

# BRIDGE ART PROJECT

## STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date:** 26.04.2017

**Time and Location:** 4.00pm at 53 Haverfield St Echuca

**1.0 Present:** Clive Atkinson, Judy Atkinson, Jacqui Berthaume Chris Bilkey, Christine Cebire, Barry Donchi, Lynne Gillard Martin Szakal,

**2.0 Apologies:** Judy Atkinson, Sue Badham, Sonya Cooper, John Kenley, Hayley Lawton, Damien Morgan-Bulled, Peter Williams.

**3.0 Minutes of previous meeting of 29.03.2017**

Minutes confirmed. Moved Clive Atkinson Seconded, Barry Donchi

**4.0 Business arising.** Nil

**5.0 Correspondence**

The application was lodged by BAP for the Federal Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investment stream (BBRF) for the “BAP – Meninya St Precinct Master Plan”.

Letters of thanks had been sent to the local organisations which had committed funds to BAP if the BBRF application was successful - Yorta Yorta Nation - \$5000, Murray River Shire - \$30,000 plus support of Economic Development and Planning Departments, procurement, policies contacts etc., Moama Bowling Club - \$5000, Campaspe Shire - \$5000, VicRoads – \$5000. In addition, letters of support had been received from: C4EM, EMAI and Murray Regional Tourism to accompany the application.

A request had been received from the ATO for details of current office bearers.

John Baldock, a consultant to VicRoads had communicated with Barry Donchi and Chris Bilkey hoping to convene a meeting of interested persons regarding bridge planning.

Carolyn Nunan had sent an email to Barry Donchi following a meeting with Judy Atkinson which included a number of suggestions about local arts and culture. Judy had been unaware of the report of those discussions being forwarded to BAP, but was happy for further discussion with Carolyn Nunan about how these good ideas could complement BAP plans.

**6.0 Reports**

**6.1 Chris Bilkey presented the Chairman’s report.**

The BBRF application was completed and submitted.

As mentioned, John Baldock, VicRoads consultant, was keen to meet with bridge stakeholders in the coming week. Barry suggested a pre-meeting to outline what the BAP saw as key issues to raise in the meeting with Mr Baldock.

Barry Donchi, Chris Bilkey and Martin Szakal had attended the C4EM trip to Brisbane on 2-5 April to see the Southbank Precinct near the Brisbane River. Rebecca Arnaud, who had presented at the BAP Symposium in October 2016, had acted as guide for the day. She had also offered to visit Echuca Moama at a later stage to assist with BAP planning. Chris, Martin and Barry outlined aspects of the visit including its very large scale garden, range of swimming and recreation options, the wharf precinct, Gallery of Modern Art, cycle and pedestrian pathways. The site is

being run by a company separate from Brisbane City Council. Photographs taken would be forwarded to Jacqui for inclusion on the BAP Facebook page.

**Action**      **Chris and Barry to prepare for meeting with John Baldock**  
**Action:**      **Martin and Chris – forward Brisbane photos to Jacqui.**

## **6.2 Secretary's Report**

For the BBRF application, McDonalds speedy wifi service was invaluable in getting the web based application completed and submitted.

Letters outlining the BAP plans and its application for BBRF to local politicians so that they are aware of the BAP application.

Sussan Ley

Damien Drum

Federal Regional Development Minister

Riverina Tourism

Anthony Roberts, NSW Planning Minister

## **6.3 C4EM Report**

Martin said that the completion of the BBRF application was a significant step and if funded, would be a critical step.

## **6.4 Treasurer's Report**

No report. No income, no expenditure. Last bank statement balance \$137.50. New financial members today Christine and Martin \$23.50 to deposit.

## **6.5 Communications Report**

Hayley and Jacqui planned to work on the development of a communication package / video. Discussions were held about crowd funding, a community message board on the website and when it would be appropriate to launch these.

It was agreed that the first step was to develop an outline of the message the BAP wanted to provide to people unfamiliar with the project. Jacqui mentioned that a short 30 second and a longer video presentation were envisaged. Once the plan for the video was complete, we could look at the best options for developing the video, what it will cost and how we will fund it. A possibility that a videographer might provide this initial work for free in anticipation of future paid work. Jacqui and Hayley to progress the video plan for next meeting.

Jacqui was keen to make links with other social media networks via the BAP Facebook page. Christine offered to assist.

Campaspe Shire currently has an online survey regarding the use of the Vic Park area in anticipation of the new bridge. Members were encouraged to complete the survey before Friday. Lynne will submit a response on behalf of BAP.

**Action Jacqui and Hayley to develop video plan so it can be costed**

**Action Jacqui and Christine to make explore additional connections with BAP Facebook page.**

**Action Members/Lynne to complete online Campaspe Shire Vic Park use survey before Friday.**

## **7. General Business**

**7.1.Nomination of Office Bearers – Martin Szakal chaired session.**

**Public Officer** – Chris Bilkey nominated by Lynne Gillard- seconded Jacqui Berthaume

**Company Secretary** – Lynne Gillard nominated by Chris Bilkey, seconded Jacqui Berthaume

**Office Bearer** – Barry Donchi nominated by Chris Bilkey – seconded Lynne Gillard  
No other nominations were received. Those nominated were elected unopposed.

**New Financial Members** – Martin Szakal, Christine Cebire,

**Action: Lynne to notify the ATO of these changes in members and office bearers**

**7.1 Funding** nothing to report.

2. **Vic Roads update** – meeting soon with John Baldock; nothing further.

3. **Yorta Yorta partnership– MOU**

Damian Morgan-Bulled had previously advised that the draft MOU would be provided to the Elders and the Yorta Yorta Nation board of 7 new members. No further report.

**7.3 James Whitten**

No report from James. Chris to phone him to discuss how his project was progressing.

**Action Chris to phone James.**

**8 Other Business**

No other business

**9 Meeting closed:** 5.15pm

**10 Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 4pm at 53 Haverfield St. Please note meeting will routinely commence at 4pm.

The AGM will be held in conjunction with the July meeting. Annual Membership runs on Financial Year and will be due at that meeting.