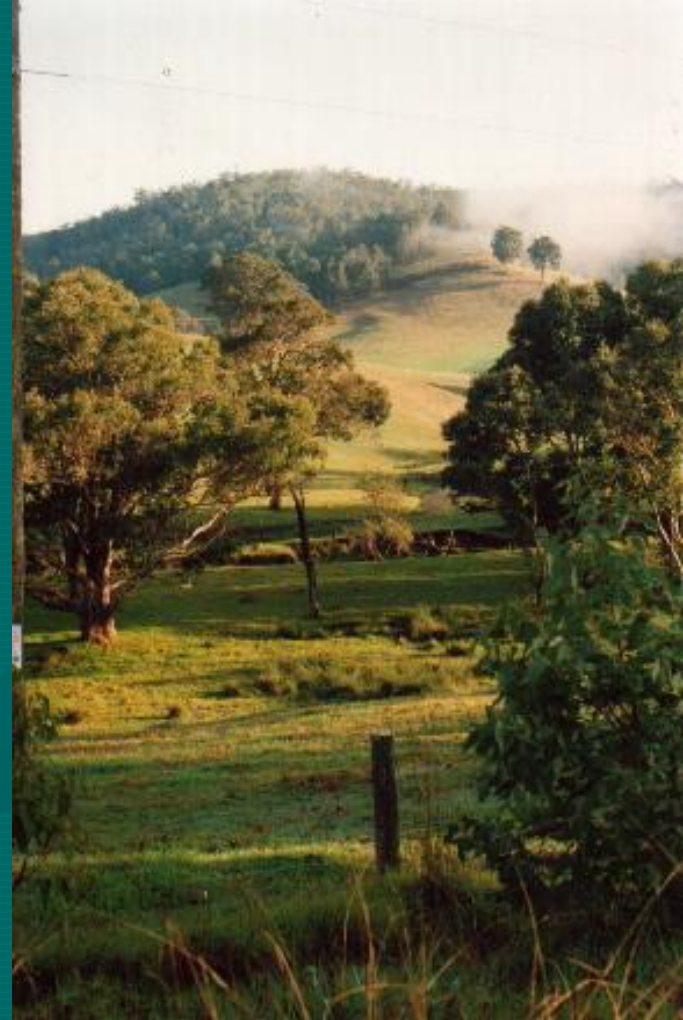


# Balingup

3 hours south of Perth



- Population 565
- Median age – 58 yrs
- Median income \$944 (Aust \$1746)
- Voluntary work 39% (Aust 14%)
- No of community groups >40
- And we like to dress up.



Buddhist Retreat



Magic mushrooms





# Golden Valley Tree Park



- State owned land.
- Arboretum run by Balingup volunteers.



## Recreation Centre



## Community Centre



## Workspace





# Vintage Home Town for Life (5 cottages)





# Unbelievable.....!

## Balingup Doctors & Pharmacy





# Small Farm Field Day



Showcases local - a major event, attracting up to 10,000 visitors each year.

