



**McARTHUR RIVER MINE
COMMUNITY BENEFITS TRUST**

Minutes – MRM CBT Board Meeting 7 September 2022

Venue: Waralungku Arts Centre, Borroloola

Present: Jake Quinlivan (JQ)
Matt O’Neill (MO)
Toni Tapp Coutts (TTC)
Mike Burgess (MB)
Alan Baker (AB)
Samuel Evans (SE)
Noel Dixon (ND)
Stan Allen (SA)
Emily Evans (EE)
Elizabeth Gillett (EG)
Nikita Baker (NB)
Corrine Coombes (CC)
Marlene Karkadoo (MK)
Tracy Jones (TJ) MRM
Andrew Firley (AF) MAWA Coordinator

Presenters: Virginia Boon (VB) – Roper Gulf Regional Council

Apologies: David Harvey (DH)
Jim Gleeson (JG) Project Management – Plan C
Hayley Seears (HS) Project Management – Plan C

#	Agenda Item / Action	Outcome
1	Welcome and Introductions	
Meeting start: 08:45am	1.1. Welcome / Acknowledgment of Country Welcome to Country from Samuel Evans. Chair particularly welcomed the five new members. All directors introduced themselves. 1.2. Members Present – Jake Quinlivan, Matt O’Neill, Toni Tapp Coutts, Mike Burgess, Stan Allen, Alan Baker, Sam Evans, Noel Dixon, Elizabeth Buffy Gillette, Corrine Coombs, Nikita Baker, Emily Evans, Marlene Karkadoo, Andrew Firley (MAWA Coordinator), Tracy Jones (MRM) 1.3. Apologies – David Harvey, Jim Gleeson, Hayley Seears	
2	Legal Framework	
	2.1. Board Meeting protocols and process for Board decisions / conflicts of interest Noted 2.2. Latest updates on Constitution and other legal documents Noted 2.3. Policies and Procedures document Noted 2.4. Media release Noted that this will be finalised and distributed once MRM has ratified changes	TJ/PO to advise if MRM has ratified changes POs to follow up on Media Release once MRM ratifies changes
3	Minutes and Actions from previous meeting	
	3.1. Out of session decision required for term deposit Complete 3.2. POs to contact Vulcana Circus on their intentions to complete the project In progress 3.3. AF to continue discussions regarding Savannah News / printer location In progress 3.4. POs to work with Flinders Uni on letter of commitment for JQ to sign Complete 3.5. POs to have discussions with MG regarding Searcy St opportunities In progress 3.6. POs to consider the need for flexibility in Constitution for voting on MAWA applications when the Indigenous members have to be absent from the room In progress 3.7. POs to prepare letters to applicants advising of the outcomes of the EOIs Complete 3.8. POs to provide feedback to Mabunji on EOIs to ensure questions are answered in Full Applications Complete 3.9. POs to prepare letters to applicants advising of the outcomes of the Full Applications Complete 3.10. POs to provide feedback to MAWA on this application and require additional information before full approval is provided out of session In progress 3.11. POs to send KPMG presentation to Board Complete	Minutes and actions from previous meeting accepted

