**WOODVALE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.** *A0053464H*

**Minutes of the meeting held at the Woodvale Hall on Thursday 30th May 2019 at 7:30pm**.

*The Woodvale Progress Association Inc. gratefully accepts the invitation of the Woodvale Hall Committee for the use of the Woodvale Community Hall for the purposes of conducting regular quarterly, and special community meetings, as required for the benefit of Woodvale.*

**Present:** Brendan Bartlett (President), Helen Hickson (Secretary), Andrew Prentis (Treasurer), Lynda Newton, Jim Hickson, Lyn Talbot, Jen White

**Apologies:** Gary Davis (Vice President), Carol Davis, Ken Stent, Mal and Glenys Hall, Kerry Errington, David Stuchbery.

The meeting was opened by Brendan Bartlett at 7.38 pm.

Apologies were accepted: **Moved**: Jim Hickson **Second**: Lynda Newton **Carried**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge that we are on Dja Dja Wurrung Country of which the members and Elders and their ancestor are the Traditional Owners of this land and have been custodians for many centuries where they continue to perform age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated, via email and have been published on the Woodvale Community web site.

**Moved**: Andrew Prentis **Second**: Lynda Newton that the minutes are accepted. **Carried**

**Action items from previous meeting**

* Dinner at the Stadium
* Helen –thank you letter to Lyn Talbot

**Correspondence**

Outwards:

* Thank you letter to Lyn
* Email to Bendigo Advertiser – Tom O’Callaghan

Inwards

* Report from GBM Gold – Solar power project

**Moved:** Andrew Prentis **Second**: Jim Hickson that correspondence be accepted **Carried**

**Reports**

* Treasurer’s Report. Andrew provided a Treasurer’s report. Cheque account balance is $1,527, historical markers account is $859 and $379 in petty cash. Pat Horan has raised a question about paying membership fees by electronic banking. Memberships are due at the next meeting and can be paid electronically to the Treasurer. Please contact Andrew Prentis [andrewprentis@bigpond.com](mailto:andrewprentis@bigpond.com) for account details.
* History Book: Helen reported on progress with Ray Wallace’s Woodvale History Book. We have an almost complete manuscript and Doone Robertson has almost finished editing the manuscript. Ruth Truscott, Carla Daly, Bev Stent and others has been typing up content and we need to join these bits together. Lynda has following up the artists section, Dja Dja Wurrung. Gary has scanned photos and the manuscript is almost ready to finalise content.

Fundraising – community dinner was held at the Schweppes Centre on Thursday 2nd May 2019 to raise funds for printing

* Website – update at the next meeting.
* Woodvale Community Facebook Page is ticking along.
* Hall Committee:
  + Anzac Service was well regarded and there was great feedback from community members and visitors. It was a moving ceremony and the choir, kookaburra and bugler were especially noted.
* Woodvale Recreation Reserve
  + Brendan has started work on mapping the oval to plan for the surface to be levelled
* Rural Communities
  + Jen White’s position is up for renewal and she is keen to continue. We support Jen’s nomination and there was discussion about opportunities for other people to attend if Jen can’t attend a specific meeting.
* Clay Target Club – update at the next meeting
* Woodvale Fire Brigade.
  + After 10 years, Jim will stand down as Captain from 30 June 2019. Darren Schultz will be the new Captain from July.
  + Last year we had a visit from Jacinta Allen to inspect the Fire Station and facilities – we thought it didn’t amount to anything but we have now been advised that we will receive funding for a toilet!
* Bendigo Groundwater Reference Group.
  + There has been no meeting for some time.
* Woodvale Evaporation Ponds.
  + Brendan spoke through the summary of the key points.
    - GBM Gold Ltd still suspended from trading on ASX
    - Offer hopes to raise $6.7m to pay Unity Mining and others for operating capital
    - John Harrison has resigned as Director of GBM but remains as CEO
    - GBM has a new proposal for rehabilitation of the site as a solar farm, cost $100m
    - Mining licenses haven’t been renewed
  + Meeting agreed to reinforce the key points and send media release to ABC News, Bendigo Advertiser and The Weekly, with copies to Craig Niemann, Jacinta Allen and Maree Edwards.
  + In the light of GBM’s proposal for a Solar Farm at Woodvale, members of the Woodvale Progress Association wish to strongly reaffirm their commitment to the rehabilitation of the contaminated mine site, as per the agreed Rehabilitation Plan and 53V Audit. Moved Brendan Bartlett 2nd Lynda Newton. Carried unanimously.

**Motion: Reports are accepted**: **Moved**: Jen White **Second**: Jim Hickson **Carried**

**General Business**

* Contacted by Karen Corr who has funding to do a project called ‘Ramp Up Resilience’. Brendan distributed some brochures about some community meetings that are coming up to involve communities. Here is a link to their survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rampupresilience>
* Andrew spoke about Insurance which ends on 22nd August 2019. Last year, we got a grant from CoGB for the insurance. Andrew will follow up with Council
* Lynda advised that the State Government will funding new stations at Raywood, Huntly, Goornong and Harcourt, and an update to the Eaglehawk station.

**Action items:**

* Media release and email

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

**Next Meeting will be on**

**Thursday 29th August 2019 at Woodvale Hall and this will be the AGM. Bring a plate to share for supper**