SFFD profits are shared through a Trust Fund with other community groups





# Medieval Carnivale

The workers  
and dragon



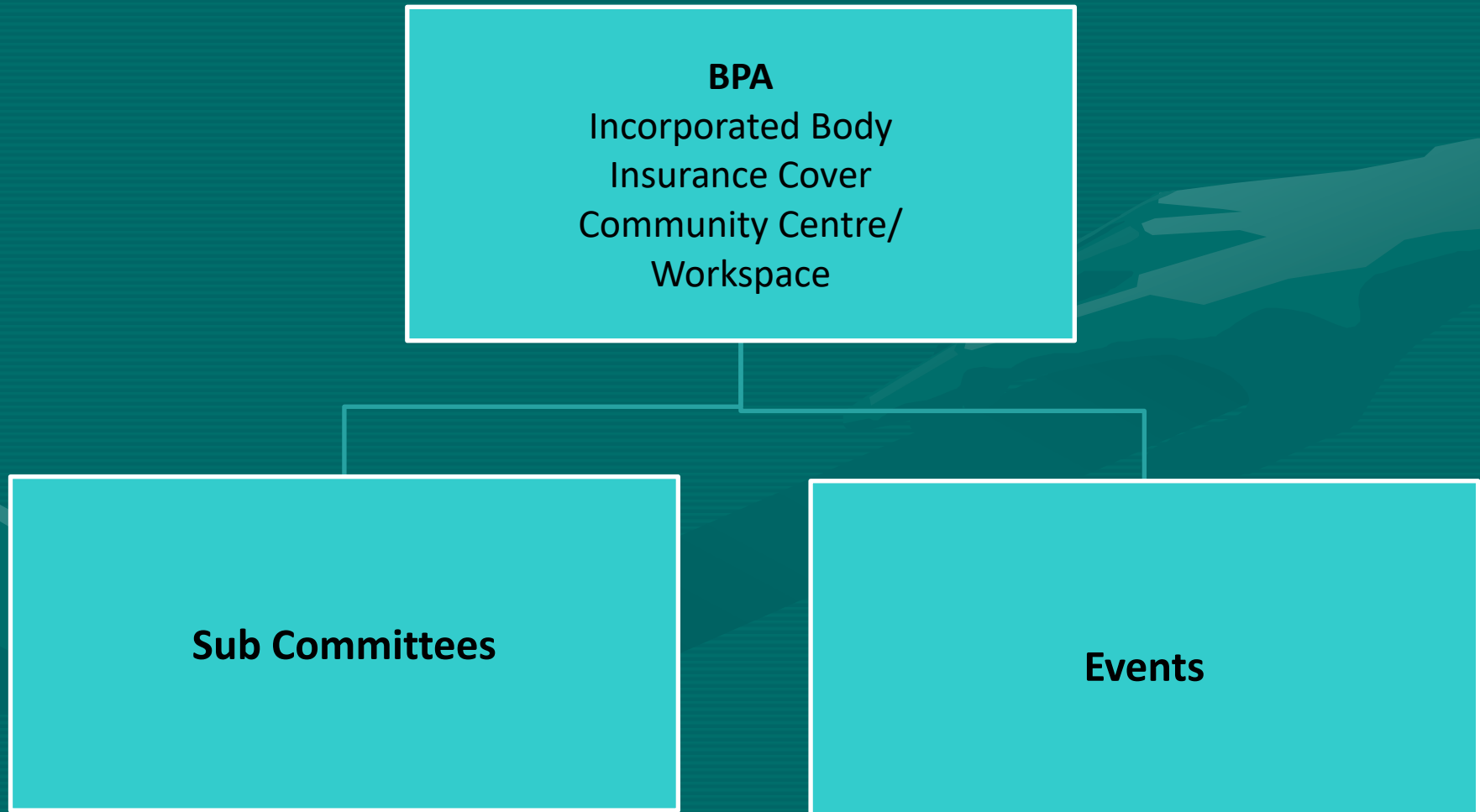




# Quirkiness



# BALINGUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BPA)





# 18 sub committees and still growing.....

- Balingup Art & Craft Affair
- Balingup Community Forest Garden
- Balingup Heritage Exhibition
- Balingup Medieval Carnivale
- Balingup Men in Sheds
- Balingup Patches and Craft
- Balingup Rail Group
- Balingup Small Farm Field Day
- Resilience Group
- Balingup Townscape
- Birdwood Park Avenue of Honour Group
- Telling Tales in Balingup
- Mullalyup Improvement Group
- Paths, Tracks and Trails
- Balingup Health and Wellness
- BalingUpCycle
- Balingup Music Experience
- Balingup Night Markets

# Strategic Plan – April 2021

- We held lots of open space meetings in strange places.