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	<p>3.12. Continue out of session discussions and decisions to progress the youth strategy In progress</p> <p>3.13. POs to provide advice to Deloitte to rescind the funding allocated to the bus service Complete</p> <p>3.14. POs to continue working with Marlene on place names for signs In progress</p> <p>3.15. POs to progress discussions with RGRC on Showgrounds In progress</p> <p>3.16. POs to include Investment Strategy decision on next meeting agenda Complete – refer Other Business</p> <p>3.17. POs to action implementing the food program In progress – to be initiated for summer school holidays</p> <p>3.18. POs to work with NTG and MRM on media release for new legal framework In progress</p> <p>3.19. POs to formalise reengagement of Deloitte for financial services Complete</p> <p>3.20. POs to send date claimer for AGM and next Board Meeting Complete</p> <p>3.21. POs to arrange voucher at Malandarri Store Complete</p> <p>3.22. POs/JQ to have meeting with NTG to discuss opportunity In progress</p> <p>3.23. POs seeking further information from TCU on their needs and concept In progress</p> <p>3.24. POs to find out next submission date for ABA applications Complete</p> <p>3.25. JQ and DH to engage with ABA Board to ensure support for the proposal</p> <p>3.26. POs to determine if there is an alternative location for a BMX track to be managed by RGRC In progress</p> <p>3.27. POs to provide feedback to Louw Group for refinement of development model Complete</p> <p>3.28. POs to source quote for perimeter fencing Complete</p> <p>3.29. POs to engage Arnhem Constructions to undertake final cleanup of site Complete</p> <p>3.30. POs to work with Louw Group in preparing final business case and concept plans Complete</p> <p>3.31. POs advise KPMG to undertake Social and Economic Evaluation based on final development model Complete</p>	
4	Finance and Operations	
	<p>4.1. Quarterly Board Report Report accepted. Moved – MB Seconded – SE</p> <p>4.2. Term Deposit For information only. No action required.</p> <p>4.3. BT Investments Update Several members expressed frustration about lack of returns and need for review. Detailed discussion deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>4.4. Board decision on Investment Strategy Deferred to next meeting</p>	BT Investments and Deloitte to present at the AGM in October
5	RGRC Updates	

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	<p>5.1. RGRC Sports Courts The board resolved to write to Roper Gulf thanking them for their advice that the CBT funded element of the project was complete. The Board will watch the project with interest while it focusses on its own priorities moving forward. The Board wishes Roper Gulf well with the remainder of the project. Moved – SA Seconded – MB</p> <p>5.2. Borrooloola Showgrounds Discussion deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>5.3. Vet Program Discussion deferred to next meeting.</p>	<p>POs to draft letter to RGRC relating to completion of Sports Courts and funding remaining</p>
6	Current Grants / Project Management	
	<p>6.1. Completed Grant Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1.1 Borrooloola Gulf Show Society – Territory Day Fireworks 6.1.2 Garrwa and Gunindirri Garrwa Plant and Animal Book 6.1.3 Artback NT - Music Program 6.1.4 GYRACC – Four Clans Exhibition 6.1.5 Waralungku Arts – Grounds Maintenance Equipment <p>6.2. Approved Grant Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.2.1 John Moriarty Foundation (extension) – acquitted up to Milestone 4 6.2.2 Artback NT Remote Arts and Culture Program 2020-2023 – acquitted up to Milestone 3 6.2.3 Vulcana Women’s Circus – Youth circus and empowerment – to be rescinded 6.2.4 Monash Uni – Visualisation of Songlines - acquitted up to Milestone 4 6.2.5 Mabunji Li-Anthawittiyarra Sea Ranger Unit – Fauna Monitoring on Maria and North Island NT - acquitted up to Milestone 5 6.2.6 Cancer Council – Closing the Gap in Aboriginal Australia - acquitted up to Milestone 3 6.2.7 Katherine Women’s Legal Service - acquitted to Milestone 2 6.2.8 Borrooloola Football and Sporting Club – Borrooloola AFL 2021 – acquitted to Milestone 3 6.2.9 RGRC/Moriarty Foundation – Katherine Soccer Excursions – acquitted to Milestone 2 – final game to be played in Darwin in October 6.2.10 Flinders University - Yanyuwa Rock Art Book – acquitted to Milestone 2 – to be published February 2023 6.2.11 Borrooloola School Breakfast Program 2021 – acquitted to Milestone 2 6.2.12 RGRC Healthy Pets Healthy Communities 2022-2024 – acquitted to Milestone 2 6.2.13 Borrooloola School - Two Way Learning 2022 – agreement executed 6.2.14 MAWA – Christmas Events – acquitted to Milestone 1 6.2.15 MAWA/Outbush Photography – awaiting funding agreement 	

