

# General Meeting 02/02/22

Wednesday, 2 February 2022 6:49 PM

Updated meeting dates and review of previous minutes – see [website](#)

- Meeting minutes passed/seconded Tash Freddie

Guest: [Tania Lawrence](#) (Federal candidate for Labour)

- Hills resident better part of a decade, lives in Mundaring. Grew up in York.
- Increasing expenditure on bush fire preparedness
  - Contrast of two Woorooloo fires
  - Commitment gained from Albanese for national sovereign capability for fires
  - Facebook + email in minutes

Community Pantry

- Been stop-gapped by a certain person who may not name
- Will register as a not-for-profit
- Communication to auspice group to back up community pantry
- Investigate the insurance for the food pantry
- Annual electors meeting upcoming (maybe 8th March?)
  - Ratepayers could put forward a motion for the shire to cover the insurance for all community groups

Capital Works – see [Appendix 1](#)

- \$75,000 from Jessica Shaw
- Seeking commitment from federal candidate
- Shire will then approve grant-seeking
- Shire planning to have the stage 2 concept plan to be placed on the capital works request
  - Includes kitchen upgrade changes to existing change rooms and storage
  - What is stage 2 exactly? How many stages are there? What are the shire planning? Consultation?
- What has happened on oval? They said something would happen in November 2021 (\$120,000 worth of upgrades)
- Joint Association registration - Mel
  - Constitution lodged inaugural 1st of March 2022
- Lotterywest \$50,000 for kitchen interior (verbal agreement)
- Possible kitchen upgrades in stage 2 by knocking walls out to create kitchen with frontage
- Working group for elsie austin
- Licensing for elsie austin venue
  - Gidge rec club as possible exception
  - Kitchen in new building as the licensed bar

- President of Aquatic Association (Wade)
  - Competitive swimmers at state and national level
  - Need year round access, the only WA Swimming affiliated club that cannot train year round
  - Have to go to belmont (nearest suitable pool) for practice at 0530 in the morning
  - Currently mt helena pool is too dark in February at 0500, so lights needed
  - Lane ropes (\$12,000 grant from Ken Wyatt) not supported by shire - refuse to put them in or take them out
    - Insufficient supervision from lifeguards on kids misusing lane ropes
  - School refuses to provide template of when they are using the pool/what they are using it for
  - Next official forum is 28th of March for school etc
    - John Dunning, Scott Baker, Jonothan Thrussel, Kirk Kitchen, Megan
  - \$35,000 grant from jess shaw for pool blankets
    - Shire trying to say blankets aren't useful or necessary, refuse to support use and won't put them on
    - Water gets below 16 degrees without blanket
  - Lighting and heating (currently only solar heated) are priorities for capital works
    - \$170,000 heat pump installation, \$30,000 possible extra cost for 3 phase power if needed
      - ◆ Heat pump is an economical way of heating the pool that would be subsidised by the solar heating, and if solar panels were added to roof would subsidise all ongoing costs
    - Gas not viable because only bottled gas available in the hills
    - Geothermal would be best outcome bc no ongoing costs, but expensive initial outlay
    - \$80,000 total for lighting installation
- Skate park: extend dangerous dead end in bowl for safer landing for kids
  - Motion: Jess; Second: Tash

Treasurer's Report

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Treasures report @ 2 February 2022

**BANKING:**

Credit:

CASH IN HAND	\$ 50.00
CHEQUE (Dubi) ACCOUNT 129340626	\$ 1,121.67
SAVINGS ACCOUNT 134947142	\$ 9,330.11
TRANSACTION ACCOUNT – CARD	\$ 83.85
Total	\$10,595.73

Liabilities:

Grant for Skatepark works	\$ 9,330.00
Outstanding Invoice – Whim Music	\$ 1,650.00
Total Liabilities	\$10,980.00
NET POSITION	\$ 384.27 Credit

### St Marks Update

- 2 acres of land removed from subdivision list thanks to Jessica Shaw and the heritage department of planning
- Awaiting council forum, should be brought up this month or following month (no further quotes etc available until after council forum)

### Grants

- Stronger Communities Programme: Skate park – see [Appendix 2](#)
  - Successfully installed, acquittal being written
- Computer grant
  - Successful
  - TV grant unsuccessful
- Park grant update

### Correspondence

- Summer of Entertainment – see [Appendix 3](#)
- Citizenship awards
- Volunteer recognition event
- Volunteer certificates
  - Get list from Hannah

- Remote meeting access and Facebook

#### Mt Helena Pool/Swim Club Update

- Micki Bourgalt is doing a swim to raise money for sick kids, trying to get to the paralympics
- Please support Micki!
- Micki is also a StarKick coach and in the volunteer fire brigade

#### Presentation from John Bell

- Capital works request for federation style pavilion
- Is traditional design fit for purpose?
- Will it fit school band?
- Input from Peter Hind
- Vote for the support of a capital works request submission for the creation of a pavilion in Pioneer Park, dependent on further community consultation to ensure that the pavilion would be fit for purpose and usable by community stakeholders, including the music department of Eastern Hills Senior High School
  - 7 for
  - 4 against

#### Games Night, Miscellany, & Questions

- Group insurance under shire for community groups
- Increasing pool utilisation by other schools
- Mel - Mt Helena Sports and Recreation Association has been filed