



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS COMMITTEE

held on Wednesday 18 December 2024 commencing at 1:00pm
in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Louise Mason, Trevor Waldhuter, Andrew Fairney (via Teams), Cr Kathryn Schilling, Kate Jenkins, Kim Thompson, Glen Carter, Doreen Von Linde and Chris Kruger (Minute Taker).

Louise Mason (Acting Chairperson) opened the meeting at 1:05pm, and acknowledged the wonderful contributions made by Russell Johnstone, who is in everyone's thoughts at this difficult time.

Louise welcomed Greg Donovan to the meeting as a new member of the Friends of the Barossa Bushgardens Committee.

Apologies

Bryce Lillecrapp and Brayden Fitzpatrick.

Not Present

Nil

Leave of Absence

Penny Devlin

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of previous meetings – for confirmation:

Moved: T Waldhuter

Seconded: K Jenkins

That the minutes of the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30 October 2024 be received and confirmed.

CARRIED

2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

PANEL DECISION

Moved: K Schilling

Seconded: A Fairney

That Report Item 3.4 – Partner Project Updates, be taken from Matters for Information and considered as a Debate Item within the Agenda.

CARRIED

3.4 PARTNER PROJECT UPDATES

PANEL DECISION

Moved: K Schilling

Seconded: K Jenkins

That the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee receive the Report and agree to close off the Memorandum of Understanding for the Barossa Community Labyrinth, and note that the Labyrinth Group have remaining funds that they wish to donate to the Friends of the Barossa Bushgardens.

CARRIED

Barossa Community Labyrinth

A Summer Solstice Sunrise Walk is planned for Saturday morning, 21 December at 5:45am. And we will complete the event by constructing a floral mandala in the centre of the labyrinth. How many earlybirds will we see?

The Labyrinth within the Bushgardens

When the labyrinth was officially opened on 2 November 2018, after a gestation period of nine years, there was a committee of 6 people who had travelled the long twists and turns of the journey with it. Across that nine-year timeline there were also another 8 people who were involved in its conceptualization and planning at various points along the way.

Work commitments and relocation have seen the committee dwindle to one person. That's me. While I was still living in the Barossa I was able to maintain hand watering of the plants and most of the weeding (with a small band of volunteer help). Physicality issues have put an end to what I am able to do, not to mention living in Adelaide. Thankfully, Doreen stepped in. With her helpful suggestions, we (Labyrinth Group) were

able to pay for the installation of the dripper system, and Doreen's volunteers have looked after the plantings. It always looks fabulous when they've cleaned it up.

During the establishment phase there was an MOU drawn up between **Barossa Bushgardens** and **The Barossa Community Labyrinth Group** (see below). We never ever got around to drafting anything to take us beyond that point.

It is my belief that the labyrinth is well and truly embedded within and should simply be part of the many wonderful assets that the Barossa Bushgardens offers the community and visitors alike. The Barossa Community Labyrinth bank account still holds approx. \$400.00 and I would like to suggest that it be transferred in full to Friends of the Barossa Bushgardens for use according to their choosing.

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Barossa Bushgardens and **The Barossa Community Labyrinth Group** for the establishment of a Labyrinth on the Bushgardens site

Purpose

To establish responsibilities for both parties so as to create a Barossa Community Labyrinth on the Bushgardens site. Labyrinths are known to be a place of beauty, healing, peace, and renewal a contemplative space, and therefore the Labyrinth will be open and accessible to all members of our community and complement the Bushgardens objectives towards sustainability and preservation of natural heritage.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of Barossa Bushgardens are:

- To support and advise on plant species, site selection and any other information needed for the successful development, installation and ongoing care of the Labyrinth
- To provide plants for the Labyrinth plantings

The responsibilities of the Barossa Labyrinth Group are:

- To consult and collaborate with Barossa Bushgardens on the progress and all stages of the development of the Project
- To undertake a costing of the project to include the development, installation and ongoing upkeep (including access paths, signage etc)
- To report to the BBG Committee on a regular basis
- To undertake all ongoing aftercare e.g. weeding, watering, plant replacement and associated costs

Terms

- The Labyrinth Group should regularly report to the Barossa Bushgardens Section 41 Committee
- For public liability purposes members of the Labyrinth group should be registered as volunteers with Council to cover them when working on the site, unless otherwise covered.

Dates/timelines

Action plan to be drawn up with timelines once funding secured

It is anticipated that the labyrinth will a staged project and that the main structure will be completed within 2 years.

