Benalla Sustainable Future Group Minutes for General Meeting, Thursday, 25th July, 2019 Benalla Uniting Church

Present: Kevin Smith, James Webster, Ian Herbert, Richard Felton, Adrian Howden, Peter Holmes, Christine Holmes, Wendy Baker, Peter Maddock (minutes)

Apologies: John Lloyd, Cath Marriott, Mike Hillenaar, David and Kay Blore, Kathryn McQualter.

1. Welcome

BSFG acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting. We pay respect to their tribal elders and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

2. Minutes of Meeting of 28th March Moved: Kevin Smith	, 2019 Second: Ian Herbert	Carried
 3. Business Arising: 3 1 REB successful in getting DELWP Hume Mini Grant for Communication Plan. 3.2 Successful Swanpool Environmental Film Festival. 3.2 Ian Herbert and Kevin Smith went on the Adani Convoy. Peter and Christine Holmes and Rhona and Peter Rose also joined the convoy. 		
4. Correspondence		
4.1 Inwards:		
Louisa Marston Re DELWP SWIFFT Presentation.		
Flyer re Container Deposit scheme.		
4.2 Outwards:		
BSFG CAV Annual Statement. 5. Treasurer's Report		
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 ST MAY 2019 TO 24 TH JULY 2019		
Opening Cash Book Balance 1st May	I MAT 2013 TO 24 JOLT 201	\$5,735.38
Add Receipts		<i>\$6,765166</i>
Food Co-op	9,844.08	
Bag Sales	165.00	
DELWP Grant for REB	2,250.00	
Memberships	260.00	<u>12,519.08</u>
		18,254.96
Less Payments		
Food Co-op	12,615.76	
DELWP Grant	3,000.00	
Peter Maddock, Weebly REB & CAV Re		
Catering S Loughnane Walk C Holmes Reimbursement	360.00 15.00	
Uniting Church - Hall Hire	50.00	<u>16,259.57</u>
	50.00	10,239.37
Cash Book Balance as at 24 th July 2019)	<u>1,995.39</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement		2195.39
Less Unpresented Cheque # 248		200.00
Reconciled Bank Balance		<u>\$1995.39</u>
Wendy Baker Treasurer.		
Moved: Wendy Baker	Second: Christine Holmes	Carried.
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7. Newsletter

Deadline for September Newsletter is Sunday 25th August

8. Committee Report.

Looking at changing Insurance to Environment Victoria which will be half the current Policy. Also in process of opening bank account Benalla Renewable Energy Fund for REB Action Group.

9. Reports from Action Groups

9.1 Bulk Food. Looking at options for updating payment system.

9.2 Plastic Wise Benalla.

Ensign article about Edgar Insurance Collecting Bottle Tops for use in artificial limbs. Kay/Wendy still making bags.

Thank you letter to Blooms, and other sellers.

Total Ban Single Use Plastic Victoria Nov,

https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/banning-the-bag-to-reduce-plastic-pollution/

9.3 REB Renewable Energy Benalla.

Energy Efficiency Workshops commencing August 5th, fortnightly for 6 sessions.

Indigo Power Hot Water Bulk buy, <u>https://www.indigopower.com.au/water/</u>,

CO2 Heat pump and evacuated tube systems.

9.4 Website. Some recent high incidence of unexplained hits.

9.5 Benalla Local Food Network. Kathryn apology for not being able to attend the meeting.

10. General Business

10.1 Meeting with Council CEO Dominic Testoni and Facilities Manager Greg Robertson on Waste, Friday July 19th. Peter Holmes, Kevin Smith, Judy Schwarzman and Peter Maddock attended. Council capable of handling a wide range of plastic waste. Raised issue of agricultural waste such as Silage Wrap which council are aware of. Kevin and Peter M writing a summary of points and possibly including on website. CEO agreeable to discussing Council climate change initiatives.

11. Next Meetings:

Committee Meeting - Tuesday August 13th. Sep 26 Meeting, Renewable Energy Yackandandah? Other? Nov 28 Meeting, 26 March 2020 Meeting, 22 May 2020 AGM.

12. **Guest Speaker.** Rotary Benalla's Bruce Walker presented information about the Rotary program to reduce Queensland Fruit Fly in the area. Supported by a grant Rotary has been able to gain support from the Goulburn Murray Valley QFF Community Control Program, https://gmv-qldfruitfly.com.au/. Due to time limitation the 17min video, https://gmv-qldfruitfly.com.au/.

13. Supper