

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING – 10 NOVEMBER 2009  
MARYTON PARK**

**1. Attendance:**

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Julia Peddie	Clive Clayton
Steve Coker	Geoff Pope	Keith Ray
Graeme Brown	Rita Seethaler	Bruce Ackerman
Megan Lancaster (VBRRRA)	David Clark (VBRRRA)	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:**

Jennifer Wood	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Richard Rogerson (Secretary)
Ray Seigersma (DHS)		

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

Nil.

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting (4<sup>th</sup> November) were accepted by the Committee. Graeme Brown moved the motion to accept the minutes, Clive Clayton seconded the motion.

**5. Action item summary – 4 November 2009**

	<b>Action item</b>	<b>Action by:</b>
1	Julia Peddie will update the Roadside Flowers Project template and will re-submit the template to the Committee.	Completed. Revised template has been sent by email
2	Tony Thompson and Graeme Brown will write to Andrew Watt to invite him to a CRC meeting to discuss the Performing Arts proposal further.	Graeme Brown will contact Andrew Watt to discuss further.
3	Julia Peddie to attend the “Tackling Tough Times” workshop on 6 November and report back to the CRC.	Completed. See discussion below.
4	Keith Ray will contact Andrew Daly at the Council to express his concerns about the safety risk of tall grass at Perry’s Paddock. Tony Thompson will write a letter of support on behalf of the community expressing concerns about the property.	Completed. See discussion below.
5	Tony Thompson to include in his weekly CRC update a mention that if people have concerns about fire hazards on other people’s properties to talk to their local CFA Fire Prevention Officer or to contact the Council.	See discussion below.

**Action item 3: Tackling Tough Times workshop**

Julia Peddie attended the workshop on 6 November and advised that she found that it was very good, and would be beneficial for most people. Julia suggested that the combined leadership groups consisting of the Community Recovery Committee, Marysville and Triangle Development Group (MATDG) and the Economic Leadership Group (ELG) could attend a workshop together. Beyond Blue need about three

weeks notice to be able to organise a workshop. The Committee agreed that the concept should be discussed with the other groups, with a view to having a combined session in late January. The timing may be beneficial in the lead up to the first anniversary of Black Saturday.

**Action:** 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.

#### **Action items 4 and 5:**

Keith Ray had previously advised that the Marysville community has concerns about the tall grass in the location known as “Perry’s Paddock”. Keith has followed the matter up with Goulburn Valley Water and has been advised that they will slash firebreaks on the property. There are apparently problems with the insurance company. Andy Daly from the Council will be inspecting the Marysville area next week, and will issue notices to clean up where appropriate. The Committee agreed that there are a number of locations with long grass that are of concern. Some people may not be able to prepare their own properties if they have lost their own equipment, and should be reminded that the tool library exists. Steve Coker advised that he raised this issue at the recent MOCA meeting as a reminder to that group to undertake any necessary works. The CFA are meeting tonight to discuss the start of the fire season. The Committee agreed that when it is announced, the CRC need to fully support the CFA’s fire readiness message, through the regular CRC communications channels and the CRC reports in the Triangle and the Standard. Information should also be included on relevant websites with direct links to the CFA web site.

#### **Additional action item: First anniversary of Black Saturday**

Graeme Brown had an action from the last meeting to contact Andrew Schroeder about a service to commemorate Black Saturday. Andrew Schroeder will talk to the people of Marysville and Triangle and will consider an appropriate approach to the anniversary. Graeme Brown will stay in touch with Andrew and will update the CRC.

**Action:** Graeme Brown to continue discussions with Andrew Schroeder about commemorations for the first anniversary of Black Saturday.

## **6. Business Arising**

### **6.1 CRC Projects**

Megan Lancaster advised that the Community Recovery Project spreadsheet has been updated to include the classification of “Reconstruction” or “Non Reconstruction” for the projects listed as high priority. Templates have been circulated to further scope these projects; different templates apply for Reconstruction projects and Non Reconstruction projects. VBRRA’s Reconstruction team will be in touch with the Community representative noted on the spreadsheet to request information about the project, the VBRRA Reconstruction team representative will complete the template. Community Representatives listed for Non Reconstruction projects will need to complete the Non Reconstruction template themselves. Please carefully check the spreadsheet to see which Community Representatives are nominated to complete these templates.

Howard Paix has completed templates for the Buxton Streetscape, Buxton Reserve, signage and Narbethong streetscape. Bruce Ackerman has spoken to Council’s Engineering Department about the drainage project.

The Historical Society’s information plaque project was discussed. It will need to be incorporated with some of the planning for Gallipoli Park, in terms of signage style. DSE will need to be involved, as will Sarah Light from Council. Julia Peddie will talk to Mary from the Historical Society and will scope the project in more detail. It is not likely that this project will happen very quickly. The Committee agreed to move this project from high priority to medium priority.

**Action:** Julia Peddie to further scope the Historical Society's project for Visitor Information Plaques (M030).

Mike Wasley will talk to Simon Cuzens about the heating of the Cumberland pool for public use. The Committee was advised that although the pool is part of a private facility it was originally part funded by a grant, but this was quite some time ago. There may be opportunities to pursue a grant for the cost of the heating.

**Action:** Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster to discuss this project in more detail.

Julia Peddie advised that the Arts community are hoping to use the temporary school building at Buxton Reserve as a temporary studio. There is still a requirement for materials.

Rita Seethaler advised that Berry Street have just completed a large 'needs analysis' for the area. There may be more projects that are identified as part of that analysis.