Out Clause

If for any reason the Labyrinth Group are no longer able to commit to this agreement they will work with the Bushgardens

(a) to find an alternate group with objectives similar to those of the group to manage the project and

(b) will negotiate a new agreement to manage the Labyrinth

Signatures

Barossa Bushgardens

Barossa Labyrinth Group

Kate Jenkins
BBG Chairperson

Carole Schroeder
BCL Chairperson

Date

3.1 MARKETING INITIATIVES AND SALES OPPORTUNITIES

3.2 CORRESPONDENCE

3.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Meeting Date	Resolution/Action	Status	Actioning Officer
14 June 2023	Future direction of S41 Committee – Manager, Works and Operations to seek input from key stakeholders to enable the development of a Discussion Paper, examining operating models of like-minded organisations. A report to be presented to a future S41 Committee Meeting.	Ongoing Kim Thompson has held initial discussions with previous Chair's of S41 Committees and will seek further feedback from other Groups.	Senior Environmental Officer
11 October 2023	NRC Coordinator to explore opportunities for cross promotion with the Arid Lands Botanic Gardens Port Augusta.	Ongoing Brayden has spoken to representatives of the Arid Land Botanical Gardens and	NRC Coordinator

		they are keen to collaborate and are investigating the potential of exchanging 200 plants and developing a small display garden at the Bushgardens. Discussions will continue.	
11 October 2023	Engage with Mayor Lange to seek inclusion in cycling trails, with linkage to the Bushgardens.	Kim has received advice from Heidi Helbig confirming that the original artwork was produced by a third party and notification will be forwarded when a review is scheduled. This item will be removed from the Action List going forward.	G Carter and K Thompson
11 October 2023	Review of Barossa Bushgardens Masterplan and Strategic Plan	Ongoing This item will be removed from the Action List going forward.	Committee members
13 December 2023	Feros Care to be approached to ascertain interest on participating in a program similar to Nature and Natter,	Complete.	Senior Environmental Officer
10 April 2024	Progression of review of Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan and	Ongoing This item will be removed from	BBG Management group

	supporting documentation.	the Action List going forward.	
10 April 2024	Meet with SA Water to discuss potential support for the Barossa Bushgardens/Seeding Natives tube stock project, either by the supply of discounted water, or meter upgrades.	Ongoing A meeting will be arranged with SA Water representative, Andrew and Council representative.	Andrew Fairney, NRC Coordinator, Nursery Manager and Senior Environmental Officer
18 December 2024	Barossa Community Labyrinth – MOU to be wound up	Pending	NRC Coordinator
18 December 2024	NCPA promotion of Barossa Bushgardens and Labyrinth	Pending NCPA to be approached in relation to opportunities to promote the Barossa Bushgardens and Labyrinth.	NRC Coordinator

3.5 STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

3.6 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

3.7 FRIENDS OF BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS UPDATE

3.8 VISITATION TO THE BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS

3.9 RISK MANAGEMENT/WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 2:31pm.

The meeting recommenced at 2:38pm.

4. DEBATE REPORT

4.1 FINANCE REPORT

24/111757

MOVED K Jenkins

That Barossa Bushgardens Committee receive and note the report.

SECONDED Cr Schilling**CARRIED**

PURPOSE

To provide progress on budget income and expenditure as at 30 November 2024.

REPORT

Discussion

At the end of November, the expenditure across most cost centres is progressing well.

Minor budget adjustments may need to be made at the end of the quarter.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Barossa Bushgardens Finance Report - December 2024 

Supporting references

Nil.

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS



Natural Environment and Built Heritage

Goal

- 1 The Barossa has sustainable farmland providing diverse and stable returns, while protecting the unique natural environment and biodiversity of the region.
- 3 We take a proactive approach in responding to key environmental challenges such as climate change, water security and waste management.

Strategies

- 1.3 Build on the conservation of the region's natural heritage including bush eco-systems, grassy woodlands, agricultural landscapes and recreational green spaces.
- 3.1 Support community based sustainability initiatives to help reduce the Barossa's contribution to the climate crisis and build on the capacity of local residents and industry to mitigate negative impacts.

Corporate Plan

CS17 Natural Resources - Regional development and management of the environment including natural resource management to ensure the region is managed sustainably and the environment is protected and enhanced

Legislative Requirements
Local Government Act 1999

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required under Legislation or Council's Public Consultation Policy.

4.2 BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS S41 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025 **24/111806**

MOVED T Waldhuter

That Barossa Bushgardens Committee continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis, commencing February 2025 in The Barossa Council Chambers, commencing at 1:00pm.

SECONDED A Fairney

CARRIED

PURPOSE

To seek the approval of the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee Meeting Schedule for 2025.

REPORT

Discussion

Historically, the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee meetings have been held on a bi-monthly basis, beginning in February each year. The meetings are held in The Barossa Council Chambers, commencing at 1:00pm.

The following Schedule of meeting dates is presented for Committee endorsement:

Wednesday 19 February 2025
Wednesday 16 April 2025
Wednesday 18 June 2025
Wednesday 20 August 2025
Wednesday 15 October 2025
Wednesday 17 December 2025

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references

Nil.

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

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FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required under legislation or Council's Public Consultation Policy.

5. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

Nil

6. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

7. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19 February 2025.

8. CLOSURE

Louise Mason shared a Blessing from John O'Donohue (Poet and Philosopher) and declared the meeting closed at 2:56pm.

Confirmed at Barossa Bushgardens Committee Meeting on

Date:.....

Chairperson.....