

Bellarine Springs Residents Association

MINUTES

Committee Meeting – Wed 14th Feb, 2024

Meeting Room

Present: Steve Merriman, Rick Goss, Peter Guerin, David Gilbert, Delia Jenkins, Glynis Jones

Apologies: Jayne Huson, Sue Kuter, Judy Benbow

Meeting Start: 10:00 am

Rod and Steph Wellard spoke on the progress of the VIP Series speakers program. Working with Delia on a flyer. Information to come so keep an eye out for flyers and sign up sheets.

Chair:

- 1. Apologies & quorum**
- 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**
- 3. Correspondence**

Received:

- Val Moss - Detox your home - sent out to residents.
- Rod and Steph Wellard Report to BSRA for VIP Series.
- Thank you card from Fiona for Xmas gift from the Committee. (Same gift as residents received. All staff got one).

Sent:

- Invited Rod and Steph to join the Committee at the next meeting to explain what they have planned.
- Thanked Val for the information on detox your home.

4. Minutes of previous meeting (*previously circulated*)

- a. Moved to accept Minutes: David Secunder: Peter
- b. Business Arising from Minutes
 - Have followed up re the fish van waiting for a call back re possible visit times.
 - Booked the bush balladeer - \$250 on the 17th March.

5. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Report, including current balance (*circulated*)

This month's report shows a surplus of **\$877.52**. Despite some significant expenditure items, this month saw a healthy surplus delivered in part due to good bar sales boosted by NYE and Australia Day events, and also from lower than usual bar purchases.

A budget review was conducted in late January that compared the income and expenditure in the half year (1st Jul – 31st Dec) against budget. Most categories are tracking roughly in line with expectations aside from expenditure on Social Events and Equipment, which were both over budget. This was partially offset by a higher bar surplus fed by larger bar sales than budgeted for.

This month we received \$245.00 from Jill's Shoes as commission on sales following their visit in Dec. We are expecting to receive a further commission payment following the visit by Cabella Fashions in early February.

Non-Bar Expenditure

- Croquet Balls	\$ 155.00
- Dim Sims	\$ 100.00
- Morning Tea & Catering Supplies	\$ 287.63
- Umbrella Purchase	\$ 179.84
- Australia Day Catering	\$ 198.20
- BSRA Website Subscription	\$ 180.04
- Trivia & Bingo Prizes	\$ 18.05
	\$ 1,118.76

Financial Report as of 31st Jan 2024

Date	Current Month 1st Jan - 31st Jan	Year to Date 1st Jul - 31st Jan
Income		
Bar Sales	\$2,726.93	\$20,317.86
Social Events	\$0.00	\$4,111.66
Internal Transfers - In	\$1,500.00	\$7,000.00
Morning Teas/Catering	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraising - In	\$0.00	\$4,503.10
Interest	\$8.29	\$61.31
Misc. Income	\$245.00	\$1,658.02
	\$4,480.22	\$37,651.95
Expense s		
Bar Purchases	\$983.94	\$13,139.58
Social Events	\$298.20	\$9,119.10
Internal Transfers - Out	\$1,500.00	\$7,000.00
Morning Teas/Catering	\$175.13	\$1,159.79
Fundraising - Out	\$0.00	\$4,509.00
Activity Group Funding	\$155.00	\$900.67
Stationery & Admin.	\$22.50	\$91.25
Equipment Purchased	\$179.84	\$2,918.84
Misc. Expenses	\$288.09	\$345.29
	\$3,602.70	\$39,183.52
Summary	\$877.52	-\$1,531.57
A/C Balances as of 31st Jan 2024		
Cash - Bar A/C		\$968.96
Cash - General A/C		\$5,317.42
Cash - Petty Cash		\$41.90
Cash - Bar Float		\$40.00
		\$6,368.28
Assets - Bar Stock		\$853.00
Overall Financial Position		\$7,221.28

Moved to accept Report: Treasurer: Rick Goss

Secunder: Peter Guerin

Motion: David to price fridge/s for the bar. Moved: Steve Seconder: Delia

6. Committee Reports

a) President's Report

Another year underway, with January being a bit quiet. The month started off with the usual events, first there was Happy Hour with Dim Sims and Lucky Envelopes. Next there was the Welcome / Birthday Morning Tea which was well attended by new residents and the regular crowd of established residents.

