

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 12 JANUARY 2010
MARYTON PARK**

1. Attendance:

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Rita Seethaler	Clive Clayton
Steve Coker	Geoff Pope	Keith Ray
Graeme Brown	Nick Handbury (VBRRA)	Mike Wasley (Murrindindi Shire)
Megan Lancaster (VBRRA)	John (Centrelink)	Ray Seigersma (DHS)
Robert Hall (DHS)	Robyn Hill	Kristie Walker (Tenth Street Group)

2. Apologies:

Howard Paix (Murrindindi Shire)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Richard Rogerson (Secretary)
Bruce Ackerman	Julia Peddie	Jennifer Wood
Sandra Slatter (Murrindindi Shire)		

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (15 December) were accepted by the Committee. Graeme Brown moved the motion to accept the minutes, Rita Seethaler seconded the motion.

5. Action item summary – 15 December 2009

	Action item	Comment
1	Megan Lancaster will add the project (CB repeater at Mt Gordon) to the Community Recovery Plan spreadsheet.	Completed
2	Robert Hall will discuss communication of events with the Village management	Completed
3	Megan Lancaster will arrange a meeting with the Management of the Village, 2 CRC representatives (Clive Clayton and Keith Ray) and other stakeholders to discuss issues of concern to the broader community.	Megan Lancaster will organise a meeting in the next week. See discussion below.
4	Megan Lancaster, Nick Handbury and Clive Clayton will have further discussions about the Buxton TV Tower project.	Completed. See discussion below.
5	Megan Lancaster will investigate the funding of the photovoltaic panels at the RAC.	Completed. See discussion below.

Outstanding action items – 8 December 2009

	Action item	Action by:
6	Tony Thompson will talk to Lions Club about taking on the ownership of the proposed community events toolbox.	Tony Thompson advised that informal discussions look positive. Will be

		presented at next Lions Club meeting.
7	Graeme Brown will follow up on the results of the survey done by Peter Ryan (the Nationals) about Business Recovery.	On going

Action item 3: Temporary Village

An additional issue has arisen in relation to the housing fees for volunteers staying in Marysville. Apparently charges have been \$30/night, whereas other establishments offer their facilities free of charge. The Committee agreed that it is an appropriate time to review arrangements for housing volunteers and clarification of roles in the management of some DHS facilities.

Action: Arrangements for housing volunteers and clarification of roles in the management of DHS Housing facilities to be included in discussions at the meeting with the Management of the temporary village

Action item 4: Buxton TV tower

The funding for the replacement of equipment has been donated by the Salvation Army. Clive Clayton advised that the Buxton Progress Association will soon receive a cheque for \$5,000 to resolve the urgent problems. Senator Stephen Conroy has announced his plan to provide services by satellite to regional areas of Victoria. Clive Clayton expressed concern about accepting the money from the Salvation Army without knowing the timeframe for Stephen Conroy's plans; it could still be several years away. Clive Clayton, Graeme Brown and Nick Handbury will separately follow up with their contacts to determine the timeframe for improved services in Buxton courtesy of the Federal Government.

Action: Clive Clayton, Graeme Brown and Nick Handbury will separately follow up with their contacts to determine the timeframe for improved services in Buxton courtesy of the Federal Government.

Action item 5: Photovoltaic panels at the RAC

Megan Lancaster advised that there had been a misunderstanding about the funding of solar panels at the RAC. There are still some funding issues to be resolved about the RAC. Rita Seethaler advised that the community strongly expressed their opinion at the Phoenix Workshop that the development should showcase sustainable building solutions. Rita offered to investigate grant opportunities for solar power. Mike Wasley also expressed that the RAC will be a legacy that the community/council will have to fund in terms of ongoing costs, and energy efficiency should be included in the design of the building.

Action: Rita Seethaler will investigate grant opportunities for solar power at the RAC.

Action: Nick Handbury and Megan Lancaster will follow up on the provision of solar power at the RAC.

Action item 6: Events toolbox

Rita Seethaler had received feedback about the lack of shaded areas for people in recreational areas in Marysville. The Committee discussed the option of purchasing shade tents or marquis and including them in the toolbox. Mike Wasley advised that a second hand marquis (approximately \$2000) had been offered to the community. Graeme Brown also advised that Ian Whitehill's son works at a marquis supplier and may be able to arrange a reasonable price. The cost of erecting and dismantling marquis is significant and perhaps prohibitive in this instance.

6. Business Arising

6.1 Events Toolbox

The Lions Club have not yet formally considered the concept of taking on the ownership of the events toolbox. Initial discussions are positive. Tony Thompson will advise the outcome of the next Lions Club meeting.

