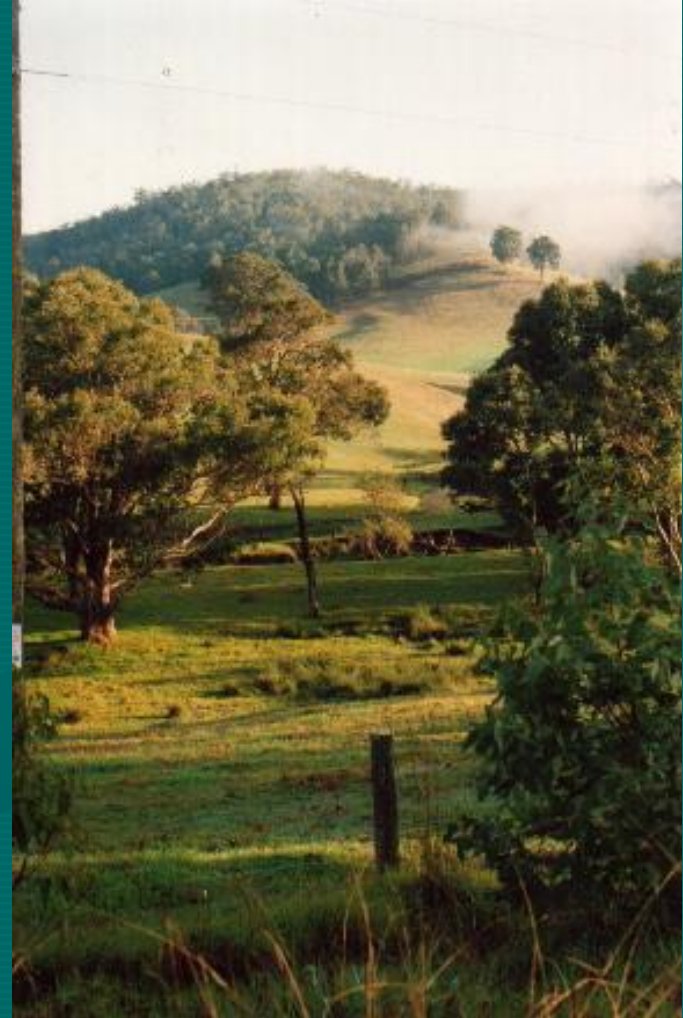


Acknowledgement of Country



Balingup

3 hours south of Perth



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



Community Enterprises



Businesses/ community enterprises in town = 28

- Run by volunteers = 10 (35%)

Golden Valley Tree Park



- State owned land. Largest arboretum in WA. Run by volunteers

Vintage Home Town for Life (7 cottages)



Unbelievable.....!

Balingup Doctors & Pharmacy



Small Farm Field Day



- Started in 1991
- Up to 10,000 visitors each year.
- SFFD profits shared through a Trust Fund with other community groups.



