

**GOWRIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 15 JULY 2019 AT 6:00PM – GOWRIE HALL
MINUTES**

Meeting opened at 6:05pm

Attendance: James Smith, Bet Crago, Evelyn Keane, Tony Orr, Steve Walters, Noel Cook, Phil Gamble

Apologies: Diann Cook, Narelle Walters, Graeme & Lyndell Whitten, Mark & Jaye Griffith, Melissa Gamble, Joan Smith

Minutes of 2018 AGM were distributed and read. Evelyn moved the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded Noel **Carried**

President's Report: James presented his report for 2018, highlighting our successes and thanking everyone for their contributions.

Treasurer's Report: Bet tabled her report of our financial position and moved that the report be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Tony. **Carried**

All Positions Declared Vacant: The present committee members all agreed to continue in their positions for 2019/20 and there being no other nominations, James moved that all committee members be returned for the coming year. Seconded Phil. **Carried**

2019/20 Committee

President – James Smith

Vice President – Graeme Whitten

Secretary – Evelyn Keane

Treasurer – Bet Crago

Business Arising

- Coolatai Grass – Graeme was not present. Evelyn will follow up directly with him.
- Lobbying for improvements to Barton Lane/New England Highway intersection – James advised he received the standard response to his letter from Kevin Anderson's office declining the upgrades, but he will continue to pressure State and Federal representatives. It was noted that roadworks are being undertaken now near Barton's Lane (markings through to Boiling Down Creek) so there may be an opportunity to incorporate our suggested improvements in these works.

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- TRC Facility Improvement Fund Grant – Evelyn advised that as we came in under budget on this project, Council is willing to look at holding the funds (approx. \$400) for a short time, if we could come up with another suggestion. Evelyn will contact TRC and ask if we could use this money to purchase a pump for the water tank.
- Pest control for nesting swallows – netting for the gutters was discussed as a solution, and this item will be placed on our Strategic Plan for next year's funding. James to obtain a quote from Statewide Pest Control.
- Change in bank accounts to Regional Australia Bank – Bet outlined the changes. Evelyn to send a reminder to all GPA members that fees are now due and remind them of the Community Partnership Program

General Business

- TRC Strategic Plan – Evelyn advised the meeting TRC suggested we have a Strategic Plan in place (and lodged with Council). Council often have funds left over from other projects and would look at our Plan at that time and consider funding opportunities. It was agreed that Evelyn to complete the Plan document provided by Council, with our "wish list", and circulate to the committee for approval before submitting to Council.
- Use of Hall – Evelyn to contact TRC to get clear guidelines on what would be acceptable use of the hall; can we limit to "locals only", numbers, time.
- First Aid Kit – Evelyn to contact TRC for suggested size and would it be funded by TRC. Steve moved that Evelyn to purchase a suitable first aid kit to meet our requirements. Seconded Bet **Carried**
- Events for 2019-2020 – It was agreed these events are always well-attended and will continue. However, planning and organising can get a bit onerous with everyone being so busy. Steve suggested the committee use the app "Base Camp" to keep in touch, share ideas and progress our plans more efficiently and "share the load". It was agreed, and Steve will organise.
- Noel advised the meeting that September 2019 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Gowrie Progress Association. It was discussed and agreed that a celebration to mark the occasion should be organised. As such an event requires a lot of planning to be successful, it was agreed we do it in two stages. First, we combine with the Rural Fire Service at their Refresher Course get-together (tentative date Sunday, 22nd September). We can put on activities for the children in fire safety and set up a display of Gowrie history; the intention being of getting ideas for the 100th celebration and content for the book we hope to publish (this year) in time for Christmas.

Meeting closed: 7:20pm