

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 22 SEPTEMBER 2009
MARYTON PARK**

1. Attendance:

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Jennifer Wood (Deputy Chair)	Clive Clayton
Bruce Ackerman	Geoff Pope	Graeme Brown
Rita Seethaler	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Sandra Slatter (Murrindindi Shire)
Keith Ray	Mike Wasley (Murrindindi Shire)	Megan Lancaster (VBRRRA)
Robert Hall (DHS)	Howard Paix (Murrindindi Shire)	Robyn Hill
David Clark (VBRRRA)		

2. Apologies:

Richard Rogerson (Secretary)	Julia Peddie	Ray Sigersma (DHS)
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3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting (8st September 2009)

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

5. Action item summary (8 September 2009)

	Action item	Action by:
1	CRC members to consider people who may be interested in tree works in the Triangle area and provide their contact details and areas of interest to Mark Leitinger, via Howard Paix.	Howard Paix received four names – Graeme Brown will find Robyn Cuzen’s contact number for Howard.
2	Committee members to review Council’s project tracking document (tabled by Mike Wasley) and consider how it could be used as part of the CRC process.	Tony Thompson advised that this will be considered further when the guidance from VBRRRA is received.
3	Tony Thompson will contract Andrew Watt from the Russell Crowe Foundation to discuss consultation processes for a new facility in Marysville.	See discussion below.
4	Rita Seethaler to prepare a Brief about the proposed Sustainability Expo and what would be required to run it, and provide it to the CRC for consideration of possible locations.	Rita Seethaler tabled a discussion paper at the meeting. See discussion summary below.

5.1 Performing Arts Centre

Andrew Watt made a presentation to MATDG about the progress of the project. A consultation program was discussed and will be further considered by a newly formed working committee. The role of the Community Recovery Committee is to ensure that there is broad consultation with all stakeholders of any proposed project.

Megan Lancaster tabled a paper "Presenting the Arts in Marysville and Triangle – Options Paper". VBRRA are negotiating with the Victorian Association for Performing Arts Centres to prepare an options paper outlining the pros and cons of different models for presenting the arts in Marysville. The paper presented five options that may be considered for Performing Arts in Marysville. The Committee agreed that a sixth option ("other options as suggested by VAPAC based on their experiences in performing arts projects in rural areas"). The Committee agreed that it would be ideal to come up with some options, undertake a consultation campaign and hopefully end up with a project that all of the community could support. The Committee agreed that the Triangle could be an arts precinct. A multipurpose location would need to consider which types of groups could happily co-exist. An options paper will be prepared for further consideration.

5.2 Sustainability Expo

Rita Seethaler tabled a paper titled "Sustainability Expo's in Murrindindi 2010/11". The Murrindindi Climate Network, in conjunction with other partners, would like to deliver the Expo at Easter 2010 in Marysville. The paper outlined the potential program and exhibitors. The Committee agreed that a possible location for the Expo could be the Rebuilding Advisory Centre – which would be complementary for both purposes. Rita Seethaler advised that once the money has been committed to the Expo project a working committee will be formed to manage the Expo planning. The Committee agreed that it would be a great project for the Triangle, it was also suggested that the Shire's community bus could be used if there were multiple locations.

5.3 Outstanding action items

	Action item	Action by:
1	VBBRA to provide definitions and information about the classification or prioritising of community recovery projects.	Sally Craig has advised that she would report on this action item within two weeks of the meeting on 1/9/09.
3	Sally Craig to provide an update on VBRRA's proposed communications plan for community recovery projects.	Sally Craig has advised that she would report on this action item within two weeks of the meeting on 1/9/09.
4	Sally Craig to consider how to include community feedback in the prioritisation of the recovery projects.	Sally Craig has advised that she would report on this action item within two weeks of the meeting on 1/9/09.

Megan Lancaster advised that she would like all CRC members to be familiar with the Community Recovery project templates that have been submitted. The top 27 projects each need to have a community champion. The Committee agreed champions for each project; these will be noted in the revised spreadsheet.

Megan Lancaster asked the Committee to consider how they would like to communicate the progress of the Community Recovery Projects. Ideas included a display at the hubs and information on the web. Information needs to include a summary of the status of the projects and to point out that many are still in concept stage. The cover letter needs to clearly state that there is limited money to support the projects and that the status of the projects will change over time.

Community contacts are important as each Top 27 project will need to be further scoped before they proceed much further.

VBRRA will try to match donors to projects. It is important that the projects have community support and that they are fairly spread across the bushfire affected communities.

The Economic Leadership group may also provide some input to the top 27 projects listed.

6. Business arising

No items recorded.

7. Other business

7.1 CRC Projects update

See above.