Medieval Carnivale

The workers
and dragon



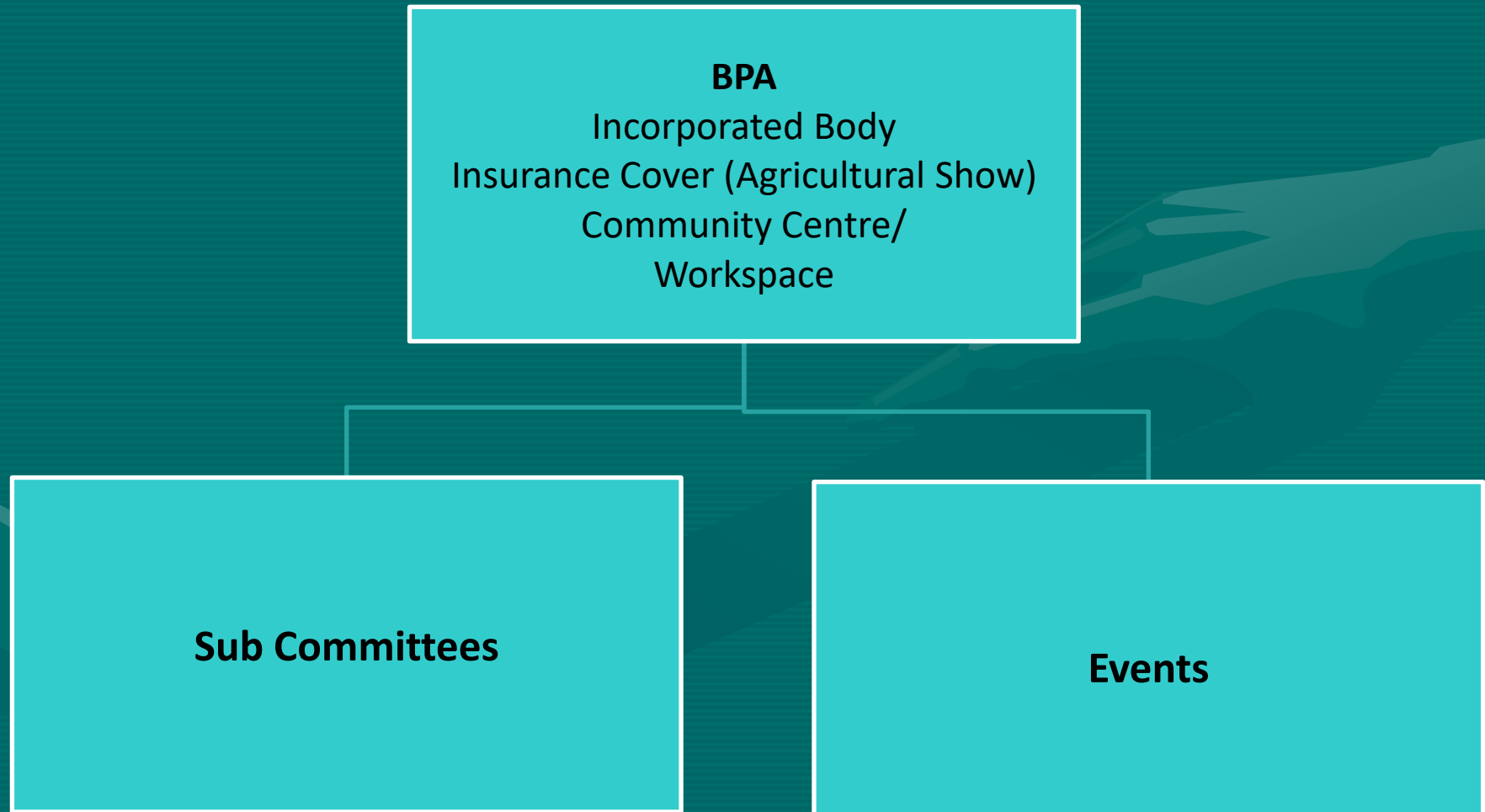


Burning of the dragon



Photo courtesy Shane
Woods August 2024

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 Art & Culture Hub
- Balingup Night Markets

Balingup Arts & Cultural Hub (BACH)

- Revitalise the Town Hall.
- Concerts, weddings, community events, forums.
- Run by young people.



Balingup Futures Fund (2023)



2023 Community Trust/ Futures Fund.

- Aim is to raise significant capital for future projects
- May only be spent with the written approval of the BPA Futures Fund committee.
- Committee comprises people who raised the money (SFFD, Carnivale etc)