Action: Tony Thompson to discuss the ownership of the community events toolbox at the next Lions Club meeting.

6.2 New CR Projects

Megan Lancaster tabled a new project "Reconnecting Community with Nature". The Committee briefly looked at the documentation and agreed that more information is required before the project is considered fully.

Action: Megan Lancaster to source more information about the "Reconnecting with Nature" proposal for further consideration by the CRC.

6.3 New item – consideration of next level of priority projects

The CRC were asked to advise the next level priority of projects in light of the recent VBAF funding announcements and the generous donations from the Salvation Army. Discussions about outstanding projects include:

- Cemetery rotunda – may be supported by Salvation Army, TBA
- Events tool box – pending decision by Lions Club
- Seating and public facilities – further information required
- Emergency lighting in walkway – rolled in to Murchison Street project
- Brownies/Guides – picked up by the Salvation Army
- Buxton Hall – currently sourcing quotes
- Taggerty Hall – Megan Lancaster is meeting with Regional Development Victoria (RDV) on 13 January to discuss funded projects and work out how the funding is managed. If Council receive the funds on behalf of the community project, then Council processes apply (eg. Tendering process etc).
- Murchison Street trees - descendants from the Barton family have an interest in this project
- Helipad - Mike Wasley met with Maurice Woodburn from Regional Ambulance Victoria about possible locations for a helipad, The Committee agreed that this project needs to be properly scoped and possibly a feasibility study into the best location. Emergency Services need to be involved. Keith Ray suggested that Gallipoli Park will be floodlit again and should be considered as a possible location. Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster will discuss the helipad project proposal further and will talk to the appropriate experts to progress.
Action: Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster will discuss the helipad project proposal further and will talk to the appropriate experts to progress.
- Pedestrian bridges – need to consult with DSE
- Buxton tennis equipment
- Kingbilli Wildlife Rescue
- Drainage – has been raised at Project Control Group (PCG) meetings. The general consensus that this is core local government infrastructure, and will be difficult to find private donors.
- Solar power at the RAC – the community feel strongly that the RAC should showcase sustainable developments
- Men's shed – location is an issue
- Arts studio
- CB repeater at Mt Gordon – waiting to hear back from VFHCC

Graeme Brown raised a concern that there are 2 serious issues that are emerging within the community (1) mental wellbeing – at least 50 families in the Triangle region have been identified as needing extra assistance (2) commercial wellbeing and business recovery.

Summary – new top priority projects were identified:

1. Seating and public facilities in Triangle area – Mike Wasley to further scope
2. Buxton tennis equipment
3. Wildlife rescue equipment
4. Historical society information plaques
5. Community mental well being
6. Narbethong Reserve (subject to a review of costs and further consideration about the need for separate toilet facilities)

Nick Handbury will look at these projects and will report back in 2 -3 weeks.

Action: Nick Handbury to consider new priority community recovery projects in the next 2 – 3 weeks.

7. Other Business

7.1 Committee of Management, Car Museum – Report

Bruce Ackerman was not present at the meeting to provide a report.

7.2 Economic Leadership Group – Report

The Economic Leadership Group has not met since the last meeting of the Marysville and Triangle CRC meeting.

7.3 Summer Events

The CRC has formally applied for the funds which it has been granted through VBAF. These will go in to an account set up originally by Tony Thompson and Keith Ray called the Marysville Relief and Benefit Fund.

It was noted that VBRRA have sent forms to the recipients of the Winter 2009 grants to validate expenditure.

Forms have been sent out to CRC members to pass on to people who wish to apply for a summer event grant. Activities will need to be notified to Murrindindi Shire Council, particularly to Kat Gannon. Please encourage people to apply for events, subject to the criteria outlined in the information sheet.

The Committee agreed to move a motion that it was happy to use the established Marysville Relief and Benefit Fund account and that the money deposited in the account is held in trust for the appropriate use by the Marysville and Triangle Community Recovery Committee. Moved by Graeme Brown, seconded by Clive Clayton, motion carried.

7.4 First anniversary of Black Saturday

Tony Thompson introduced Kristie Walker from the Tenth Street Group. The Tenth Street Group have been appointed by Murrindindi Shire to act as events co-ordinators for communities who have asked for assistance.