BPA AGES

2021 70

2011 60

2001 50

STRATEGIC PLAN 2021

It's not a 10 year plan. We update every year as the new meeting format encourages new projects

Opportunity for people to share their projects / for others to offer support. BPA is not approving projects

This goes to share

CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP

OF 600 PEOPLE, 10% (60) INVOLVED

OF THIS 10%, 20 INVOLVED

13 PROJECTS

3 ACTION TEAM

2 UNDERWAY

7 FOLLOW UP WITH INDIVIDUALS (e.g. KATE & SONYA)

Formal meetings

ACTION PLANS ONLY FINANCES FORMAL

MEETING VENUES / COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

BADSA DURING DAY PRE-SCHOOL KIDS ACTIVITIES

MEALS MEAT @ BADSA

VILLAGE GREEN - BSO / PARKING

AT SCHOOL WITH PPC

BPA just needs small governance than the insurance site

Political Lobby Group No!

BPA Community CONNECTORS / LEADERS

Let the people in touch with others

SFFD + CARNAVAL. CHANGES FUNDING MODEL. GIVE MORE TO BADSA / LESS TO INDIVIDUAL GROUPS.

Carminale can use it to run workshops - school / visitors

GIVE COMMUNITY CENTRE TO CARMINALE CARNAVAL PAY INSURANCE / MAINT

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS HUB OF COMMUNITY

Tonight

Focus on

BADSA \$10K per annum Enough?

Rest - Trust Fund Managed by SFFD / CARNAVAL.

They approve requests as they come in - not one-off annual

PARENTS MEETING AREA

BADSA MAIN HALL KIDS FREE PLAY AREA. - ALL AGES SOCIAL HAS KEY EQUIP AREA

COMMUNITY MEETING AREA

FREE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

TOWN HALL. DON'T USE IT. LET SHARE COME TO US FOR A GREAT DEAL.

IF THERE'S NO INCOME, THEN WE KNOW CURRENT FEES & CHARGES MORE IS BROKEN

# Big picture goals

<b>Environment</b>	<b>Balingup is a centre of environmental sustainability.</b>
<b>Economy and Tourism</b>	<b>Balingup is a resilient, thriving community with a vibrant village feel.</b>
<b>Lifespan and Living</b>	<b>Balingup is a community that creates, learns and grows together.</b>
<b>Community and Governance</b>	<b>Balingup Progress Association is an intergenerational, community-led, representative, change and innovation group.</b>



# The outcomes.....



- Storytelling program for kids

# BalingUpcycle

- Returned \$10,000 profit to the community in the first six months.





# Balingup Arts & Community Hub (BACH)



- Revitalise the Town Hall.
- Concerts, weddings, community events, forums.

## SNAPSHOT SUMMARY 2023 POTENTIAL PERFORMERS (YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS?)



Nick Banning Classical and Contemporary Guitarist



Paul Anderson Celtic Fiddle UK and Scotland Virtuoso



Orenda Trio  
Flute Piano and Cello



Tess Merlot Trio  
France Netherlands  
Torch Cabaret



Joyce Mathers and Avenue  
Jazz in Cabaret??



Drag Quiz and Show Cabaret?

## COMMUNITY



Community Wellbeing  
Mental Social Physical Health  
Free Market Concept



Arts and Cultural Hub  
Performing Visual and Literature  
Dance Drama Music Visual Writing



