



Grantville Business & Community Association

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Membership: 21 businesses have renewed their membership and another 8 intend to do so. Renewal invoices will be sent to community members shortly.

President, Neroli Heffer will stand down from her current role as will Secretary Di Goeman and Treasurer Lester Harris. Sandy and Les Ridge are also stepping down from the Executive Committee. It was noted that GBCA needs to undertake a recruitment drive as most of the committee members have served on the executive for a very long time.

BCSC Business Support: Claudia Tivendale reported on the school holiday COVID-safe plan, Business Awards, business mentoring sessions and potential for new government funding for outdoor dining. Businesses have reported a delay regarding being listed as COVID exposure sites. Claudia will follow up and provide updates.

BCSC Community planning engagement: Shirley Egan will follow up on the proposed seat for Deep Creek Rd and on the progress of the amphitheatre shelter. Shirley also reported on new community grant funding which allows quicker access to funding up to \$1,000.

Waterline Library: Saturday sessions including Book Chat, Creative Writing, Social Singing and Sensory Baby Rhyme Time have been popular. There are still issues with accurate recording of library usage as people doing click and collect during lock down or groups using the library for meetings, are not counted.

Storage Container: Bass Coast Storage have secured a container for GBCA use and will allow us to use lighting from their home if needed. Funding from Bass Coast Shire Council and Bendigo Bank grants.

Christmas Function: It was agreed that GBCA will host a Christmas get together for business members. Date, time and venue to be announced.

GBCA Website: Most of the groundwork has been done on the website. Business images, logos and relevant content for promotion of businesses need to be finalised.

Grantville Expo: The new date for the Expo is Saturday the 4 December. COVID-safe Officers to facilitate signing in and out will be required. Please let Di Goeman know if you are available to assist.

Christmas Carols: Funding has been allocated for the Carols which will be held on Sunday 12 December.

Great Witch Hunt: Due to COVID restrictions, this event has been cancelled for 2021 and will return in 2022.

Mural Art: The proposed mural for the toilet block at Pier Rd commemorating Grantville's history will not go ahead as Council plans to replace the facility in the next few years. An alternative site will be sought.

Story Boards: Commemorative story boards marking Grantville's 150th anniversary are being considered for the area near the luminous lights subject to discussions with DELWP.

Pioneer Bay: Zena Benbow discussed a new local government act which will potentially impact community groups in having a say on decisions affecting the management of parks and reserves. Zena proposed the need for a Waterline Alliance representing the waterline and hills communities as a means of representing a united front regarding important decision making for our area.

Next Executive Meeting: Friday 15 October at 9.30 am.