A feasibility study will be undertaken to scope the Walking Trails project. A VBRRRA representative has taken this project on and will consult with relevant stakeholders such as the DSE. Julia Peddie advised that she would like to include the Roadside Flowers Project in to the Walking Trails project.

Graeme Brown raised the issue of the longevity of some of the projects in the context of VBRRRA's tenure. VBRRRA recognise that this is an issue and are putting in place governance structures for projects that are still underway at the end of VBRRRA's tenure.

## **6.2 New CR Projects submitted**

There have not been any new projects submitted since the last CRC meeting.

## **6.3 CRC members**

The Community Recovery Committee reviewed the original community representative list to ensure that it is up to date. Some changes were made to the list. Please refer to the new list attached to the minutes.

## **7. Other Business**

### **7.1 Winter Events Grants**

Nothing to note. The Committee agreed to remove this standing agenda item from future agendas.

### **7.2 Indigenous consultation for the CRC**

Megan Lancaster originally raised this as a discussion point for the CRC to consider. It has not been a major community issue to date. Julia Peddie advised that she has been speaking to the local Aboriginal Council who are keen to have a ceremony for the local community. Graeme Brown advised that Andrew Peters from Swinburne University is from the indigenous community of this area and will talk to the elders of the community about ongoing engagement.

### **7.3 Community Notice Boards**

DHS manage community notice boards at the Buxton Store, Taggerty Store, the Narbethong Pub and at Marysville. DHS will continue to manage these while they are operating in the area.

An additional noticeboard should be located at the Car Museum.

## **7.4 CRC Budget**

Tony Thompson advised that Council had allocated a budget for the CRC which includes administration costs and other expenses. The letter details how the CRC can apply to access the funds. Tony Thompson encouraged CRC members who have any out of pocket expenses to let him know and the Committee would apply to access the funds. The Committee discussed the use of mobile phones and reimbursement for costs. Tony Thompson advised that there would need to be a justification for the reimbursement. The letter will be tabled at the next meeting and discussed further.

## **7.5 CRC information on the web**

The Committee discussed CRC information which should be made available on the Marysville Community web site. Information includes: meeting agendas, meeting minutes, copies of the Chairman's reports. Julia Peddie raised the issue of the pro bono offer for a community portal with links to business and tourism information. This will be discussed further.

## **8. Correspondence**

No correspondence to report.

## **9. General Business**

### **9.1 Tree planting – Clive Clayton**

Clive Clayton advised that new trees have been planted in Buxton along the road. Also, last week some members of the CRC, MATDG, Buxton Progress Association together with Navy cadets planted trees at the temporary medical centre.

### **9.2 Discussions with Parks Victoria – Robert Hall**

Robert Hall advised that Parks Vic hope to open the camping grounds at Cathedral State Park by Christmas, the walking tracks by Easter and Sugarloaf Saddle by June 2010.

### **9.3 Statistics to note – Robert Hall**

#### **Toilets and Showers**

Toilets - 335

Showers - 312

Pairs delivered - 210

Toilets and Showers are still available

#### **Clean up**

3048 properties cleared

14 still outstanding

#### **Villages**

Marysville

- 50 movable units + 3 existing lodges

- 53 families housed

- 19 singles

- 10-16 people still on waiting list

- Options for housing this group TBA next week.

## **MoBAS**

- 350 ppl used the service
- 80 regular service users
- 10 new enquiries a week

## **DHS Public Housing**

- 2800 dwellings in the 52 townships at risk of bushfire are being assessed with remediation works to be completed within 6 weeks.

### **9.4 VBRRRA staff update – Megan Lancaster**

Bruce Daly will replace Gary Gaffney as head of Economics. Bruce Daly has a property at Narbethong and is very familiar with the area.

The Reconstruction team now report to Betsy Harrington.

### **9.5 Car Museum**

Preliminary works (curbing, tarmac for the car park) are nearly complete.

Tony Thompson visited the Car Museum today and reported that the facilities will be very good, and urges the community to support the traders who will be operating from there.

Bruce Ackerman is a community representative on the Car Museum Committee of Management. He advised that there will be a competition to come up with a new name for the facility so that it will have a new identity.

Sandra Slatter advised that not all tenants have signed their leases but everyone looks forward to the opening. Sandra also talked about the representative groups on the Committee of Management.

It was agreed that an update on the Car Museum should be a standing agenda item for CRC meetings.

The Committee also agreed that an update from the Economic Leadership Group at each meeting would be useful.

### **9.6 VBRRRA Nine Month Report – Megan Lancaster**

VBRRRA's nine month report has been released and is available on the web site.

### **9.7 Centre link update – Jobs Expo at Whittlesea**

Deborah Bobby and Jan O'Sullivan reported that a Jobs Expo will be held at Whittlesea on 11 December. Successful Expos have been held at Liverpool and Launceston – at Liverpool 9000 people attended the Expo, 900 interviews were conducted during the Expo and 400 jobs were given on the day. The idea is to match local businesses to willing employees. Brochures will be available at the next CRC meeting.

The Committee agreed that this opportunity is a good one for local businesses in Marysville and the Triangle and should be strongly promoted.

### **9.8 Deputy Chair – CRC**

The CRC have a rotating system for the role of Deputy Chair. Clive Clayton's turn has finished. Steve Coker agreed to take on the role for the next month.

## 9.9 Primary School rebuilding

An event will be held at 10am next Thursday to signify the start of the building of the Marysville Primary School.

## 9.10 Community Representatives event at Government House

An event is being held at Government House to recognise the efforts of the community representatives on CRC's across Victoria. Please RSVP.

## 10. Next meeting

The CRC will meet again on **Tuesday 17 November** at 5.30pm at Maryton Park.

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