

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 6 OCTOBER 2009
MARYTON PARK**

1. Attendance:

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Julia Peddie	Clive Clayton
Richard Rogerson (Secretary)	Geoff Pope	Steve Coker
Rita Seethaler	Bruce Ackerman	Sandra Slatter (Murrindindi Shire)
Keith Ray	Mike Wasley (Murrindindi Shire)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham
Jennifer Wood	Howard Paix (Murrindindi Shire)	Robyn Hill
John (Centrelink)	David Clark (VBRRA)	

2. Apologies:

Megan Lancaster (VBRRA)	Robert Hall (DHS)	Ray Sigersma (DHS)
Graeme Brown		

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting (29 September 2009)

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by the Committee. Keith Ray moved the motion to accept the minutes, Rita Seethaler seconded the motion.

5. Action item summary (29 September 2009)

	Action item	Action by:
1	Tony Thompson will ask the Section 86 Committee to look at the original expressions of interest and to pass the information on to Howard Paix. Howard Paix, Tony Thompson and Clive Clayton will review the expressions of interest and will recommend a suitable candidate to the CRC.	Tony Thompson has spoken to Darrell Treloar at the Council. Darrell is looking in to the matter. The CRC reaffirmed that it wished to be involved in the decision about new CRC members.

6. Business arising

6.1 CRC Projects Consultation Plan and

6.2 CRC Projects update

Each CRC member was given a folder which included: Spreadsheet – Summary of Community Recovery Plan templates, Community Recovery Plan templates – Top 27 priority, Community Recovery templates – Phase 2 and a list of projects referenced by location. The folders are a complete collation of the Community Recovery plans that have been received. CRC members are asked to talk to the groups that

they represent and discuss the contents of the folders. The Phase 2 projects are yet to be finalised in terms of their categories. As the CRC receives new templates, they will be presented and discussed at the next CRC meeting and allocated to an agreed category. Hard copies of each template will be provided to each CRC and they are responsible for updating their own folders. The summary spreadsheet will be revised and circulated.

Megan Lancaster had prepared the following program for consultation by CRC members, which was tabled by Howard Paix.

Next Step	Timeline
Tuesday 6 October	CRC committee members receive folders
Tuesday 13 October	CRC Committee members consulting with community and designated committees over the plan Submitting new or updated templates
Tuesday 20 October	CRC Committee members consulting with community and designated committees over the plan Submitting new or updated templates
Tuesday 27 October	CRC Committee meet to re-prioritise projects

It was requested that all CRC members undertake consultation with their representative groups according to this plan.

Action: CRC members to consult with their representative groups about the Community Recovery projects that have been received, and provide feedback to the Committee. CRC members will meet on **27 October to re-prioritise the projects.**

There was some discussion about ensuring that all community groups are represented at the CRC. The CRC originally prepared a list of community groups and their nominated CRC representative. The Committee agreed that this should be checked to ensure that all groups are represented given some changes to the Committee.

Action: Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster to find the original list of community organisations and their CRC representative and circulate before the next meeting for further discussion.

CRC members were also encouraged to talk to people who submitted Community Recovery projects about gathering more detail about the projects, particularly on the costs. VBRRA are preparing a checklist to further scope each of the proposal, David Clark will provide a copy of the scoping document by email to be circulated to the Committee.

Action: David Clark will provide a copy of the Projects 'further scoping' document prepared by VBRRA.

6.3 New CR projects submitted

Tony Thompson tabled a new template "Community banking facility with office space". Tony Thompson also declared an interest in the proposal and confirmed that he would not be involved in voting on the proposal. Clive Clayton (as Deputy Chair) facilitated the discussion from this point. The proposal included office space for visiting professionals (legal, accounting and counselling). The Committee discussed the fact that whilst it is a private facility it is also an organisation that does give back to the community as well as providing an essential service. It was estimated that last year the Bendigo Bank gave approximately \$20,000 to community projects.

The Committee moved a motion that the CRC agree in principle to support the proposal by Bendigo Bank and will refer the proposal to the Economic Leadership Group for their consideration. The motion was moved by Richard Rogerson and seconded by Bruce Ackerman.

The Committee agreed to include the proposal in the spreadsheet under Private Facilities and the revised spreadsheet and hard copies of the template will be circulated.

6.4 New CR members

Refer to the discussion in the action item summary on page 1.

Rita Seethaler's membership of the Committee was also discussed in relation to her roles as a Council officer and as a community representative. Kevin Bellingham's position is that if the Committee is comfortable that Rita can manage her role on the CRC as a community representative without conflict with her Council position then it is up to her to do so. It was confirmed that Rita Seethaler attends the meetings as a representative of the Taggerty community. The Committee agreed that Rita Seethaler was a valued member of the CRC.

7. Other Business

7.1 Winter Events Grants

Howard Paix advised that funding is still available under this program and recommended that the CRC consider events that are being planned and submit a grant application as soon as possible. The process for winter events grants is: (1) CRC endorse the application (2) Council considers it and confirms that it meets their criteria or not; an Events Checklist is completed (3) VBRRA take the proposal to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF). VBAF decide whether or not to approve the project and advise VBRRA.

