

WATCHEM PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday evenings meeting was a bit different to the normal, with a great supper being supplied by two of our new members. Justin and Jayden popped along with cake and sausage rolls. These were enjoyed with a cuppa and finished the meeting of nicely.

Mark Remnant, our Buloke Shire Community Development Officer was in attendance and gave some insight into some grants and meetings. Mark was able to help with a couple of answers to questions and we certainly appreciate him coming along after a full day at work.

The committee has discussed the wish to do a questionaire to the community on a number of things and the draft was presented and discussed with the aim to get this out and back before the next meeting. The Draft was adopted with a couple of changes being made and will go out in the next few days. It is not a long and ownerous document so will take a short time to fill in. The idea is that this will help update our Community Plan. The questionaires will go out via email and hard copy and can be returned by scanning and sending, or sending in with the mail or drop to the shop in collection box. Send email version to Info@Watchem.org. Envelopes will be supplied for the hard copy returns.

Watchem Progress voted to adopt the "model rules" for incorporation at this meeting after they had been circulated to members in the previous 3 weeks. As a result of that, Watchem Progress Association gives notice that it intends to hold a vote to become fully incorporated, at our next meeting on the 13th September 2016.

The next meeting will also be the workshop to put together the basis of the updated Community Plan. With questionaires back and other suggestions that have been received, it will be a up-to-date plan for the whole community to hand to Buloke Shire Council to use when formulating it's next budget for 2017-18.

ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE URGED TO PUT THEIR UPDATED PLAN IN. IT MAY ONLY BE A WISH LIST OR A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF YOUR CLUB/ORGANISATION AND WHERE YOU ARE HEADED IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS. LOVE ME, HATE ME, TRUST ME OR NOT, IF YOU DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY PLAN, YOUR WISHES MAY NOT BE GRANTED. COUNCIL, STATE AND FED GOVT'S, AND FUNDING BODIES ARE MORE AND MORE ASKING FOR A COPY OF PLANS TO SEE IF PROJECTS HAVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

Only this week at a gathering /briefing session in Bendigo, did RDV (Rural Development Victoria) and their Federal counterparts announce that Business Case's will be the norm for nearly all projects grant applications and that the Case will have to be strong and precise to move through the selection system. This is not me making stuff up, it is me passing on the info.

We are looking for input from the Lake and Rec Committee, Hall Committee, Pool Committee, Sport Clubs and Games/cards group in particular, and happy to have other bodies feed in as well. In most cases it will only be a case of your Secretary or someone, submitting what you already have agreed on. Please Respond.

BULOKE COLLECTABLE VEHICLE CLUB

Next meeting is in Donald at the Donald Hotel at 7-30pm on Tuesday 16th September. Members are reminded that subs are due for the next twelve months and are set at \$50 (for the next two years). Please pay asap and save sending out invoices.

Events committee are reminded that there is a get together at Pingel's Place in Berriwillock this weekend to formalise the calendar for this coming year. Those involved are asked to check time and day with Frankie Pingel on 0409725410. Others are welcome to attend as well.



UNITING CHURCH

The next Uniting Church service will be held at the Anglican Church on 14th August in Birchip 9.00 a.m. with Rev Erin Tuineau. Next Week: Birchip 11.00a.m.

Don't forget to leave your used stamps at the shop please for re-use by the Church. Thanks in anticipation.



The Mobile Library will be visiting Watchem between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. on 25^{th} August and <u>8^{\text{th}} & 22^{\text{nd}} September</u> outside the Watchem Hall.

TIP TIMES

The Watchem Tip is open for recycled material onWednesdays4 - 5p.m.Sundays4 - 5p.m.



Fire Roster for the following weeks. Please note: Drivers are reminded that the truck must do a minimum of 30kms per week, also could members please take the time to quickly check the truck over i.e. tank water level, tyres and storage lockers to make sure everything is fire ready.

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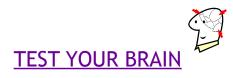
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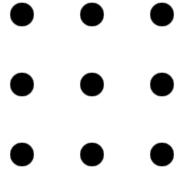
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The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life. Muhammad Ali

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Using exactly four straight lines, without taking your pen off the paper, can you join all nine dots? You are not allowed to retrace your path.



Last issues solution

Can you find the hidden country in the following sentence: All of our newspa<u>per u</u>ndermanagers require a ten percent pay increase before they will consider working again.

Answer: Peru

If you have anything you would like the Watchem community to know, via the Watchit (Birthday greetings, for sale, wanted to buy, a thought of the Day, a Brain teaser, meeting etc.) please let us know.

WEBSITE = watchem.org – check it out