

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 4 NOVEMBER 2009
MARYTON PARK**

1. Attendance:

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Julia Peddie	Clive Clayton
Steve Coker	Geoff Pope	Keith Ray
Graeme Brown	Jennifer Wood	Megan Lancaster (VBRR)
Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Howard Paix (Murrindindi Shire)	Robert Hall (DHS)
Jan O’Sullivan (Centrelink)	Deborah Bobby (Centrelink)	Robyn Hill

2. Apologies:

Mike Wasley (Murrindindi Shire)	Ray Sigersma (DHS)	Rita Seethaler
Bruce Ackerman	Sandra Slatter (Murrindindi Shire)	Richard Rogerson (Secretary)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (27th October) were accepted by the Committee. Geoff Pope moved the motion to accept the minutes, Clive Clayton seconded the motion.

5. Action item summary

27 October 2009:

	Action item	Comment
1	Richard Rogerson to write to Rotary on behalf of the CRC to see if Rotary could assist in funding equipment for the Brownies	Richard Rogerson to confirm.
2	Bruce Ackerman to submit a new Community Recovery template for the replacement of pedestrian bridges.	Bruce Ackerman to confirm

21 October 2009:

	Action item	Comment
1	CRC members to start talking to communities about how they would like to commemorate the first anniversary of Black Saturday.	See discussion below.
2	Tony Thompson to write a letter to the Museum Committee of Management to support Bruce Ackerman’s nomination for the Committee.	Completed, letter was sent to Sandra Slatter.
3	CRC to write a letter to the Shire requesting that they review the opening hours of the Marysville pool with a view to extending the hours.	Completed. Tony Thompson will follow up with the Shire.
4	CRC members to submit a list of upcoming events to Megan Lancaster to see if any funding sources are available.	Some events have been sent through to

		Megan. All CRC members to continue to send any event nominations to Megan.
5	Tony Thompson to raise the issue of the replacement CRC member with Darrell Treloar.	Tony Thompson will follow up with Darrell Treloar.

First anniversary of Black Saturday – feedback

Members of the CRC reported on the feedback on their consultations about the first anniversary of Black Saturday. The consensus was that people will respond very differently to the anniversary and so the best approach may be a gentle one – perhaps a service followed by a small commemoration for family and friends. People will want their space respected. Graeme Brown will investigate options for the service.

It is likely that a service will also be conducted in Melbourne. Kevin Bellingham advised that Tony Thompson will be contacted about this tomorrow.

6. Business Arising

6.1 CRC Projects – confirm new top 26

The revised summary spreadsheet has been circulated by email. Please send through any changes to Robyn Hill.

The next stage is to complete a scoping template for the projects listed as ‘high’ priority. Each project has a delegated point of contact. These people will be responsible for completing the Stage 2 template – this template will allow each project to be further scoped. Some projects have enough information available some will required more information. They will be nominated as ‘reconstruction’ or ‘non reconstruction’ projects. These new templates will be sent to CRC members by email.

Please note that the deadlines for completing these new templates are very tight, some are due in by 10 November.

6.2 New CR Projects submitted: Triangle Roadside Flowers Project (Ref. T045)

Julia Peddie advised that the project has been around for about five years, it was originally a project to publish a booklet of roadside flowers. Artist Jeanette Jennings suggested that illustrations of the flowers be carved in to clay and then installed around the Triangle – in walking tracks, and other key locations. A booklet will be published showing walking trails around the Triangle and the locations of the clay illustrations would be noted. Sponsorship could be ‘sold’ for each clay flower – this would fund the cost of the project.

The Committee expressed some concern about commercialising the project through sponsorship and concluded that it would support the proposal provided that sponsorship is not noted on the clay illustrations. Options could include sponsorship noting in the booklet or separate funding from elsewhere. Julia Peddie will amend the template and will re-submit for approval. Approval by the CRC is required in order to pursue funding through FRRR.

Action: Julia Peddie will update the Roadside Flowers Project template and will re-submit the template to the Committee.

6.3 New CRC members

As noted in the action item summary, Tony Thompson will follow up on the process for replacing CRC members, with Darrell Treloar.

7. Other Business

7.1 Winter Events Grants

Nothing to note.

7.2 Indigenous consultation for the CRC

This agenda item will be discussed at the next CRC meeting.

