

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING – 19 JANUARY 2010  
DHS HUB AT MARYSVILLE TEMPORARY VILLAGE**

**1. Attendance:**

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Jennifer Wood	Clive Clayton
Steve Coker	Keith Ray	Mike Wasley (Murrindindi Shire)
Megan Lancaster (VBRRA)	John (Centrelink)	Ray Siegersma (DHS)
Kate Brilli (Centacare)	Robyn Hill	

**2. Apologies:**

Howard Paix (Murrindindi Shire)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Richard Rogerson (Secretary)
Bruce Ackerman	Julia Peddie	Geoff Pope
Sandra Slatter (Murrindindi Shire)	Rita Seethaler	Graeme Brown
Robert Hall (DHS)		

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

Nil.

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting (12 January) were accepted by the Committee. Clive Clayton moved the motion to accept the minutes, Keith Ray seconded the motion.

Note: The Committee agreed that based on the current membership of the CRC, **quorum** has been achieved at this meeting.

**5. Action item summary – 12 January 2010**

	<b>Action item</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	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. 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.	Megan Lancaster has arranged a meeting.
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.	This action item will be rolled over to the next meeting.
3	Rita Seethaler will investigate grant opportunities for solar power at the RAC.	Mike Wasley advised that he discussed this with Sylvia at VBRRA, Tony Thompson has flagged it with Healesville Rotary and Ray Siegersma has also discussed it with Sustainability Victoria.

4	Nick Handbury and Megan Lancaster will follow up on the provision of solar power at the RAC.	On going
5	Tony Thompson to discuss the ownership of the community events toolbox at the next Lions Club meeting.	Tony Thompson advised that the Lions Club will meet on 20 January.
6	Megan Lancaster to source more information about the "Reconnecting with Nature" proposal for further consideration by the CRC.	Refer to agenda item 6.2
7	Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster will discuss the helipad project proposal further and will talk to the appropriate experts to progress.	See discussion below
8	Nick Handbury to consider new priority community recovery projects in the next 2 – 3 weeks.	On going
9	First Anniversary subcommittee to meet on Monday 18 January 2010.	First anniversary subcommittee will meet on 20 January 2010.
10	Tony Thompson will contact the Triangle newspaper and will provide preliminary information about the commemoration service for 7 Feb 2010.	Completed
11	Graeme Brown will talk to Michael at Prestige Party Hire about a marquis for the event.	Graeme Brown to advise
12	Robyn Hill will email Kristie Walker's contact details to the CRC.	Completed
13	The Committee agreed to consider the appointment of a Treasurer at the next CRC meeting.	To be discussed at next CRC meeting
14	Tony Thompson will raise the issue of the tender process and how locals are involved in projects at the next S. 86 meeting.	Completed

### Outstanding action items

	Action item	Comment
1	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 has arranged a meeting.
2	Tony Thompson will talk to the Lions Club about taking on the ownership of the proposed community events toolbox.	Lions Club will meet on 20 January.
3	Graeme Brown will follow up on the results of the survey done by Peter Ryan (the Nationals) about Business Recovery.	On going

### Action item 7: Helipad project

Mike Wasley has spoken to Maurice Woodburn at Ambulance Victoria. Maurice Woodburn will discuss the project with the appropriate person at Ambulance Victoria, particularly in relation to review if Ambulance Victoria has appropriate facilities in the area.

Steve Coker advised that there is one recognised helipad consultant in Victoria; Steve will forward the contact details to Mike Wasley.

**Action:** Steve Coker will provide details of the helipad consultant to Mike Wasley.

## 6. Business Arising

### 6.1 Events Toolbox

The Lions Club will meet on 20 January and will consider the concept of taking on the ownership of the events toolbox.

## **6.2 CRC Project – Reconnecting with Nature**

Megan Lancaster advised that she met with a representative from the People and Parks Foundation (PPF). PPF is a non government independent charity. Their normal work is in environmental education, revegetation and community projects. They did a lot of work in the Grampians after the 2006 fires, including rebuilding picnic ground. PPF would like to come in to the area and see what they could do, then undertake a consultation program with the community. They have been advised that tourism in the area is a major issue and assistance in re-opening key natural assets such as Cathedral would assist in the recovery process. Signage is another possible activity where they could assist. The Committee agreed that the request for \$500,000 without specific project details is not acceptable on face value; specific projects would need to be identified and then the level of community support for those projects would need to be ascertained. Megan Lancaster advised that the funding for this project would not compete with other projects provided that they comply with the VBAF criteria. The Committee agreed that more details are required, including a breakdown of their budget. Megan Lancaster will invite representatives from PPF to the next CRC meeting.

**Action:** Megan Lancaster will invite representatives from PPF to the next CRC meeting.

## **6.3 New CR Projects submitted**

No new CR projects have been submitted.

## **7. Other Business**

### **7.1 First anniversary of Black Saturday**

The Committee agreed that it was important that an event is an option for the whole community, there has been some feedback that some people do not wish to attend a religious service.

Tony Thompson advised that he had received a poem that a member of the community would like to read (or have read) at the service.

Mike Wasley advised that APIA had made an offer of support for the day, either financial or by providing staff. The Committee agreed (1) that this would be ok providing that there was no advertising present (2) details of the APIA contact could be passed on to Kristie Walker at the Tenth Street Group (3) perhaps APIA could cover the public liability insurance for the event.