Australia Day celebrations were well attended with over 120 Residents in attendance. The day started off with a flag raising ceremony. Rick Goss read out our Australia Day statement followed by the Raising Of The Flag, by Geoff Morphett. This was followed by the Gumboot Tossing. The winner in the ladies section was Lynda Briggs, with a throw of 16.3 meters, while the Mens section winner was Clive Ibbeson, with a throw of 21.9 meters. We then got stuck into some good old sausages and onions in bread, followed by lamingtons. Thanks to all those who helped put on this event and for the community spirit with residents joining in and making it such a great day. The majority stayed on to have a go at Bingo which was enjoyed by all. Lots of chocolate frogs and lollies were won.

Without volunteers these events wouldn't happen and we encourage anyone who would like to contribute to just join in. You don't have to be on the committee. It is pleasing to see residents taking on the organisation of different events. Thanks go to Lyn and Rita for the 'singles group', to Sue Kuter for the Mystery tours, Jean Koning and her sub-committee for the 'village outings', the Wellards for all their work organising guest speakers and to the ladies organising a billiards competition for any women interested. Also crochet and pickleball are increasing in momentum.

b) Secretary's Report - no report

c) Bar Report

I met with Bella, the young lady who has expressed an interest in collecting the 10 cent refund bottles (the cans are already going via Alex to his church for recycling), and her father. They agreed on a timetable and collection procedure and were going to price up various container options to transport the bottles. To date I have not received confirmation of a start date. In the meantime, Bill Johnsen will continue to do the collection.

This month has seen the challenge of a small number of beer drinkers preferring to bring their own, rather than pay the additional dollar over the bar. Even though the notice of an impending increase being posted on November 1st, there wasn't a single objection received until the increase was implemented. Beer sales have suffered, although they are still buoyant.

The sales for the month were bolstered by the delayed Singing Groups end of year BBQ function that was postponed from December.

Volunteering has improved despite being in the 'holiday period'. My thanks to one and all.

Sales	\$2,469.00
Purchases	\$ 846.00
Stock	\$ 853.00

d) Welcome Group

New residents coming:

Gerry and Annette Doolan - 36 Tenbury Wells on January 30th

Charles and Dianne Irons - 7 Tenbury Wells on February 1st.

A great morning tea this month with 50 people attending. Again thank you to Jayne and Barbara Joiner for all their work and thanks to all the residents who donate food.

No new sales have been reported.

e) Social Activities Report - (Including Upcoming Events)

You only need to pick up a copy of the Bellarine Springs Monthly Newsletter to see what a vibrant, active village we all live in. Also check the Activity Station situated in the foyer between the front reception and the pool where there is also information on other events/happenings/excursions within and outside of the village.

No time to be bored in this place!!!

The Cabella Mia Fashions Summer presentation saw a wonderful turnout from some of the ladies in the village, a few guests and also a few men that popped in to see what it was all about and to check their wives knew their spend limit. Three ladies were the recipients of the 3 lucky door prizes and the BSRA received a commission on sales for the day. So thank you, one and all for your attendance.

A Soy Candle display on the 9th February during Happy Hour was well attended.

As we go to print, a newly formed sub-committee for activities has been busy organising trips to the National Wool Museum for a Wildlife Photo exhibition. This proved so popular 2 trips had to be arranged on the 15th and 20th February.

Diary Notes:

Feb 28th. Helloworld travel Christmas in July Murray River Cruise. Info at the CC.

March 17th. The Bush Balladeer will be entertaining us in the community centre. More information will be forthcoming so keep an eye out at the activity station for signup sheet and time.

May 21st. Jill's Shoes will be presenting their winter range of comfort shoes, boots and slippers.

July 2nd. Cabella Mia Fashions will present their Winter range of fashions.

We are in the process of arranging some guest speakers including Kerry from Ambulance Victoria and Anne Brackley from Springdale Neighbourhood centre so watch this space - and the Notice Board!!!!

f) IT/Communicatons Report (Delia Jenkins)

Not many new residents at the moment but the Saratoga Cct and Harrogate homes are slowly filling up. We have a few new residents who have moved into established homes and we welcome them to the village. There are currently 267 residents living in the village.

An updated copy of the Residents Membership will be published in the next month and we ask that if any details need updating, please let us know at your earliest convenience. We understand that a number of Internet Service Providers are no longer providing email services and quite a few people are changing to gmail or something similar. Please ensure you let us know if you have changed any of your details.

