

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 8 DECEMBER 2009
MARYTON PARK**

1. Attendance:

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Jennifer Wood	Clive Clayton
Steve Coker	Geoff Pope	Keith Ray
Graeme Brown	Rita Seethaler	Michelle Fleming (DPCD)
Megan Lancaster (VBRRRA)	Darrell Treloar (Murrindindi Shire)	Sandra Slatter (Murrindindi Shire)
Mike Wasley (Murrindindi Shire)	Howard Paix (Murrindindi Shire)	Robert Hall (DHS)
Jan O’Sullivan (Centrelink)	Deborah Bobby (Centrelink)	Robyn Hill

2. Apologies:

Bruce Ackerman	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Richard Rogerson (Secretary)
Ray Seigersma (DHS)	Julia Peddie	

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (17th November) were accepted by the Committee. Clive Clayton moved the motion to accept the minutes, Graeme Brown seconded the motion. Thank you to Steve Coker for taking the minutes.

4.1 Introduction to Michelle Fleming, DPCD

The CRC was introduced to Michelle Fleming from the Department of Planning and Community Development. Her role is to assist with grants (both those in place before the bushfires in February such as the Transport Connections, and grants available post the fires). The role also encompasses feeding information back in to the Department.

5. Action item summary – 17 November 2009

	Action item	Comment:
1.	Graeme Brown will discuss the concept of a combined “Tackling Tough Times” workshop with MATDG members; Tony Thompson will have the same discussion with the ELG.	This action item will be reviewed again in the new year.
2.	Graeme Brown to continue discussions with Andrew Schroeder about commemorations for the first anniversary of Black Saturday Open question to be circulated for input from Community Groups	See discussion below.
3.	Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster to discuss the heating of the Cumberland pool (for community use) in more detail. Cumberland land to be tidied-up and grass cut in appreciation of Simon Cuzen’s assistance	This action item is ongoing. Megan and Mike are looking for solutions to resolve the heating issue.
4.	Graeme Brown will contact Andrew Watt to invite him to a CRC meeting	This item will be deferred for six months while other

		priority issues are addressed by the CRC. Background work in funding solutions will continue.
5.	Graeme Brown to approach V.F.H.C.C. regarding funding assistance for replacement of C.B. radio repeater on Mt. Gordon fire tower	Graeme Brown has spoken to an Executive from VHFCC. See discussion below
6.	Tourism Marketing funding status to be obtained from Graham Haycraft via E.L.G. and Paul Albone.	Sandra Slatter and Graeme Brown - see discussion below
7.	Mike Wasley will report to next C.R.C. meeting the outcome of the initial consultation meeting regarding community meeting place, men's shed, Mitchell Health, Berry Street proposal requirements	Mike Wasley, see discussion below.
8.	Jennifer Wood will attend VicPol briefing on traffic management and report back to C.R.C. next meeting	Jennifer Wood, see discussion below.

Action item 2 – first anniversary of Black Saturday

See discussion in 9.1

Action item 5 – replacement of CB radio repeater at Mt Gordon

Graeme Brown approached the Victorian Forestry Harvesting and Cartage Council (VFHCC) about funding assistance for the replacement of the CB repeater at Mt Gordon. The VFHCC would like to see a letter of support from the CRC to the CEO, Scott Gentle. The project should also go in to the Community Recovery Plan.

Action: Tony Thompson/Richard Rogerson to write a letter of support on behalf of the CRC for assistance with funding a replacement CB repeater at Mt Gordon.

Action item 6 – Tourism marketing funding

Sandra Slatter advised that the CRC need to talk to Graeme Haycraft or Roger Wootton. Graeme Brown has spoken to Ben Hardman, who talked to Tim Holding to ask where the money has gone. \$600,000 was to go to Murrindindi Mitchell Tourism Recovery via Yarra Valley Tourism

Action: Megan Lancaster will talk to Bruce Bailey at VBRRRA about the tourism funds allocated.

Action: Megan Lancaster to raise the issue at the PCG meeting on Friday 11 December 2009.