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	<p>6.2.16 Waralungku Arts – Training and Events – acquitted to Milestone 1</p> <p>6.2.17 MAWA – Scrap Metal Clean Up – acquitted to Milestone 1</p> <p>6.2.18 MAWA – NAIDOC Events - acquitted to Milestone 1</p> <p>6.2.19 Many Rivers Microfinance - Microenterprise Development Support to Borrooloola and surrounding area - awaiting funding agreement</p> <p>6.2.20 MAWA Back Roads Bush Tracks 2022 – awaiting funding agreement</p> <p>6.2.21 MAWA – Broke n Spanners – awaiting funding agreement</p> <p>6.3. Commitments / In-Principle</p> <p>6.3.1 Waralungku Arts – Coffee Table Book</p> <p>6.3.2 Flinders University – Archaeology on Marra Country – awaiting confirmation of co-funding and funding agreement (expected December 2022)</p> <p>Project updates noted</p>	
7	Searcy St	
	<p>The Board noted the good work that has been completed to get the project to this stage. They positively viewed the artist impressions and understood they were conceptual only. They noted that this will be an important asset for the community and the long-term benefits it will bring.</p>	POs to prepare and submit ABA Grant Application
8	Future Grants / Applications	
	<p>8.1. Expressions of Interest</p> <p>8.1.1. Jarrdimba Bayamku (Strengthening the Children) Aboriginal Corporation – Native Bush Medicine and Bush Tucker at Seven Emu Station</p> <p>The work done at Seven Emus is widely supported by local board members but there are concerns about how local children are benefiting from it.</p> <p>TTC: I want to see better outcomes for community</p> <p>CC: Want to know what services will be provided to local children. Who will they be working with (elders)? Who can use the program? Who will be teaching? What numbers have previously been through the program and what are the outcomes?</p> <p>The CBT will not support this EOI at this time. More information required.</p> <p>8.1.2. Borrooloola Amateur Race Club – Upgrades to Facilities and Infrastructure at Borrooloola Campdraft and Rodeo Grounds</p> <p>EBG: The current rodeo grounds are very old and unsafe.</p> <p>AB: It is very very old and falling apart. It needs a major upgrade. It's the last bush rodeo in the NT and is very important to community.</p> <p>TTC: We need more detail on the project they are proposing – exactly what are they planning to do?</p> <p>JQ: They need to have a full list of what they would like to do and prioritise it because we can't fund it all. It is concerning that people want us to fund the whole project and not seek funding from somewhere else. There are a number of avenues they could be seeking for other funding, including the Community Benefits Fund (funded from poker machine royalties).</p>	<p>POs to seek more information about what the Native Bush Medicine Program involves and more detailed financial information.</p> <p>POs to provide feedback to BARC on their application and seek additional information.</p>

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	<p>CC: Who is going to maintain it? SE: If they want to have meetings why don't they just go out to the playgrounds and put up gazebos? I think just a bough shed would be much better than this MO: If this is a pilot program for one of the clans I expect that they would come back with proposals for another three. Is that right? JQ: Do we see a need for this? We need to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether Mabunji has approval from the landowner to build? • Who will be paying power and water costs? • Who will maintain? • Is it in a flood zone? • What is the land tenure? <p>TTC: The Searcy Street development will be a meeting place – is this needed too? MK: I can tell you this proposal did not come from the old people. If they wanted a meeting place they would be asking for a bough shed. EE: If you need a meeting place, it should have toilets. Application not supported. Moved – MK Seconded – EE</p> <p>8.2.3. MAWA – Christmas Lights 2022 NB: MAWA Board members were asked to leave the meeting to avoid any potential for conflict of interest. Application approved in principle subject to full completion of application to the satisfaction of the Board. Moved – CC Seconded – MB</p> <p>8.2.4. MAWA – Bush Court and Community Space – additional information NB: MAWA Board members were asked to leave the meeting to avoid any potential for conflict of interest. JQ: This is a project that clearly should be funded by the Government. This is the Community Benefits Trust, not the Government Benefits Trust. TTC: We have capacity at Searcy Street for court once it is established CC: I don't know what it stopped being held at council. When it was Mabunji the community members got pushed out and the Government did not pay. JQ: The last thing we need in Borroloola are demountables set up as permanent structures in the main street. Application not supported. Moved – NB Seconded – MB</p> <p>8.3. Awaiting full applications 8.3.1. Borroloola Football and Sporting Club – Thunders AFL, Juniors AFL and Women's Softball</p> <p>General Discussion across all submissions:</p>	<p>POs to prepare letters to applicants advising of the outcomes of the Full Applications.</p>

