3rd June 2024, Berrybank Hall 10.00am

