

Project Update – September 2009

Land

GRH Ltd submitted an Expression of interest and was the only proponent going forward with this proposal. HNEH has advised that it is clear from our proposal and discussion to date that there is no impediment to bringing about this project other than financial capacity to deliver the works.

Funding

National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Funding Program

Announced in the 09/10 Federal Budget that \$500,000 had been allocated to the Gunnedah Rural Health Project for planning and development of the project. We have been advised that this funding is from NRRHIF Program and that we were successful in Round One.

The Barwon Division of General Practice has received the contract and has been negotiating with the Commonwealth on timeframe and obtaining clarification on the wording in the contract. New contracts have been signed.

Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Project

Gunnedah Shire Council application submitted on behalf of Gunnedah Rural Health Ltd was unsuccessful.

Other Funding Options

Members of the Board continue to pursue the Federal Government for SuperClinic Funding for the project.

BHP Billton

BHP Billton has reconfirmed it's commitment of \$500,000 for a further 12 months.

Marketing/Fundraising

Website

Maree Kelly continues to up date the website eg acknowledging new supporters, updating the list of fundraising events.

Fundraising

Harvey Stoneman, the fundraising coordinator continues to oversee the fundraising activities. He has also been elected to the Board, in order to provide updates on fundraising activities.

Acknowledgement should be made to the Marketing Group and Gunnedah Art Group for the fantastic work they did in organising the 2nd hand art show. The total money raised was \$5936.60.



There are a number of groups we would like to thank:

- McArthur family who kindly donated the catering proceeds from the Oldfield Bull Sale to the project. They raised \$545.70. Elders kindly donated a further \$100.
- Turning Point Christian Outreach Church sausage sizzle raised \$500
- Courthouse Hotel Social Club donated \$500
- Mercy Sisters have raised a further \$500
- Gooqli CWA donated \$50
- Breeza CWA donated \$100
- Gunnedah Civilian Widows Ladies raised \$300
- RSL Auxiliary donated \$500

Up and coming fundraising events:

- National Garden Show at Pilatus 21 September. Approximately 300 people will be attending.
- Pilatus Garden Open day 27 September
- Christmas is not too far away and we have Xmas Cards with local themes which are available to be purchased. If you are interested in purchasing any please contact Maree Kelly on 6742 4958 or Pip Murray 67426722. Prices are \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00. We are able to offer businesses customised printing at 'corporate rates', please call Maree or Pip for further information.



Meetings

Canberra

Mark Coulton is organising for Penny and Grahame to meet with the Federal Minister for Health in late October as well meet with other politicians to provide them with an up date on the progress of the project and pursue the DGR status .

Shenhua

Penny, Grahame and Kate have met with Shenhua. Community Trust fund is still to be established, once established they will be looking at allocating funds to substantial infrastructure projects. Representatives of Shenhua are interesting in joining the Gunnedah Medical Forum.

Santos

Penny, Grahame and Kate have met with Santos. At this stage they are not sure what sort of support they are able to provide, however are very interested in the project. Information has been sent to their Adelaide Office for consideration.

Membership

For those of you who are current members of Gunnedah Rural Health Ltd the AGM will be scheduled for either late October or early November. Notice of the AGM will be distributed to shortly. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Company membership is \$10 + GST. Please contact Kate Perrett on 6742 3633 if you are interested.

Project Officer

Stakeholders have been approached to consider further funding of the position of project officer for the project. Thank you to those stakeholders who have continued to support the position.

In the last 12 months the following has been achieved by the project officer:

8 Submissions for grant funding have been completed by Kate and submitted:

Development of a web site

Development of a portfolio showcasing the project and including the concept paper, building plans, business plan, budget, media articles and letters of support.

Development of a business plan and budget

Implementation of marketing committee

Implementation of fund raising committee

Liaison with community developers and Government.

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