

## Community Engagement Committee

### September 2024 Minutes

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**Date, Location and Time:**

- Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wallinduc CFA 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
- Max Kerr- Community Member
- Ben Keating – Community Member
- Nicholas Cole – Corangamite Shire Council – Councillor
- Katie McMahon – Corangamite Shire - Manager Economy and Prosperity

**Apologies:**

- Malcolm and Jane Cooper– Community Members
- Luke Hatherell – GPG Berrybank Site Manager

**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:** Ben Middleton
- **Seconded:** Garry Moorfield
- **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 Completed
- Transformer Inspections Completed
- Continuous Improvement Maintenance
- 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 about to start
- Transformer Inspections about to start
- Continuous Improvement maintenance
- Safety Checks - Fire extinguishers, Lift, Ladder, Anchor Points, Rescue Kit, First aid kit, crane hoist.

**Landscape Screening Program**

- All properties now have draft plans completed
- Waiting for all properties to accept plans
- Option letters will be sent out within 2 weeks
- One off payments will be made within 30 days
- Trees will be planted when Oz trees advise to be the optimal time to plant

**GPG Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Update**

Vestas and GPG staff have committed to performing volunteer work in the local community, As part of this commitment staff are planning to help the Lismore Primary School start their community garden refurbishment by donating their time over the school holidays to clean up the garden area.

Upcoming projects to be funded –

- Lismore P/S- Community Garden renovation.
- Cape Clear Recreation Reserve – Defibrillator
- Wallinduc / Grenville Group – Light vehicle acquisition
- Lismore Recreation Reserve – Netballers change rooms and Electronic Scoreboard.
- Golden Plains Shire – Senior citizen program funding

**Corangamite Shire Council Update**

**Community Grant Round 2024**

Grant applications opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and closed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Berrybank Wind Farm Grants | Round 3**

The seven successful Round 3 project applicants have all accepted the BWF Grant conditions and have received payments directly into their nominated bank accounts.

**Lismore Cemetery Trust**

Cemetery Improvements Project

\$18,640

<b>Derrinallum Bowling Club</b>	
Installation of solar panels and inverters	\$10,000
<b>Lismore Land Protection Group</b>	
Restoring connectivity and on-farm biodiversity.	\$8,000
<b>Derrinallum Yacht and Power Boat Club Incorporated</b>	
Purchase of new outboard motor	\$2,000
<b>Lismore Bowls Club Incorporated</b>	
Clubhouse repairs	\$6,555
<b>Western Plains Mobile Preschool Incorporated</b>	
Outdoor seating, storage and watering shed	\$,10,000
<b>Camperdown Girl Guides</b>	
Replace windows on Guide Hall	\$10,000

Round 3 grant allocations totalled \$65,195. This puts the Community Enhancement Fund back in balance, meaning that the Round 4 allocation will offer in excess on \$100,000 in 2025.

## **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 along with a Tiny Towns Grant.

### **Derrinallum Change Rooms**

Waiting for Builder to update his registration, so works can commence.

## **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**

Structural engineering design and quantity surveyor estimates completed. Consents and approval requests are in train. Council projects supplementation to be sought as part of council budget considerations.

## **Golden Plains Shire Update**

### **Berrybank Community Grants 2024**

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

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

The 2024 round of Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants has been awarded to five community groups who will share in a combined \$65,245 over the next three years to help deliver a range of community projects and events.

The funding was available across two categories: Economic Development Projects and Tourism Projects, with one year and multi-year funding available for each category.

The successful community projects and events included:

- **Inverleigh Dachshund Derby** – \$14,908 total to be delivered over the next three years to support this popular community event.
- **Dereel and Surrounding Communities Men's Shed Inc** – \$10,000 over the next three years for the 'Community Bonfire' event.
- **Meredith History Interest Group** – \$12,397 to support the 'Bursting at the Seams!' initiative.
- **Inverleigh Golf Club Inc.** – \$16,740 for the Inverleigh Disc Golf Course expansion.
- **Turtle Bend Events Committee** – \$11,200 to support the Live@Turtle Bend/Spring Solstice events.

### **Berrybank School / Wallinduc Church**

- Committee members set to meet with the Diocese in coming weeks to discuss ownership of the church

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

**General business/feedback from the community**

**Meeting Closed – 10.50am**

#### **Next Meeting:**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, Fairway Café Lismore, 10.00am

