



# Booringa Action Group Inc.

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## Minutes of the General Meeting of the Booringa Action Group Inc. held at the BAG Cottage on Thursday September 19, 2024 commencing at 5.30 P.M.

**Attendance:** Rob chaired the Meeting with Jeff Watson, Hazel Wang, Barbara Brennan, John Ford, Jane Fenton, Gloria Cameron, Seamus Batstone, Ross Halpin, Sandra Cornish, Chris Gartner, Alan and Pat Begg and Cr John Birkett in attendance.

### 1.0 Apologies

Moved G. Cameron

Seconded S. Cornish

*“That apologies be received and leave of absence be granted for this meeting for Berna Stanton, Mayor and Councillors O’Neil, Hancock, Vincent, Flynn, Brumpton, Seawright & Davies, Rob Hayward, Kylie Millar, Jayden Ball, Darryl Betzien and Donna McCarrol.”*

Carried 14/0

### 2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved A. Begg

Seconded H. Wang

*“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 August, 2024, as circulated, be confirmed”*

Carried 14/0

### 3.0 Correspondence

#### Inwards Correspondence

#### Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Advising that the application submitted by BAG for \$50,000.00 towards lighting on the Riverwalk had been successful.

(Many thanks to Jane Fenton, Chris Ferguson and MRC Staff for getting this application costed and submitted)

#### Mungallala Progress and Sporting Association

Inviting BAG members to the 100<sup>th</sup> Xmas Tree

#### Jane Fenton

Advising that Council’s Australia Day 2025 nominations are now open.

## **Outwards Correspondence:**

### **Maranoa Regional Council**

Asking Council to continue advocating to TMR for an urgent upgrade of the dangerous sections of the Mitchell - St George Road.

### **Mitchell and District Health Service Auxiliary Association Inc**

Providing a letter of support for the purchase of 4 Oxygen Concentrators for the Mitchell Hospital.

Moved J. Watson

Seconded S. Cornish

**“That the Inwards Correspondence be received, and the Outwards Correspondence be endorsed”**

Carried 14/0

### **4.0 Financial Report**

Moved J. Watson

Seconded R. Halpin

**“That the Financial Report for the September 2024 meeting be received subject to audit”**

Carried 14/0

### **4.1 List of Payments**

Moved J. Watson

Seconded P. Begg

**“That the List of Payments for August 2024 as contained in the Financial Report be approved”**

Carried

### **5.0 Officers Report**

A verbal report was presented by CEO Jeff Watson highlighting the following:

- Staff training had been carried out during the week from September 5 to September 12. All staff qualifications (Pool Plant Operators, First aid & CPR and Lifeguard) were now current.
- Visitation had remained solid through September.
- Discussions had been with CEO Rob Hayward regarding the emergency repairs required at the Spa viz. replacement of the roof on the plant shed, reworking of the plumbing to the heaters, refitting of the salt chlorinators to bring them back on line, fixing the mounting for the Hydralift etc. Rob indicated that these would be done as a matter of urgency.
- Rob had asked for a letter from BAG outlining the need to develop a forward plan for the Spa given the age of the facility.
- From the start of October, BAG’s contract required that the Spa opened for an extra hour each day (normally from 6:00pm until 7:00pm to accommodate gym use but, given the pending development of a 24 hour gym in the shed at the back of the Spa, consideration was being given to moving the extra hour to 7:00am to 8:00am for early morning coffee sales.

Moved J. Watson

Seconded H. Wang

**“That the Officers Report for the September 2024 meeting be received”**

Carried 14/0

**General Business:**

**FOG Report:**

John Ford reported that there was still a great deal of interest in activities at the Gallery and the recent exhibition "Us Two" developed by Sue and Learnna Saunders was a great success.

Jane Fenton further advised that the following events were happening in the near future:

- Festival of Small Halls – Mitchell Shire Hall – October 2 – 11:00am until 10:00pm
- Australian Girls Choir – Mitchell Shire Hall – October 7 – 12:00 noon
- Seniors Week in Roma – October 29

**Thanks to John and Jane for this report.**

**Directors Report:**

Seamus Batstone advised that the first tranche of the substantial flood damage roadworks was nearing completion as was the K&C work in Louisa Street. He further advised that following BAG's successful application for lighting for the Riverwalk, planning was underway for the installation of those lights possibly including some at Rotary Park.

**Thanks to Seamus for his report.**

**Christmas in the Park 2025**

Members discussed the pending clash of dates with the proposed date of Christmas in the Park and St Patrick's Presentation Night on November 29. Given the need to hold Xmas in the Park before both Mitchell schools finished for the 2024 year and the need to have held the Shop Locally draw before the Roma Xmas Party (scheduled for December 5, 2024) it was:

Moved S. Cornish

Seconded C. Gartner

**"That the date for Christmas in the Park 2024 be moved to Monday December 2, 2024"**

Carried 14/0

**Next Meeting:**

The next Meeting will be held October 17, 2024 at 5.30pm unless otherwise advised.

**Closure:**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 6:59 pm and thanked all for their attendance.

Chairman.....

Date.....