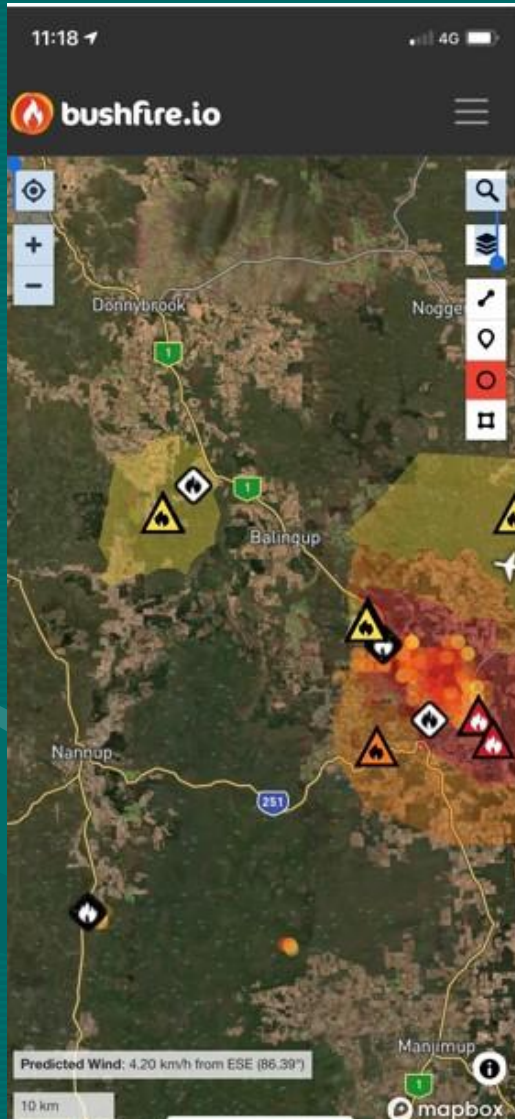
Resilient Communities



DFES Community Resilience Workshops have stressed:

- the unexpected will occur more and more in future, and
- communities cannot rely on government to save them.

February 2022 it happened again



- Balingup Resilience Group formed ('CWA on steroids')
- Community Information & Social Centre with generator (at Recreation Centre)
- Satellite phone & Skymuster pop-up internet (VOIP phone calls for 70-100 people)
- It took 4 years.

Written Activation Process

Activation Process		
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	Step	Comment
1	Contact a member of Recreation Centre Committee (BADSA) and check Centre is available. Request it be opened.	See Annex B for contact details. There will be no hire fee charged by BADSA but it must be left clean after use. A key to the Recreation Centre is held at the General Store. This key ring also holds keys to the Balingup Shire Depot and Balingup Oval chain locks.
2	Arrange for collection of generator (on trailer) from Balingup BFB Fire Shed. Check the fly-wire cable is attached to the generator. This generator uses diesel fuel. If BFB volunteers are available, request that they deliver it. If not, arrange for a community member to collect.	IMPORTANT: If power will return in less than 6 hours, <u>DO NOT organise the generator.</u> If a generator is not available, consider sourcing a smaller generator. See Annex C for details. <i>The person who orders the generator is responsible for ensuring its safe return when the CISCO closes.</i>
3	Contact CWA and ask if they can provide volunteers.	CWA will pay for the purchase of light refreshments. If needed, any member of the BPA Executive can authorize CWA to buy food at the General Store on the BPA account.

Resilience Group meets annually to update plans & contact details.

Vision - to connect other communities

- Boyanup
- Nornalup
- Walpole
- Northcliffe

Common issues:

- No community plan in place
- Poor telecommunications
- No generator



Insurance

- BPA insurance covers BPA, two major events and 18 sub-committees.
- 129 pages of legalese and we don't understand it.
- I have lobbied MP and others. Brick wall.

	2020	2024
Association/ Management/ Employee Liability	\$1676	\$3491
Personal Accident volunteers	\$130	\$1527
Combined Public and Products Liability	\$76	\$87
Agricultural (buildings and contents)	\$3582	\$7095
	\$5464	\$12,200

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

Action needed

- Community Group Insurance Pack.
- Insurance companies already have Business Packs – developed to suit small businesses.
- Why not one for communities?

But it's hard work.....and
sometimes I feel “all jestered out”



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