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BR&RA – Minutes of Committee Meeting held 13 November 2025

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Stan welcomed everyone and reported back on recent informal meetings with Exco members. **Key points**:

- BR&RA should focus on building effective partnerships with all relevant stakeholders to keep initiatives moving.
- Each meeting should prioritise one key action point – this meeting's focus was on improving community penetration and awareness.
- A suggestion was made to appoint someone to collate information and produce a regular bulletin on our website, which can then be shared to Facebook, WhatsApp, etc.
- Visual aids such as name badges or business cards for Exco members should be considered.

CPF Update : Danie summarised current CPF initiatives:

- *Bathurst Ambassadors* programme is providing a workable solution to the car guard challenge.
- The initiative depends heavily on public funding; opportunities exist to bring local businesses on board as financial contributors.
- CPF does not engage directly with car guards – SAPS should be contacted to intervene.
- Night-time scouting remains a reality; property owners are urged to secure their own premises.
- Additional issues such as poaching are also relevant.
- The CPF committee provides regular updates across various WhatsApp groups to keep the community informed.

General Discussion

- The Commonage is considered one of Bathurst's "best kept secrets"; Monty highlighted that an active committee is in place and progress is being made, including potential info signage and guide training.
- Roaming cattle issues are being addressed through direct engagement with cattle owners and relevant stakeholders (per Monty).
- Ongoing challenges remain around water, roads and refuse removal, and are being addressed through the appropriate channels.
- Membership numbers remain low. Several ideas were discussed, including Maya's proposal of granting *annual honorary membership* to key community contributors (e.g., Kew Gardens, old tennis courts project etc).
- Strong groundwork has already been laid, and existing relationships should be nurtured and expanded.
- Clear communication remains essential to avoid misunderstandings.
- Agenda items for the next meeting should be sent to Stan for collation.