Film  
All Ages

Program  
ideas 2023.  
Launch  
5-7 May



# Balingup Futures Fund (2023)

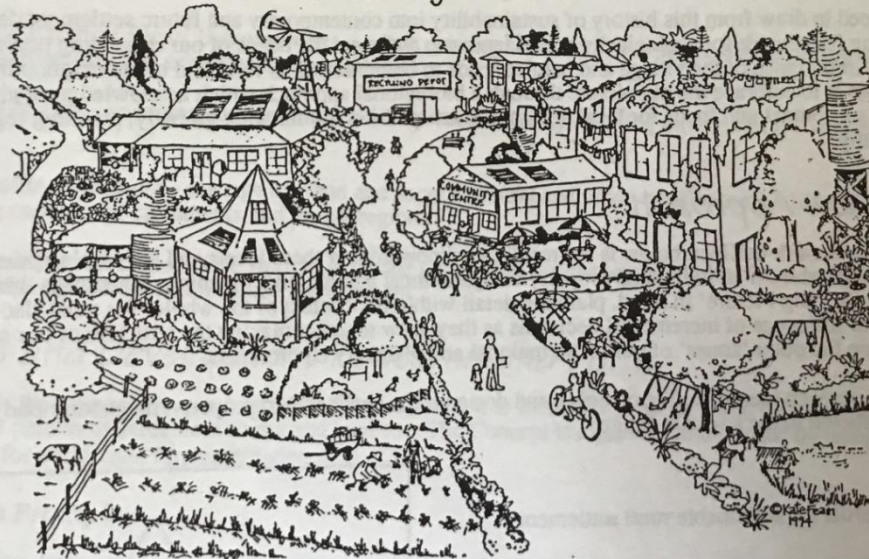


# Latest Projects

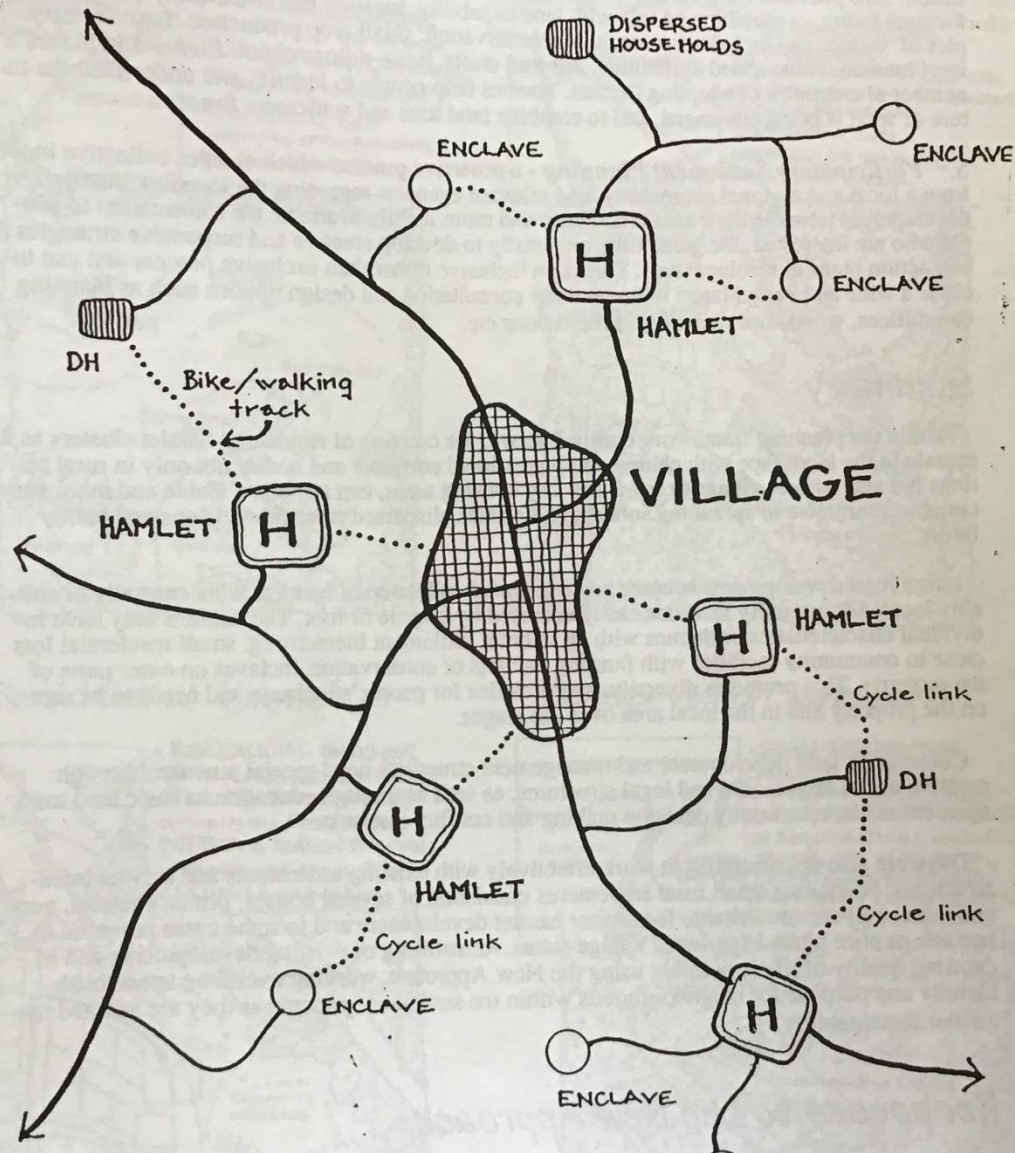
## 1. Cluster Developments

### Human Settlement - A New Planning Approach

Peter Cuming and Robyn Francis  
January 1995







# Current – no new sub division below 100 acres

10	10	30
10	15	25

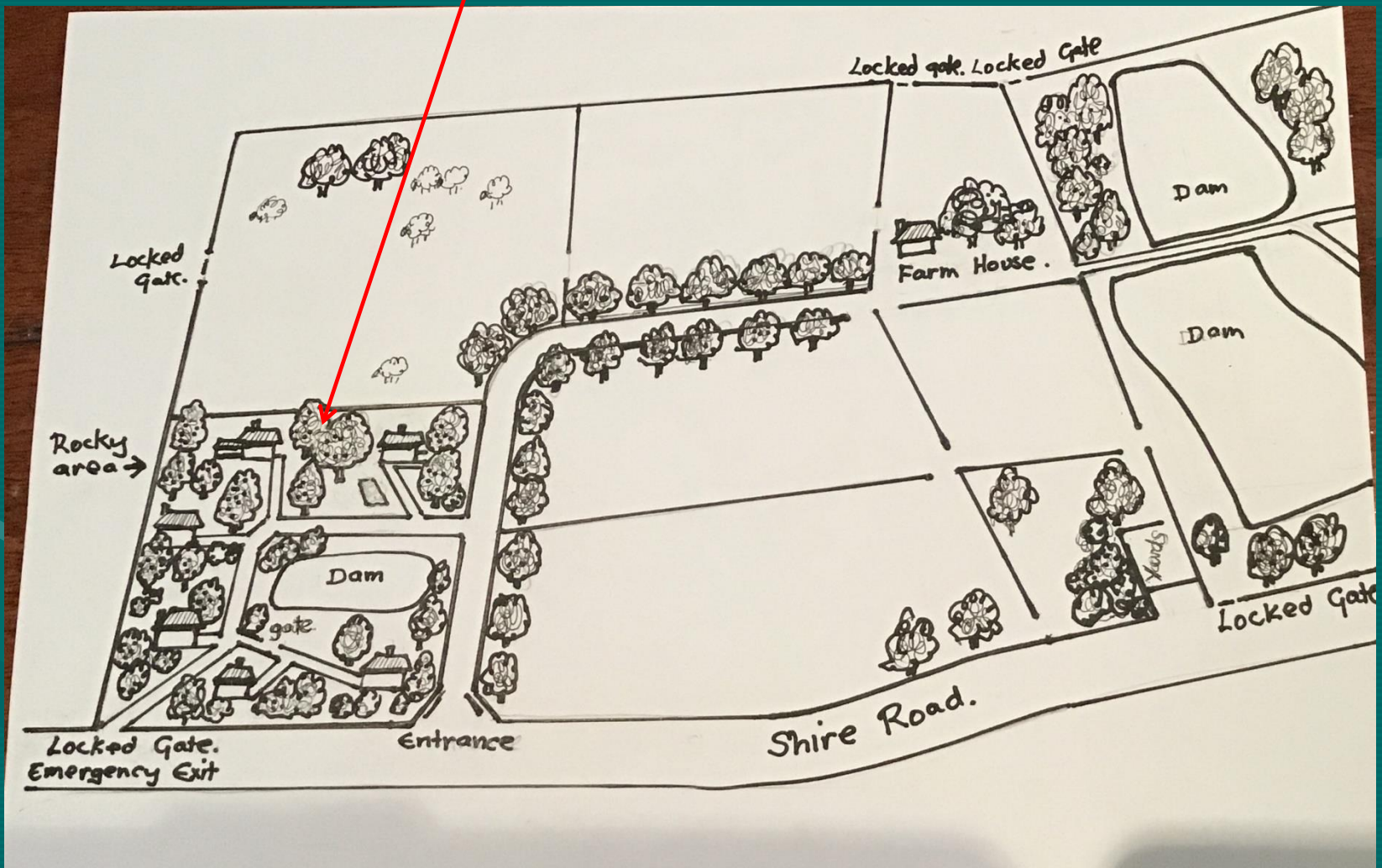




## Result

- Smallholdings/ hobby farmers.
- Best quality land rarely used for genuine agriculture.
- Fire hazard.

# What if we had small **off grid** communities?





# Current status of Cluster Developments

- Briefed Jane Kelsbie (MP).