7.3 Review of the Performing Arts Study

The Performing Arts Study was circulated to Committee members at the last meeting. CRC feedback includes:

- more information is required
- No firm numbers in the Study
- Talks generally about Arts projects around the State
- Locations not nominated
- Any project needs to be self-supporting – if not, the ongoing future cost to the community could be significant
- A more lateral approach may be required – how could a new facility be incorporated with a multi – purpose facility, what other links could be made (e.g. To a resort facility? Perhaps with corporate support)
- How does this proposal tie in with the VPAC considerations?

Tony Thompson advised that a follow up meeting will be held with interested stakeholders in a few weeks and it was agreed that Tony Thompson and Graeme Brown will write to Andrew Watt to invite him to a CRC meeting to discuss the proposal further.

Action: Tony Thompson and Graeme Brown will write to Andrew Watt to invite him to a CRC meeting to discuss the Performing Arts proposal further.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Letter from Murrindindi Shire 30 October 2009

A letter was received from Darrell Treloar advising the CRC that there had been little community interest in a co-ordinated survey of titles in the Murchison St/Darwin St/Lyell St area and so Council would not pursue the project further.

9. General Business

9.1 Tackling Tough Times workshop – Howard Paix

Howard Paix advised the CRC that a workshop is available through Beyond Blue called “Tackling Tough Times”. This workshop aims to assist people to cope with hard times and also to recognise when others around them may need help. The workshop is highly commended.

It was noted that there is anxiety about fire readiness and the approaching summer. Robert Hall advised that a workshop was being held on Friday 6 November at the Golf Club. Julia Peddie volunteered to attend the workshop and report back to the CRC about its effectiveness.

Action: Julia Peddie to attend the “Tackling Tough Times” workshop on 6 November and report back to the CRC.

9.2 Goulburn Valley Water – Keith Ray

Keith Ray advised that the Marysville community has concerns about the tall grass in the location known as “Perry’s Paddock”. The grass can’t be slashed as there are too many rocks, it needs to be eaten out but without fencing it is not possible.

Action: Keith Ray will contact Andrew Daly at the Council to express his concerns. Tony Thompson will write a letter of support on behalf of the community expressing concerns about the property.

Safety hazards at other properties were raised. It was agreed that Tony Thompson’s CRC article should advise people if they have concerns to talk to their local CFA Fire Prevention Officer or to contact the Council.

Action: 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.

9.3 Community Notice Boards – Howard Paix

Howard Paix advised that money had been allocated for Community Notice Boards throughout the Shire. The notice boards house community notices and someone would need to be responsible for updating the material. Ideally they would be located where people meet. The Committee suggested one at the Museum, near Reddrops, perhaps also at Taggerty Store and Buxton Store, and perhaps at the RAC when its built. Robert Hall advised that DHS manage boards around the locality at the moment. The Committee agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

9.4 Positive approach to recovery – Keith Ray

Keith Ray mentioned some community concerns about negative comments about the Marysville and Triangle recovery in the media. It was agreed that community morale can be effected by negative media, and that where possible comments should be focussed on positive aspects of the recovery.

9.5 Delegation to Canberra – Graeme Brown

Graeme Brown provided feedback on the recent trip to Canberra. The delegation spent an hour with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, and also had a meeting with the Leader of the Opposition, Malcolm Turnbull. The issue of support for ‘part time’ residents was raised; both leaders were keen to investigate further and requested some business cases be put together for discussion with the ATO. The need for business support was also discussed to stimulate the local economy. Various models were discussed and will be investigated further. The Economic Leadership Group will play a lead role in developing concepts further.

A gum tree was presented to the Prime Minister to say thank you to the nation for their support of the bushfire recovery, it will be planted at the Lodge.

The Hansard transcript can be reviewed at <http://www.aph.gov.au/hansard/reps/dailys/dr281009.pdf>

10. Next meeting

The CRC will meet again on **Tuesday 10 November** at 5.30pm at Maryton Park.

Action item summary (4 November 2009)

	Action item	Action by:
1	Julia Peddie will update the Roadside Flowers Project template and will re-submit the template to the Committee.	Julia Peddie
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.	Tony Thompson and Graeme Brown
3	Julia Peddie to attend the "Tackling Tough Times" workshop on 6 November and report back to the CRC.	Julia Peddie
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.	Keith Ray and Tony Thompson
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.	Tony Thompson