

# BRIDGE ART PROJECT AGM MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday 22 August 2018

**Time and Location:** 4.00pm, CCLLEN 53 Haverfield St Echuca

- 1. Welcome** Chris Bilkey welcomed members to the meeting.
- 2. Present:** Chris Bilkey, Barry Donchi, Lynne Gillard, Jenny Turner, Peter Williams, Nina O'Brien, Jacqui Berthaume

**3.0 Apologies:** John Kenley, Hayley Lawton, Nannette Tehan

- 4.0** Minutes of Annual General Meeting 22 August 2018  
Motion That the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Moved Barry Donchi Seconded Peter Williams Carried.

## 5.0 Election of Office Bearers

Jenny Turner took the chair.

**Chair:** Chris Bilkey was nominated by Barry Donchi for the position of Chair and seconded by Peter Williams

**Deputy Chair:** Barry Donchi was nominated for the position of Deputy Chair by Peter Williams and seconded by Chris Bilkey

**Secretary Treasurer:** Lynne Gillard was nominated to the position of Secretary Treasurer by Jacqui Berthaume seconded by Peter Williams

All nominees were elected unopposed to the above positions.

Chris Bilkey assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## 5.0 Reports Chair's Report

Chris tabled a report on the achievements of the past year.

1. The most significant of these was the successful completion of the consultancy and provision of the report on the Bridge Art Project and Meninya Street Precinct Masterplan completed in April 2019, which was presented to Campaspe and Murray River Councils in May and endorsed by Murray River Council at its meeting on 28 August.
2. Through the community consultation phase of the consultancy, it had been recognised that siting the gallery on Meninya Street would enhance the visibility of the gallery and enhance Meninya Street. This leaves the Committee with another challenge to secure appropriate land and fund the purchase.
3. An approach was made to the Moama Bowling Club to fund the purchase of land on Meninya Street to site the planned gallery as recommended. The Board of Moama Bowling Club had approved funding through the 2019 ClubGrants NSW. Under Category 1 \$50,000 was approved and under Category 2, a further \$50,000. The funds had been deposited into the BAP NAB account. The BBRF grant had been acquitted and payment to BAP of the third and final progress payment would follow shortly.
4. As Chair, Chris had visited Create NSW head office in Sydney to present the report in July and had met with Regional Development Murray Region representative Edwina Hayes with Nina O'Brien, to discuss what assistance might be available to progress the project.
5. Murray River Council, on behalf of BAP, had applied for infrastructure funding of \$3.8m. Outcome expected in September-October 2019.

## Secretary/Treasurer's Report

At the end of the 2018-19 financial year, BAP had \$454 in the NAB bank account. The final Terroir consultancy fee invoice was part paid with \$2500 still owing, awaiting the final BBRF progress

payment.

Our total grant sought from BBRF was \$50,000 (matching the \$50,000 contributed from local supporters). BAP had not expended all of these funds, so a video was commissioned from Radiant Media, and Michael Connell and Associates (partners of Terroir in the Consultancy) were asked to prepare a business and economic analysis of the Bridge Art Project as a stand-alone report, so that the Committee would be in a position to cite costs and benefits related only to the arts precinct, as it approached the task of raising funds for the precinct.

Motion: To accept the 2019 reports Barry Donchi seconded Peter Williams. Carried

## **6.0 Membership Fees**

A proposal was made that the General Membership fee would be \$20.00 per year, as from July 1 2019. Members were provided with direct deposit details to pay their 2019-20 membership fees.

(NAB Bridge Art Project Inc. BSB 083 629 A/C No. 94 929 0964 listing surname as reference.)

Motion: Fees be set at \$20 for 2019-20 Peter Williams, seconded by Nina O'Brien. Carried

## **7.0. Other Business**

Nil.

**Meeting closed:** 4.20pm

**Next AGM:** 26 August 2020 - place to be advised.