- Transition Towns workshop June 22 attended by representative from WA Planning Commission.
- Meeting held in Balingup – 22 landholders attended.
- Landholders were asked to collect information (property details, sketch map of existing infrastructure, dot points of what they want to do etc).

- Only two proposals received 😞.
- Proposals sent to Planning Commission for review.
- Planning Commission have advised they ARE willing to consider rural stratas. Working with local governments to determine how it could work.
- Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup has included in their **draft** Local Planning Strategy and Planning Commission will attend community consultation.



# Project No 2 Resilient Community

DFES Community  
Resilience Workshops  
have stressed:

- the unexpected will occur more and more over the coming years, and
- communities cannot rely on government to save them.



# Emergency Response

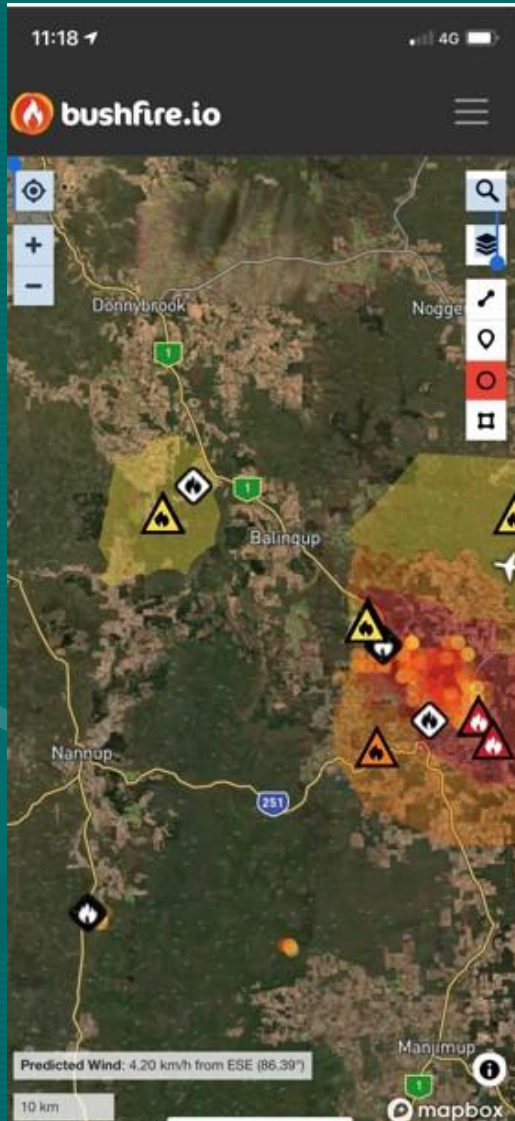
- The power went off in Balingup 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for 18 hours.
- We lost ALL telecommunications – copper cable network, wireless NBN and pay phone.
- 6 -8 hour battery backup