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	<p>JQ: Concerned that applicants are providing poor quality submissions for funding and not meeting base criteria. SA: Concerned that CBT is seen as a cash cow with no real local benefit. TTC: Need to make sure successful applicants acknowledge what the CBT has put into their programs. EE: A lot of people in community don't know what the CBT does or who can access funds AB: People need to acknowledge when they get money from the CBT MO: It is concerning that we have only approved one grant today. We have all this money sitting in the bank and it is not going out the door. In our ILUA negotiating meeting people said they didn't know anything about the Trust. I think the POs need to meet with the boards of MAWA and Mabunji, not just the paid staff.</p> <p>In general, the directors were concerned about a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the boards of Mabunji and MAWA were fully supportive of grant applications being lodged on behalf of their members by paid officers • The poor quality of submissions (e.g.: evidence of land tenure, full engagement with relevant community groups, detailed budgets, seeking funding from other sources, ongoing maintenance requirements, internal board approval, communication and promotion). • How people can make complaints about the CBT <p>It was resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POs work with TJ to refine the application process to cover the issues above. • Put in place a higher level of due diligence for applications valued at \$10,000 and above • POs improve communication with grant applicants and recipients • POs put in place a complaints process for the CBT 	<p>POs/TJ to refine the application process to respond to Board's issues</p> <p>POs to implement a complaints process for the CBT</p>
9	Youth Strategy	
	Discussion deferred to next board meeting	
10	CBT-Led Developments – Plan C updates	
	<p>Academic Assistance Bursary JQ expressed a view that the program should be better promoted. Application from School of the Air – Approved.</p> <p>Borroloola Signage Strategy Directors discussed whether local names should be used. JQ pointed out that there is an official naming procedure through the Place Names Committee.</p> <p>Investment Strategy Deferred to next meeting</p> <p>Borroloola Youth Food Program</p>	<p>POs to resend letter sent to Education Minister in October 2021 to Directors</p> <p>POs to provide bursary guidelines to Directors</p> <p>POs to consider more promotion of bursary and</p>

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	<p>The Board discussed in detail their concerns about this program and the view of many that feeding children is a family responsibility and not for the CBT to get involved with. A number of directors were concerned about the price of food at Malandari Store and JQ said local people should lobby the store committee about this. He expressed the view that the money on this project would be better spent engaging a consultant to map out local committees and boards. This would allow local people to understand who they should lobby if they want change.</p> <p>The Board resolved to rescind previous approval for this project. Moved – SE Seconded – TTC</p>	<p>redistribute media release</p> <p>POs to advise School of the Air of decision</p> <p>POs to follow up on the Place Names Committee</p>
11	Other Business	
<p>Meeting closed:</p> <p>2:20pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Photos will be taken at the November meeting • Director Requirements ABRS – Director Identification Number • Next Board Meeting and AGM JQ indicated that a chair needs to be elected at the AGM. He also encouraged local directors to consider standing as Co-chair. • Conflict of Interest query from Cozens Johansen The Board noted the potential conflict of interest raised by Patrick Couzens and recorded that it has no issues. Moved – SA Seconded – NB 	<p>POs to follow up with Directors on Director ID</p> <p>POs to arrange photography for November meeting</p> <p>POs to send date claimer for next Board Meeting</p> <p>POs to advise Cozens Johansen of Board’s response</p>
9	Summary of actions arising	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TJ/PO to advise if MRM has ratified changes 2. POs to follow up on Media Release once MRM ratifies changes 3. BT Investments and Deloitte to present at the AGM in October 4. POs to draft letter to RGRC relating to completion of Sports Courts and funding remaining 5. POs to prepare and submit ABA Grant Application 6. POs to seek more information about what the Native Bush Medicine Program involves and more detailed financial information. 7. POs to provide feedback to BARC on their application and seek additional information. 8. POs to prepare letters to applicants advising of the outcomes of the EOIs. 9. POs to provide feedback to Mabunji on applications for Upskilling for Future and Yanyula Town Square. 10. POs to prepare letters to applicants advising of the outcomes of the Full Applications. 11. POs/TJ to refine the application process to respond to Board’s issues 12. POs to implement a complaints process for the CBT 13. POs to resend letter sent to Education Minister in October 2021 to Directors 14. POs to provide bursary guidelines to Directors 	

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