Action item 7 – Men's shed

Mike Wasley advised the outcome of the Mitchell Community Health survey which found there was widespread support for the project throughout the Triangle, the most popular location was Marysville. Activities would include woodworking, automotive and metal and welding. The project team are looking for an auspice body possibly with a similar arrangement as the Community House in Yea. It is likely that it would also encompass activities for young people and become a community shed. Keith Ray mentioned that some of the community groups who have expressed an interest in the men's shed may also have expressed an interest in the community space at the new Gallipoli Hall. There is a need to get back to some organisations and confirm their interest and requirements. The Committee agreed that more work on the proposal was required.

Action: Michelle Fleming to send the results of the Mitchell Community Health survey to Mike Wasley, also send information about DPCD's policy on men's sheds.

Action: CRC to write a letter of support in principle for the Men's Shed.

Action item 8: Victoria Police briefing about traffic management

Jennifer Wood attended a meeting on 20 November. It was not particularly well attended from a community perspective. It was very clear that Victoria Police had reviewed their traffic management policy and a revised policy was released on 26 November after Victoria Police had presented to the Royal Commission on 25 November. The policy's biggest change was to recognise the importance of managing access to emergency areas rather than simply restricting it. The new policy spells out ways in which access will be determined, and allows for more discretion from the people on the ground, depending on the fire level status.

6. Business Arising

6.1 Community Recovery Plan projects

Megan Lancaster advised that VBAF meets one more time before Christmas and then again in the new year. The CRC needs to be across all the projects that are being presented to VBAF for funding allocation. Megan provided CRC members with hard copies of the Stage 2 scoping proposals for community recovery projects that will soon be submitted to VBAF. Tony Thompson allowed the Committee time to read the scoping proposals for further discussion. Megan Lancaster advised that as a CRC we are tracking well in terms of the budget for the projects that have been submitted. VBAF requirements were discussed. VBAF are looking for projects with a charity/community focus rather than an individual business or tourism focus. The following projects were not included in the hard copies but would be circulated by email:

- Taggerty Hall
- Narbethong Hall
- Buxton Hall
- Marysville Cemetery shelter/rotunda
- Wildlife rescue equipment
- Open arts studio

The Committee discussed the following projects:

Murchison Street lighting:

Currently with VBRRA's reconstruction team

Bioenergy power plant:

Initial feedback is that VBAF are not likely to consider this project

Signage:

Proposal was scoped by Howard Paix. In order to meet VBAF's criteria the focus has been on community issues. Some concern was expressed about VBAF's criteria particularly in relation to the importance of tourism and business recovery and its apparent mutual exclusivity. Megan Lancaster explained the legislation that determines the criteria, not just policy. The Committee broadly expressed some concern that the legislation did not reflect what was actually necessary for bushfire recovery in Marysville. Tourism Vic are looking at information boards in Narbethong and Marysville. We need consistent signs across the Shire.

Community web site:

Different groups are working on this project, VBAF are interested in community section of this project. There was some discussion about the difference between a community web site and a portal. There needs to be a separation between commercial and community components. The Committee agreed to hold this project until January for further clarification.

Event toolbox:

Great proposal, requires further discussion particularly about the business side of the proposal. Who will look after equipment, insure it, maintain it etc. It needs to be owned by an incorporated body. It was suggested that the Lions Club could take ownership of the equipment; user groups would pay a bond to hire the equipment. The Committee agreed to hold over discussions until January 2010.

Action: Tony Thompson will talk to Lions Club about taking on the ownership of the proposed toolbox.

Community Events:

Running in parallel with possible Summer Events grant.

Marysville Brownie/Guides:

With the VBRRRA donations team.

Wildlife Rescue:

Will be circulated to CRC

Buxton Tennis Club:

Supported by CRC

Narbethong Community Events:

Need to include budget

Triangle Roadside Flowers Project:

Agreed in principle, funding not agreed. Hold over for further discussion about the provision of services on the scoping document.