Activities for 2024 are starting to ramp up with a few new ventures being supported by the BSRA. Flyers have been completed for the new Village Outings which will aim for at least one outing a month. The first one was oversubscribed so the outing to the Wool Museum will happen twice. We are looking forward to seeing what will be organised for March and thank the small team of Maree Burns, Jean Konings, Ray Turner and Sally Griffin for volunteering to organise these events. I am sure they would welcome any support or suggestions.

The new VIP (Very Interesting Presentations) Series will also be up and running in March with thanks to Rod and Steph Wellard. We look forward to the monthly guest speakers.

Due to popular demand following a successful attempt on Australia Day, Bingo will be run on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm in the CC. No Cost, No Sign up and the Bar will be available.

g) Management Report

Village Operations & Maintenance

- Fire service contractor monthly inspections carried out
- Fixed power fault to CCTV camera
- Automatic Door service to entry of Community Centre
- Repaired Spa blower

Compliments/complaints None to report

Hazards

none

Insurance claims

No claims this month

Construction/Development

Stage 10 – site works have started

Sales

Stage 8: 11 out of 13 units with reservations

Stage 9: 7 out of 12 units with reservations

Financials are being completed

7. Requests for Funding

a) None Received

Just a reminder the Committee encourages residents to put in funding requests.

8. Other business

- a) Update on BSRA Website (Rick) Mal Carlson and Rick to work on the website. Seems to be a lot of good ideas coming out of discussions.
- b) Update on Container Disposal System (CDS) for BSRA (Rick) Registered and up and running.
- c) Internal BSRA Funding Requirements (Rick) Need a costing sheet for large events such as the Christmas lunch in the future.
- d) Treasurers Roles & Procedures doc (Rick) In finance portfolio.
- e) St Patrick's Day ? v's Bush Balladeer March 17th (Delia) St Patricks at happy hour on the 15th with pizza supplied by BSRA. Bush Balladeer on 17th at 2 pm - bring a plate to share. No Cost to residents.
- f) Pickleball update (Delia). One court on the tennis court. Brenda is working with Michael and Kent on this. Working on getting the lines drawn.
- g) Management's recent debacle. Communication was very poor and what's in place to prevent it happening again?
- h) Questions/comments on notes from last Advisory Meeting (Rick) Notes at end of minutes.

9. Meetings with management

Committee to nominate at least 2 Committee members and suggest a third person to attend the next Management Meeting.

Jayne and Rick

10. Next Committee Meeting

Wednesday 13th March

Meeting Closed: 11:20

I confirm these Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting of 14th February, 2024

Signed: Date:

(Mr Steven Merriman, President, Bellarine Springs Residents Association)

Feedback from BSRA and ADVISORY Meeting of 01/02/24-

Matters Previously Raised

Solar Panels

At present none of the houses installed with solar panels are hooked up. A couple of wiring issues with some of the houses still to be resolved and awaiting compliance check before connection to the grid. Hopefully this will all be done by end of February.

Budget Issues

Budget is expected to remain very tight until the end of the financial year, (30th June) due to higher costs in several areas. No discretionary expenditure not specifically listed in the 2022/23 budget will be considered before July at the earliest.

Keycard Access to Side Door in CC to Avoid Step by Workshop

Item still on the 'to do' list, but no budget to commence work at this time.

New Questions

Fire Warden's Whistles

Item noted. The main purpose of trial evacuations is to test the processes of getting the wardens to report in rather than get large numbers of residents down to the CC. It seems a hooter has been used at other villages and many of those residents reported they did not hear it. Kent has a process in place where he can send a phone message alert to either the whole village or residents of individual zones and that would be used if a real evacuation were to be required.

Bus Trip Sign-up Sheets

Kent said he was unaware that any of the village driven trips had been oversubscribed, most only having a few takers. However, he is happy to add a 'Wait List' column to the sign-up sheet.

Ballot System for Pavilion Bookings

Kent is not keen on having to resort to ballots, where will it stop, will we need to ballot if more than one person wants to book the bus for a specific date. Says there has not been a need in the past and doesn't see a need now. He believes the new process of only accepting bookings for the current year should address the issue with the Pavilion, with only NYE and Xmas Eve being contentious days.

ACTION LIST

Agenda Item	Action	Responsible Person
Double charge Debacle	Lack of timely communication. When are the electricity bills being charged?	Jayne and Rick
Concern regarding the facilities catering for the added stage 10.	Community Centre holds 90 at a push. We are having more and more events where we reach capacity.	Jayne and Rick