- *‘Our sites typically have battery or generators in case of a disruption to energy supplies. This back-up power is designed to provide some protection during local community power loss, but will not support the loss of power for extended periods’.*
- <https://exchange.telstra.com.au/preparing-for-the-summer-storm-and-fire-season>



# February 2022 it happened again

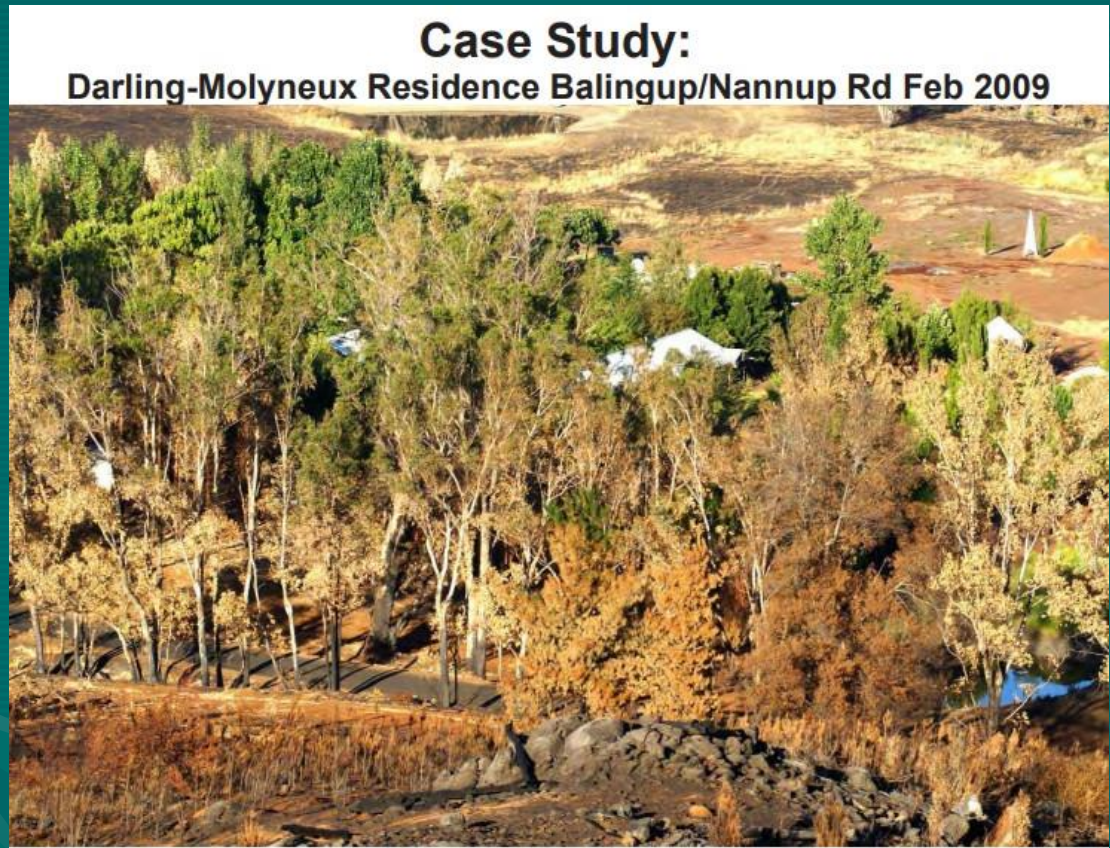


- Organised a meeting of Telstra, NBN, Shire, Western Power etc to discuss communications backup systems.
- Outcome:
  - Satellite phone
  - Skymuster pop-up internet (VOIP phone calls for 70-100 people)
  - Community Information & Social Centre (manned by community)
  - Generator
- All fixed finally!