The Committee expressed concern that projects could not be adequately planned within the end date specified by VBRRA, ie. the end of October. It was not enough lead time to be able to effectively co-ordinate activities. Julia Peddie moved a motion that the CRC request that the deadline for hosting events be extended, Rita Seethaler seconded the motion.

Action: The CRC to formally request an extension to the deadline for the Winter Events program.

Howard Paix recommended that CRC members continue to lodge the paperwork for Winter Events so that planning can still occur while a decision is being made by VBRRA/VBAF. Ideally applications would include a completed Events Checklist which is available from Kat Gannon at the Council or via the Council web site.

Two new Winter Events grants application were tabled:

- Application for additional support for the Buxton/Marysville football match. Keith Ray will provide final details and give them to Howard Paix.
- Narbethong Working Bee 31st October. The Narbethong Community are holding a working bee to progress their street beautification project. Howard Paix presented the landscape architect's plans for Narbethong. The grant application was for \$2,000 to provide catering for the working bee and to cover the costs of signage and other risk management requirements advised by Vic Roads. Keith Ray moved a motion to support the grant application, Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion.

7.2 Indigenous consultation

The Committee agreed to move this agenda item to the next CRC meeting.

Julia Peddie advised that 13 indigenous grandmothers are touring the country and hope to have an event where they would be included, sometime before Christmas.

7.3 Renewable projects

Rita Seethaler presented an update on the Bioenergy Power Plant Project for the Marysville and Triangle region. Rita outlined the activities undertaken to date, including the preparation of a feasibility study and consultation with key stakeholders and local, state and federal government representatives. Current activities include planning for a workshop to look at issues associated with the establishment of bioenergy plantations and the establishment of a community co-operative for the project. The project will be called mPower Energy Systems.

The Committee confirmed their interest in the proposal and asked Rita Seethaler to continue to update the Committee on the progress of the project.

7.4 Triangle Arts Project

Julia Peddie handed out flyers at last week's meeting about the Arts Day planned for Saturday 10 October. The workshop is intended to outreach to people and provide a way to meaningfully express themselves. They would like to tie in with the Circus Oz workshops in November and then perhaps with the Indigenous Grandmothers when they come to the district. Everyone is invited to attend.

8. Correspondence

- Tony Thompson's weekly report in the Standard and the Triangle will detail the top projects identified by the CRC. It was requested that the weekly report also mention that CRC members are volunteers, not paid Council employees, as some have received criticism about being paid by the Council. Tony Thompson also called for any suggestions about what should be included in his weekly article.
- The CRC has received the signed off terms of reference for its Committee from VBRR and the Section 86 Committee. The Secretary will file the correspondence.

9. General Business

9.1 Electricity account – Villa Day Spa

Bruce Ackerman tabled an electricity account for th Villa Day Spa for \$2227. The account is for running the spa for local residents, who pay a nominal fee of \$5 to use the facility. The Committee felt that there are few services on offer in Marysville and that this service should be continued. The account is overdue. It was agreed that Bruce Ackerman would discuss the account further with David Clark. The Committee agreed that there were two issues to consider; the first was the payment of the invoice, the second was the ongoing use of the facility. It was agreed that the re-opening of the pool may ameliorate the need for this facility. It was suggested that the opening of the pool be raised with the Council, and also that the CRC should ask Alexandra Hospital for a letter of support for a facility in Marysville.

Action: CRC to seek support from the Alexandra Hospital for use of the Spa and to also seek advice from Council about the opening of the public pool.

9.2 Business Support

Sandra Slatter advised that Council has been meeting with business support organisations. Sandra introduced:

- Therese O'Brien from the Rural Financial Counselling Service and
- Bruce Hall from the Small Business Mentoring Service.

Sandra advised that Therese and Bruce will be in the area on a regular basis, both services are free and confidential. Please advise any business people to contact Sandra Slatter if anyone needs any help. Their services will also be advertised on the Triangle newspaper, the Standard, through Case Managers and web sites etc.

9.3 Committee of Management – Car Museum

Tony Thompson advised that Council had suggested that the CRC have a representative on the Committee of Management for the Car Museum. Bruce Ackerman said that he had already lodged an expression of interest for this committee, and would be happy to represent the CRC. Other Committee members are welcome to also lodge an expression of interest for this Committee. Julia Peddie moved a motion that the CRC write a letter of support to the Museum Committee of Management people nominating Bruce Ackerman as the CRC representative; the motion was seconded by Richard Rogerson.

9.4 Keppel's Hut

Richard Rogerson advised that that National Australia Bank would like to undertake a community project and are considering the possibility of rebuilding Keppel's Hut.

The Committee agreed to write a letter of support from the CRC to DSE recommending this as a worthwhile project.

Action: CRC to write a letter of support to DSE recommending the rebuild of Keppel's Hut as a worthwhile project.

10. Next meeting

The CRC will meet again on Tuesday 20 October at 5.30pm at Maryton Park.

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3	David Clark will provide a copy of the Projects 'further scoping' document prepared by VBRRRA.	David Clark
4	The CRC to formally request an extension to the deadline for the Winter Events program	Tony Thompson
5	CRC to seek support from the Alexandra Hospital for use of the Spa and to also seek advice from Council about the opening of the public pool.	Tony Thompson
6	CRC to write a letter of support to DSE recommending the rebuild of Keppel's Hut as a worthwhile project.	Tony Thompson