

Community Engagement Committee

June 2024 Minutes

Date, Location and Time:

- Monday June 3rd, Berrybank Hall at 10:00am

Attendees:

- Garry Moorfield – Corangamite Shire Council – Community Development Officer
- Ben Middleton – Golden Plains – Senior Economic Development Officer
- Benn Remington – GPG Berrybank Community Engagement Officer
- Lachie Martin – GPG Berrybank Site Supervisor
- 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
- Luke Hatherell – GPG Berrybank Site Manager
- Nicholas Cole – Corangamite Shire Council – Councillor

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:** Jane Cooper
- **Seconded:** Robyn Alexander
- **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%
- 3 yearly Servicing happening
- 23 Turbines serviced 20 to go.
- 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
- 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

- 6 Properties visited last week – all sites have now been assessed
- Planning and design complete for round 1 & 2.
- 4-5 weeks for design plans to be completed for the last round.
- Once all designs have been completed and landowners are happy with the design, costings for each plan can be made and offers made to landowners.

GPG Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Update

- Lismore P/S- Community Garden renovation.
- Cape Clear Recreation Reserve – Defibrillator
- 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, Playground and Electronic Scoreboard.
- Golden Plains Shire – Senior citizen program funding
- Community Grants Funding agreements drafted for stage 2.
- Lismore – Browns waterhole footbridge works

Corangamite Shire Council Update

Voluntary agreement

Berrybank 2 Voluntary Agreement has been signed and in turn the funding pool for the Grants program for this round has been increased to \$65,000.

Community Grant Round 2024

Grant applications opened on the 1st April and closed on the 13th of May.

6 applications for Leverage grants totaling \$188,000 and

13 applications for Project Grants totaling \$100,000

Grants assessment committee have met and applications now go to Council for approval on 23rd July.

Community Benefit Deed

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. Council have allocated funding in the Budget to address this.

Cressy Water Tower Painting

Opening Ceremony has taken place with a great turnout. Barwon water have undertaken landscaping works at the site to make viewing safer

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:

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 Wind is looking into how they may be of assistance.

Golden Plains Shire Update

- Smythesdale Clinic was nominated for an LGPRO award, Unfortunately didn't take home first place but did come runner up to claim the second best project in Victoria. GPG funded \$50,000 toward equipment fit-out in the clinic to help secure and keep doctors at the clinic.

Berrybank Community Grants 2024

Applications for the 2024 grants round closed on Friday 31st May at 2pm.

Council received applications for \$108,000 in grants for projects totaling \$294,000.

Berrybank grants committee is set to meet at the end of June to assess the applications.

Berrybank School / Wallinduc Church

- Max informed the group, that the Diocese that own the church are giving Ballarat Grammar the option to take over the church even though they don't not have any hold over the church In the first place. Max is still working on the matter.

Wallinduc Signage

- Walinduc Stone sign has been finished and set in its place at the Wallinduc Memorial Reserve.
Big thanks to Max Kerr for his efforts in getting this project finished, this stone looks amazing

Issues and comments identified by the community or local government.

General business/feedback from the community

Ben mentioned to the committee that if they know of any group or project that needs funding to make sure they start working on their application now, to give themselves plenty of time. Also to reach out to council for help with applying for a BBWF Grant.

Meeting Closed – 10.55am

Next Meeting:

- Monday 2nd September 2024, Wallinduc CFA Hall 10.00am