Steel band:

Approved by the Committee

Kids after School Arts Program

To be managed by Berry Street.

[7:35pm - Clive Clayton moved a motion to continue the meeting for another 15 minutes, Keit Ray seconded the motion]

Sustainability Expo:

Some funding is available from RDV, hope to get some more from VBAF. It would be great to run the Expo over 2 days instead of 1 day.

Community Garden:

A working group is required to progress this project. Include Sue McNair for Murrindindi Shire Council. Have a forum in late January. Potential funding through DPCD.

Summary:

Megan Lancaster advised that all projects approved by the Committee will go to VBAF. It would be ideal for the next CRC meeting to have representatives from the Projects and Policy teams at VBRRRA to look

at the outstanding projects and understand which might be appropriate to match with donors. The Committee agreed that the next meeting of the CRC would focus on the outstanding projects and trying to fit donations or VBAF criteria.

Megan Lancaster will send through information about VBAF criteria before the next meeting.

6.2 New projects

There were no new projects submitted to the CRC.

6.3 Men's shed

See discussion in agenda item 5.

7. Other Business

7.1 Committee of Management, Car Museum – Report

Bruce Ackerman was not at the meeting so a report was not available.

7.2 Economic Leadership Group – Report

Sandra Slatter advised that the ELG is having a workshop next Tuesday; they will review their objectives and business plan and will set some objectives. It will be followed by an evening function sponsored by NAB, Featuring Dr Rob Gordon. Two of the big four have approached VBRRA to come in to the region. There will be a clash with next week's CRC meeting. Some CRC members will attend the ELG meeting and evening session.

Action: Graeme Brown will follow up on the results of the survey done by Peter Ryan (the Nationals) about Business Recovery.

7.3 CRC expenses

The note from MSC about CRC expenses has been circulated to the CRC. The Committee discussed the requirements outlined by Council and agreed:

1. The requirement to provide receipts for expenses between \$50 and \$2000 is not practical, and is very difficult to administer. Perhaps the Committee ought to consider an allowance.
2. The Committee would need to agree what would be reimbursed – phone costs, printing, travel etc
3. It was agreed that it is difficult to pin down exact expenditure as many CRC members are on a number of Committees.
4. It was agreed that the Executive incur more costs than general committee members
5. Darrell Treloar advised that the funding can cover catering costs in recognition that meetings are at meal times
6. The Committee agreed that they volunteered their time and effort without expectation of reimbursement and would need to be very transparent on any funding to individual members.
7. It may be possible to apply for a good Samaritan Grant
8. Tony Thompson will present his expenditure costs to the Committee for approval
9. Darrell Treloar advised that the funds are there to be used, catering is a legitimate expense and should be included, and breakfast meetings could be covered.

Graeme Brown moved a motion that the CRC adopt the recommendations of the Council to use the administrative funding as per their document dated October 2009; Clive Clayton seconded the motion.

8 Correspondence

8.1 CRC Terms of Reference

The Flowerdale CRC asked the Section 86 Committee to consider some changes to CRC terms of reference. Some changes were accepted, some were not.

Action: Robyn Hill will circulate the revisions to the CRC Terms of Reference.

9. General Business

9.1 Workshop hosted by Murrindindi Shire Council (MSC) about the first anniversary of Black Saturday

Jennifer Wood attended a workshop hosted by MSC on 26 November, representing the Marysville and Triangle CRC. The Murrindindi Shire Bushfire Commemorations Working Group has been formed. The first workshop was run by consultants who were involved in the ceremonies attached to the Canberra bush fires. Twenty five people representing CRCs and other stakeholders from agencies attended the working group, at least 3 members were bereaved as a result of the fires. This was recognised as an important part of the working group representation. Jennifer Wood will email the recommended positions on the anniversary. There would be several layers:

- Statewide event
- Local event

A 'Shire wide' event was also discussed but most people felt that it should be done at a local or State event only. MSC has been very supportive. Council advertised for written feedback but nothing had been received at the time of the workshop. The working group recognised that there needs to be a variety of ways for people to provide feedback – as advised by Dr Rob Gordon it is important to let people have their say. The Flowerdale community have already decided the format of their commemoration. MSC have expressed their support for a service, all information needs to the community needs to have an emphasis on people's choice of involvement on the day. The Working Group will meet again on 15 December and Jennifer would appreciate any feedback from CRC members before then.