Plans to date include:

- Morning ceremony at Gallipoli Park on Sunday 7 Dec 2010 at 9.30am
- Mitchell Health will have representatives available to assist people who may need help
- Graeme Brown met with Peter Gill, Andrew Schroeder and Ivor Jones and the group have agreed to an ecumenical service at 9.30am at Gallipoli Park.
- Will need to consider the requirement to have a marquis and seating
- Michael at Prestige Party Hire is happy to assist with a marquis, including set up and tables and chairs
- MATDG has a PA system which can be used
- Graeme Brown is happy to provide a small generator which can be used
- Andrew Schroeder has approached Alexandra Rotary about providing refreshments
- Use of Gallipoli Park may be an issue with the cricket club (in relation to having enough time to set up a marquis)
- The Tenth Street Group organised the Phoenix Group workshops and have a vast array of experience in managing community events

- Low key security may be required as emotions will be running high
- St Johns Ambulance may be required
- Need to consider offering the media a trade off – certain location to film from, people could approach them if they wished to. Overhead helicopters are to be avoided as possible as they are a very poignant reminder of the days immediately after Black Saturday.
- Megan Lancaster advised that a service will be held at St Pauls Cathedral on 7 Feb
- MC - Andrew Embling is happy to consider being the MC for the event.

(At 7.30pm Graeme Brown moved a motion to extend the meeting to 8pm, Keith Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried.)

- Ray Siegersma advised that a number of people had asked at the hub about the anniversary commemorations and it was agreed that preliminary details need to be announced asap. Tony Thompson will contact the Triangle newspaper and will provide preliminary information.
- Traffic management needs to be considered, as do parking marshals
- Robyn Hill will email Kristie Walker's contact details to the CRC.

Action: First Anniversary sub committee to meet on Monday 18 January 2010.

Action: Tony Thompson will contact the Triangle newspaper and will provide preliminary information about the commemoration service for 7 Feb 2010.

Action: Graeme Brown will talk to Michael at Prestige Party Hire about a marquis for the event.

Action: Robyn Hill will email Kristie Walker's contact details to the CRC.

8. Correspondence

No correspondence noted.

9. General Business

9.1 Expenses - CRC Chair

Tony Thompson advised that he would like to submit a claim for expenses for approximately \$1300, covering phone calls, petrol, travel, stationary food, room hire, and attendance at Section 86 Committee meetings.

The Community Recovery Committee considered the claim. Clive Clayton moved a motion that The CRC accept Tony Thompson's claim for expenses, Graeme Brown seconded the motion, motion carried.

9.2 Treasurer

Graeme Brown suggested that the CRC consider the appointment of a Treasurer, particularly as it will soon administer funds on behalf of VBAF. The Committee agreed to consider the appointment of a Treasurer at the next CRC meeting.

Action: The Committee agreed to consider the appointment of a Treasurer at the next CRC meeting.

9.3 Tender process

The issue of granting tenders to local suppliers was raised. There have been some concerns about the processes followed and the decisions made in the granting of tenders. There did not appear to be any local tradespeople at current projects in Marysville (eg the RAC). There are ongoing consequences about the process and local people's interest in working and developing their own projects in Marysville. Tony Thompson will raise the issue at the next Section 86 meeting.

Action: Tony Thompson will raise the issue of the tender process and how locals are involved in projects at the next S. 86 meeting.

9.4 Clive Clayton's contact details

Clive Clayton advised the CRC that the best way to contact him is on the mobile phone or via email.

10. Next Meeting

The CRC meeting dates are:

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

Action item summary (12 January 2010)

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2	Clive Clayton, Graeme Brown and Nick Handbury will separately follow up with their contacts to determine the timeframe for improved services in Buxton courtesy of the Federal Government.	Clive Clayton, Graeme Brown and Nick Handbury
3	Rita Seethaler will investigate grant opportunities for solar power at the RAC.	Rita Seethaler
4	Nick Handbury and Megan Lancaster will follow up on the provision of solar power at the RAC.	Nick Handbury and Megan Lancaster
5	Tony Thompson to discuss the ownership of the community events toolbox at the next Lions Club meeting.	Tony Thompson
6	Megan Lancaster to source more information about the "Reconnecting with Nature" proposal for further consideration by the CRC.	Megan Lancaster
7	Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster will discuss the helipad project proposal further and will talk to the appropriate experts to progress.	Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster
8	Nick Handbury to consider new priority community recovery projects in the next 2 – 3 weeks.	Nick Handbury
9	First Anniversary subcommittee to meet on Monday 18 January 2010.	First anniversary subcommittee
10	Tony Thompson will contact the Triangle newspaper and will provide preliminary information about the commemoration service for 7 Feb 2010.	Tony Thompson
11	Graeme Brown will talk to Michael at Prestige Party Hire about a marquis for the event.	Graeme Brown
12	Robyn Hill will email Kristie Walker's contact details to the CRC.	Robyn Hill
13	The Committee agreed to consider the appointment of a Treasurer at the next CRC meeting.	CRC members
14	Tony Thompson will raise the issue of the tender process and how locals are involved in projects at the next S. 86 meeting.	Tony Thompson