7.2 New members

New CRC members are being sought from Mystic Mountains Tourism (MMT) and Marysville One Community Association (MOCA). Once they have been identified the nominations will be presented to the S.86 Committee for approval.

Commitment of Committee members was also raised. The Committee agreed that if Committee members miss three meetings in a row without a reason then they ought to be asked about their commitment to the CRC.

A motion was moved that if a Committee member missed three meetings in a row without a valid reason then their commitment to the Committee could be questioned, and ultimately they may be asked to vacate their position. Keith Ray moved the motion; Geoff Pope and Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Letter from the Rotary Club of Alexandra, 4th September 2009

A letter was received from the President of the Alexandra Rotary divisions (Maurice Pawsey). The letter outlined the bushfire recovery projects that Rotary are involved in, and suggested that they may be open to assist in other projects.

Action: Tony Thompson to reply to the letter from the Rotary Club and enclose a copy of the Community Recovery Projects spreadsheet to see if any assistance may be available.

8.2 Letter from St John's Anglican Church, Alexandra

The letter from St John's Church requested funds through the Winter Events grants to cover the cost of a band at their annual fete (\$500). The Committee acknowledged the support of St John's in the aftermath of the fires. The Committee discussed the purpose of the winter events grants and acknowledged that the funds for the Winter Events had already been spent.

Action: CRC Secretary to respond to St Johns and advise that the Winter Grants have already been allocated.

8.3 Funding request for Marysville Marathon

A Letter has been received from the Marysville Marathon organisers requesting support for the Marathon, approximately \$25,000 was sought. The Committee agreed that the letter to Rotary should also include reference of the Marysville marathon and mention that the CRC support and endorse the marathon.

Action: Tony Thompson's letter to Rotary will mention the request from Marysville Marathon and will endorse the Marathon for possible additional funding.

8.4 New CR Project template – Marysville Golf Course

A community recovery template has been received from the Marysville Golf Club for the replacement of damaged assets. The Committee agreed that the project should be supported and classified as a High priority. Megan Lancaster suggested that each CRC meeting should have a standing agenda item to consider any new Community recovery templates that have been received.

Action: an agenda item to be included at each CRC meeting to consider any new CR Project templates received.

8.5 New CR Project template – Narbethong street beautification project

Howard Paix tabled a new project template. The Committee agreed to include it in the top 27 priorities in the CR project template spreadsheet.

8.6 Letter from Jennifer Wood, Deputy Chair CRC

Tony Thompson advised that he had received a letter from Jennifer Wood resigning from her position as Deputy Chair of the CRC. Jennifer will continue as a CRC member. The Committee thanked Jennifer for her fantastic effort in her role as Deputy Chair.

Tony Thompson asked the Committee for nominations for the role of Deputy Chair. The Committee considered the option of having a rotating Deputy Chair.

Action: CRC Committee to vote on a replacement Deputy Chair at the next CRC meeting.

9. General Business

9.1 Allocation of funds for Marysville

Graeme Brown sought clarification about the \$300,000 which was believed to be allocated by Council for Marysville. It is understood that it was funds from an insurance claim. Sandra Slatter suggested that it be raised in tomorrow's Economic Leadership forum for clarification and then be brought back to the CRC for further discussion.

Action: CRC members to raise the issue of insurance money believed to be allocated for expenditure in Marysville, at the Economic Leadership forum on 23 September.

9.2 Circus Oz

Megan Lancaster tabled a proposal from Circus Oz to conduct workshops in the Triangle in November. The Committee embraced the project and discussed key stakeholders.

9.3 Rotary Club of Ringwood – Marysville Memories

Tony Thompson tabled an order form for the few remaining bottles of “Marysville Memories” (a red wine bottled from the last of the grapes grown before Black Saturday).

9.4 Expressions of Interest – Marysville Museum

Tony Thompson advised that an Expression of Interest had been lodged for some office space at the Museum for the CRC and other community groups. Further details should be available on 23rd September.

10. Next meeting

The next Community Recovery Meeting will be held on Tuesday **29th September 2009** at 5.30pm, at Maryton Park. VBRR will present an update on the Urban Design Framework.

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2	CRC Secretary to respond to St John’s Anglican Church and advise that the Winter Grants have already been allocated.	Richard Rogerson
3	Tony Thompson’s letter to Rotary will mention the request from Marysville Marathon and will endorse the Marathon for possible additional funding.	Tony Thompson
4	An agenda item to be included at each CRC meeting to consider any new CR Project templates received.	Robyn Hill
5	CRC Committee to vote on a replacement Deputy Chair at the next CRC meeting.	CRC members
6	CRC members to raise the issue of insurance money believed to be allocated for expenditure in Marysville, at the Economic Leadership forum on 23 September.	CRC representatives at the Economic Leadership forum.