

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 15 DECEMBER 2009
MARYTON PARK**

1. Attendance:

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Jennifer Wood	Clive Clayton
Steve Coker	Geoff Pope	Keith Ray
Graeme Brown	Bruce Ackerman	Mike Wasley (Murrindindi Shire)
Megan Lancaster (VBRRRA)	Jan O'Sullivan (Centrelink)	Deborah Bobby (Centrelink)
Robert Hall (DHS)	Robyn Hill	

2. Apologies:

Howard Paix (Murrindindi Shire)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Richard Rogerson (Secretary)
Ray Seigersma (DHS)	Julia Peddie	Rita Seethaler
Sandra Slatter (Murrindindi Shire)		

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

There was a clarification to the discussion about the CB radio repeater at Mt Gordon at the previous meeting of the CRC. Clive Clayton reminded the Committee that the proposal to request assistance with the CB repeater at Mt Gordon had been presented to the CRC and approved by the CRC. Megan Lancaster will add the project to the Community Recovery Plan spreadsheet.

The minutes of the previous meeting (8 December) were accepted by the Committee. Clive Clayton moved the motion to accept the minutes, Graeme Brown seconded the motion.

5. Action item summary – 8 December 2009

	Action item	Action by:
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.	Completed
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.	Completed
3	Megan Lancaster to raise the issue of the Tourism Recovery Project funds at the PCG meeting on Friday 11 December 2009.	Completed
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.	Completed. Mike Wasley made a copy of the policy available during the meeting.
5	CRC to write a letter of support in principle for the Men's Shed	Completed
6	Tony Thompson will talk to Lions Club about taking on the ownership of the proposed community events toolbox.	Tony Thompson advised that the next Lions Club meeting will be on 16/12. Informal discussions look

		positive.
7	Graeme Brown will follow up on the results of the survey done by Peter Ryan (the Nationals) about Business Recovery.	On going
8	Robyn Hill will circulate the revisions to the CRC Terms of Reference.	Completed
9	Jennifer Wood will email the document prepared by the Bushfire Commemorations Working Group to the CRC	Completed
10	Marysville Temporary Village events to be included as an agenda item on the next CRC agenda.	Completed
11	CRC to review the best dates and times to meet in 2010.	Dates confirmed during the meeting.

6. Business Arising

6.1 Community Recovery Plan projects – introduction to VBRRRA’s Policy and Donations representatives, Nick Handbury and Prue Kermode

Megan Lancaster tabled the revised CRC spreadsheet. Megan advised the latest projects approved by VBAF; these will be formally advised in writing. The Buxton Hall and the walking trails require further scoping.

Some concern was expressed about the types of projects that do get approved compared to some that do not, such as the Buxton TV tower. Many people feel that improvements to the TV tower are much more important than some of the projects that have been approved. The TV tower project has been well scoped and is fully supported by the CRC.

Action: Megan Lancaster, Nick Handbury and Clive Clayton will have further discussions about the Buxton TV Tower project.

The scoped templates for the Brownies and Guides, tennis facilities at Buxton and wildlife rescue equipment have been given to the donations team to see if they can find donors.

Mike Wasley asked whether the photovoltaic panels at the RAC have been funded. Megan Lancaster agreed to find out the status of the funding.

Action: Megan Lancaster will investigate the funding of the photovoltaic panels at the RAC.

Nick Handbury advised that the Donations Management team try to fairly, equitably and transparently match projects with donors. Some donors have specific requirements about what they would like to see donated funds used for. Different groups have different criteria, for example:

- (1) Corporate – like to see funds used for tangible infrastructure
- (2) Foundations – some can only give money to certain groups, mostly have community links
- (3) Community Service Organisations such as Lions, Rotary etc – charitable purposes, links to youth and elderly.

Concern was expressed that some of the bigger projects seem too hard and are not being followed up. For example, the replacement of some of the things that were in place before the fires seems more difficult than some of the new activities that are being considered. Community needs should drive policy rather than the other way around. VBRRRA acknowledged that much of the concern relates to charity legislation.

Projects scoped but not yet funded include the Buxton TV tower, Cemetery rotunda, Buxton Hall upgrade and the Events Toolbox.

VBRRA representatives asked the CRC to nominate the projects that have been funded so far and should be pursued as a priority. They are:

1. Buxton TV tower: \$35,000 which will cover the cost of an upgrade to digital TV and ongoing costs such as maintenance for the next 3 - 4 years. Funds would go to Buxton Progress Association which is an incorporated body.
2. Cemetery Rotunda – the Marysville cemetery is one of the oldest in Australia. Not only does it have pioneer graves but it now has a stronger significance to the community as a result of the Black Saturday fires
3. Buxton Hall – one of 2 halls left in the Triangle. Usage has increased enormously.
4. Events Tool box – better utilise community events money with the use of shared equipment. Hopefully the Lions Club will become the owner of the equipment and will organise insurance cover etc.
5. Seating and public facilities – Buxton Reserve, Narbethong Reserve etc. Not DSE facilities. Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster will talk in more detail to Nick Handbury about these facilities.