# Plans for Resilience Committee

- Look at broader picture.
- Fire retardant trees.



# Project No 3 - What's the difference between these two cakes?



# Project No 3- Insurance

- Civil Liability Act 2002 protects community groups/individuals is complex and unclear.
- BPA insurance covers BPA, two major events and 18 sub-committees. It doesn't cover stallholders or paid entertainers.
- 129 pages of legalese and we don't understand it.
- I have lobbied MP and others. No joy so far.



	2020	2023
Association/ Management/ Employee Liability	\$1676	\$2304
Personal Accident volunteers	\$130	\$1444
Combined Public and Products Liability	\$76	\$76
Agricultural (buildings and contents)	\$3582	\$6086
	<b>\$5464</b>	<b>\$9910</b>

Tried to get other quotes.....very  
hard/unsuccessful.

# Action needed

- A review of community insurance be carried out with the aim of developing a Community Group Insurance Pack. (Insurance companies already have Business Packs – developed to suit small businesses.)

**Sample -Minimum recommended cover for community groups.  
(Community Insurance Packs)**

<b>Type of cover</b>	<b>Liability amount</b>
Volunteer personal accident	\$2,500,000
Professional liability	Nil
Management liability	\$5,000,000
Association liability	\$5,000,000
Employment practices liability	\$5,000,000
Employee fraud*	\$100,000
Public liability	\$50,000,000
Product liability	\$50,000,000
Property in care	\$1,000,000
Owner liability of animals	\$50,000,000
Trade space liability	\$50,000,000
Volunteer entertainers	\$1,000,000
Negligent acts/ errors and omissions	\$1,000,000
Car parking	\$100,000
Buildings insurance	Valuation
Removal of debris	\$500,000
Contents insurance	Valuation
Gate takings	Nil
Money in transit/ in strong room/safe	\$50,000
Theft	\$15,000
Burglary (forced)	\$50,000
Theft of property in open air	\$15,000

Document that would allow community groups to select the level of cover needed, depending on their individual circumstances



Type of cover	Liability amount	Policy name	What it covers
Umbrella groups/ sub committees			
Volunteer personal accident	\$2,500,000	Not for profit voluntary workers group personal accident	<p>Volunteers, people carrying out activities on behalf of and at the direction of the Insured (BPA and sub-committees) for accidental injury or death, including travel. This insurance covers all volunteer activities during the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o meetings, workshops, event preparation, set up and take down</li> <li>o members of community groups working on the gate to raise funds for their group</li> <li>o volunteers given an honorarium on the day to carry out unsavoury tasks (eg toilet cleaning)</li> </ul> <p>Any paid employees are not <u>covered</u>, this is a <u>volunteer</u> policy only.</p> <p>It does not include persons who are not employed by BPA eg traffic controllers and paid security.</p>

- Provide information in an easy to read, understandable format, to ensure that information can be easily understood

# You can help....

Please tick box	No idea	25%	50%	75%	100% clear.
How well do you understand your insurance policy?					

Please tick box	Very dissatisfied	25%	50%	75%	Very satisfied
Are you happy with your insurance provider/broker?					

If you are 'very satisfied' with your insurer, please advise company name.....

How long have you been with your current insurance company? .....

What is your total annual insurance premium? \$.....

Have you ever made any claims? If yes, please advise details (year and payout amount) .....

- Complete a short survey form.
- I'll consolidate and start agitating!

if we wait for the government  
it will be too late...



...if we act as individuals  
it will be too little...



...if we act as communities it might just  
be enough...





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