It was recognised that the first anniversary was only eight weeks away and a lot of work needs to be done in preparation for the event.

Action: Jennifer Wood will email the document prepared by the Bushfire Commemorations Working Group to the CRC

9.2 Donation from Rotary in Turkey

Graeme Brown advised that he had been contacted by Deb Simonds with an offer from Rotary in Turkey to put a Lone Pine in Gallipoli Park. MATDG are happy to run with it as a project for Anzac Day 2010. The RSL have approved the project in principle. The project needs to be discussed with the Gallipoli Park Committee of Management.

9.3 Australian Institute of Company Directors

Graeme Brown advised that the Australian Institute of Company Directors are happy to provide some training on governance issues for businesses. Tony Thompson recommended the value of these workshops. Dates to be advised.

9.4 Bunnings

Graeme Brown advised that he is meeting with Bunnings who are interested in the recovery process.

9.5 Agenda item for next meeting – Temporary Village events

Keith Ray requested that the CRC consider issues associated with the temporary village, particularly events which appear to be organised for village residents only. The Committee agreed that there are some concerns that programs should be inclusive of the broader Marysville community rather than exclusive for village residents.

Action: Marysville Temporary Village events to be included as an agenda item on the next CRC agenda.

9.6 Red Cross Support

Robert Hall mentioned that Red Cross are offering personal support. The CRC agreed to invite a Red Cross representative to the next meeting.

9.7 Project Scoping

Megan Lancaster thanked Howard Paix and Mike Wasley for their enormous efforts in putting together the Stage 2 project scoping documents.

9.8 Farewell to Darrell Treloar

The Committee thanked Darrell for all of his support to date. Darrell advised that his replacement will be Ian Robbins, and they will have a handover next Wednesday. Ian Robbins is a former Chief Executive of Wyndham City Council with a lot of Engineering, Planning and Community engagement skills.

10. Next Meeting

The CRC agreed the following meeting dates:

- Tuesday 15 December 2009
- Tuesday 12 January 2010
- Tuesday 19 January 2010
- Tuesday 26 January 2010 (TBC)
- Tuesday 2 February 2010

The Committee also agreed to review its meeting dates and times in 2010.

Action: CRC to review the best dates and times to meet in 2010.

Action item summary (8 December 2009)

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1	Tony Thompson/Richard Rogerson to write a letter of support on behalf of the CRC for assistance with funding a replacement CB repeater at Mt Gordon.	Tony Thompson / Richard Rogerson
2	Megan Lancaster will talk to Bruce Bailey at VBRRRA about the tourism funds that were meant to be allocated to the Tourism Recovery Project.	Megan Lancaster
3	Megan Lancaster to raise the issue of the Tourism Recovery Project funds at the PCG meeting on Friday 11 December 2009.	Megan Lancaster
4	Michelle Fleming to send the results of the Mitchell Community Health survey to Mike Wasley, also send information about DPCD's policy on men's sheds.	Michelle Fleming
5	CRC to write a letter of support in principle for the Men's Shed	Tony Thompson
6	Tony Thompson will talk to Lions Club about taking on the ownership of the proposed community events toolbox.	Tony Thompson
7	Graeme Brown will follow up on the results of the survey done by Peter Ryan (the Nationals) about Business Recovery.	Graeme Brown
8	Robyn Hill will circulate the revisions to the CRC Terms of Reference.	Robyn Hill
9	Jennifer Wood will email the document prepared by the Bushfire Commemorations Working Group to the CRC	Jennifer Wood
10	Marysville Temporary Village events to be included as an agenda item on the next CRC agenda.	Robyn Hill
11	CRC to review the best dates and times to meet in 2010.	CRC