Pool heating remains a dilemma as it is a private entity.

Street lighting will be hopefully be incorporated in to the Murchison Street streetscape project.

During this discussion (at 7.40pm) a motion was moved to extend the meeting for another half an hour. Jennifer Wood moved the motion, Steve Coker seconded the motion, motion carried.

6.2 New projects

There were no new projects submitted to the CRC.

7. Other Business

7.1 Committee of Management, Car Museum – Report

Tony Thompson advised that there have been further delays for new tenants in the car museum due to problems with electricity.

7.2 Economic Leadership Group – Report

The Economic Leadership Group had a long meeting today during which they worked on their business plan, in line with the strategic approach which has already been agreed. The business plan refers to key 'industries' including agriculture, aquaculture, food and wine etc. Many local businesses were successful before the fires but and don't need mentoring support but need help in other areas, such as obtaining permits. Staffing is an issue for many businesses. David Barker from the Salvation Army spoke about possible means of assistance.

It was proposed that the ELG be a sub-committee of the Community Recovery Committee, operating under the same terms of reference. It will not impact on the workload of CRC members. The structure may differ in the long term but it is sensible to use the existing governance structures at the moment. In the future it may become an independent group with an incorporated structure.

A motion was moved that the Community Recovery Committee accepts the proposed concept that the ELG would become a subcommittee of the CRC. The motion was moved by Clive Clayton, seconded by Geoff Pope. Motion carried.

7.3 First anniversary of Black Saturday

Jennifer Wood and Mike Wasley attended a workshop at the Shire. The Committee has agreed that its preferred option is for a non denominational commemorative service on Sunday 7 February at Gallipoli Park, followed by refreshments. The Committee agreed it would be appropriate to talk to Mitchell Health about having some counsellors on hand if possible. The ceremony would be a simple one and would allow people to choose how to spend the remainder of the day. VBAF funds are available. Feedback is required to let Council know what assistance may be required. The Committee agreed that a subcommittee would be formed to plan the event. Subcommittee members include Tony Thompson, Jennifer Wood, Mike Wasley, Bruce Ackerman, Keith Ray, and Graeme Brown. The subcommittee will need to organise a stage, chairs, local Ministers. Event management person will be required to organise insurance, risk management etc. Community members would not be required to assist on the day, they should be free to participate in the ceremony if they wish to. The Committee agreed that invitations would be limited, possibly local government representatives only. Others are welcome to attend in a non official capacity.

Notices will be put in the Triangle and the Standard.

7.4 Temporary village – events

Village management has changed. It has been agreed that notices about events will not only be displayed in the village, but also in the Triangle and the notice board outside the bakery. Events with limited numbers should not be encouraged.

Action: Robert Hall will discuss communication of events with the Village management.

Action: Megan Lancaster will arrange a meeting with the Management of the Village, two CRC representatives (Clive Clayton and Keith Ray) and other stakeholders to discuss issues of concern to the broader community.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Letters sent

Letters of support have been sent in relation to the CB repeater at Mt Gordon and the men's shed.

9. General Business

9.1 Christmas decorations

Robert Hall advised that Rotary (Boronia) in conjunction with Knox City Council have donated large Christmas decorations for the Triangle. They are being held at the Material Aid warehouse and can be accessed by any of the towns in the Triangle.

9.2 Cenotaph

Keith Ray advised that discussions are on going about the relocation of the Cenotaph. There appears to have been some misunderstanding about the level of support for moving the Cenotaph. On behalf of the CRC, Keith Ray will say that it is absolutely necessary that there is proper consultation about the possible change in location as well as a better understanding as to why it has been proposed.

9.3 Community Recovery projects

Tony Thompson suggested that in the New Year the CRC needs to carefully look at the remaining community recovery plans and consider them in more detail, as well as letting applicants know what their chances of success for the projects actually are.

9.4 Representation from the Shire

The Committee agreed that it is preferable to have the local Councillor, Kevin Bellingham, attend the CRC meetings; perhaps every second meeting given his schedule of commitments. Tony Thompson will talk to Cr. Bellingham..

10. Next Meeting

The CRC meeting dates in early 2010 are:

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

Action item summary (15 December 2009)

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4	Megan Lancaster, Nick Handbury and Clive Clayton will have further discussions about the Buxton TV Tower project.	Megan Lancaster, Nick Handbury and Clive Clayton
5	Megan Lancaster will investigate the funding of the photovoltaic panels at the RAC.	Megan Lancaster