Megan Lancaster advised that the Army have also offered support on the day; perhaps with catering, traffic management, setting up and supporting Kristie's team. The Committee agreed that the Army would be very welcome particularly given all of the assistance they gave immediately after the fires and the friendships that were forged. Tony Thompson will contact them before tomorrow's first anniversary meeting and see what assistance may be on offer.

Ray Siegersma advised that he had been fielding questions about how government agencies could be involved in the first anniversary. The Committee agreed that there should be a general note to all agencies saying that people who have been 'on the ground' within the communities are very welcome to attend the community event.

Megan Lancaster advised that VBRRRA communications team are hosting a media briefing in Melbourne on Friday 22 January. VBRRRA's position to the media is that unless they are invited they should attend the event planned to be held in Melbourne. Tony Thompson will brief the media on behalf of the MTCRC so that they can have an appreciation of the sensitivities of the day. Tony will request that media stay at arm's length and in the designated media area during the event, and that people can choose to speak to the media if they want to. A request for no helicopters will also be given.

Ray Siegersma advised that DHS may open the hub for morning tea on Saturday 6 February. The Committee agreed that this could be a good idea particularly to provide anybody with details of 7 Feb events if they would like to attend.

Jennifer Wood advised that some people from Narbethong had considered holding their own event. The CRC agreed that it had been charged with the responsibility of organising an event for the Marysville and Triangle area and had agreed that Gallipoli Park would be a suitable venue for the Triangle. Additional events would need to have the support of the community and a working group dedicated to organising the event.

**Action:** Tony Thompson will contact the Army before the meeting on 20/1 about the first anniversary and see what assistance may be on offer.

**Action:** Tony Thompson will prepare a note which can be circulated to relevant government agencies about their involvement in the first anniversary events.

## **7.2 CRC requirements for a Treasurer**

The Committee agreed that this item should be discussed at the next CRC meeting.

**Action:** CRC to consider the requirement for a Treasurer at the next meeting.

## **7.3 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 will meet at 1pm on 20 January.

## **7.3 Summer Events**

No applications for summer events have been received.

The funds are not yet in the account. Robyn Hill will follow up with the relevant VBRRRA person to inquire when the funds will be available.

**Action:** Robyn Hill will follow up with VBRRRA to inquire when the funds for the Summer Events will be available.

## **8 Correspondence**

No correspondence noted.

## **9. General Business**

### **9.1 Mental Health issues**

Ray Siegersma advised that Goulburn Valley Area Mental Health service manage the process for services in the Triangle area. Jennifer Wood mentioned that GVAMHS provide psychiatric support, but other services are available for psychological support. Bill Atkins services are still available through Alexandra Hospital.

## 9.2 Cenotaph

Keith Ray advised that petitions are being circulated in relation to the issue of relocating the cenotaph. Apparently eighteen months ago a consultant recommended to the Council that the cenotaph should be heritage listed. Megan Lancaster asked the Committee about the best way to consult with the community about the issues; the Committee agreed that a public meeting would be appropriate.

**Action:** Mike Wasley will find out if a recommendation has been put to Council that the cenotaph be heritage listed.

## 9.3 Berry Street

Tony Thompson met with representatives from Berry Street yesterday. Berry St are putting together a case study and some statistics about activities in the community since the fires. Their data shows that case management services are still required. Funding and length of tenure for some case managers is not known, we may be able to help Berry St in providing them with some information. Once the report is available the Committee will look at it in more detail.

## 9.4 CRC members contact details

Tony Thompson advised that the CRC page on the Marysville website is progressing. Copies of minutes are available on the website. The Committee agreed that it was appropriate to include contact details for CRC members on the web. CRC members present agreed to have their mobile phone numbers and email addresses published on the site. Robyn Hill will liaise with absent CRC members to make sure they are comfortable with their contact details being made available.

**Action:** Robyn Hill will liaise with absent CRC members to make sure they are comfortable with their contact details being made available on the Marysville web site.

## 9.5 CRC Six month report

Megan Lancaster proposed that the CRC prepare a "Six month report" which would detail the CRC activities and the number of projects that have been considered and funded, and list any other achievements. Former members of the CRC should also be congratulated.

## 9.6 CRC membership

The CRC considered the number of members that are not regularly attending meetings. Tony Thompson will contact those members and ascertain their interest in continuing with the Committee. There are a number of vacancies to be filled and the Committee agreed that a transparent process for appointing new Committee members needs to be adopted. The Committee agreed that Expressions of Interest should be sought and the areas of representation should be clearly specified. Mike Wood and Megan Lancaster will talk to Council about the proposed process for replacing members who have resigned.

**Action:** Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster will talk to Council about the proposed process for replacing members who have resigned from the Committee.

## 9.7 Men's getaways

Ray Siegersma advised that some Men's Getaways were being planned, following on from the success of the women's pamper days. The first event is a trip to Melbourne on 5 February to see a 20/20 cricket match at the MCG, an overnight stay in Melbourne and a breakfast and tour of the MCF the following morning. Mitchell Community Health will also provide some support for the event. A nominal fee will

apply, and a register will be kept to ensure as many people have the chance to attend an event. Ray called for any suggestions for other events.

### 9.8 List of local contractors

Ray Siegersma mentioned that the Council has a list of local contractors that are available for local projects. This list should be available to anyone proposing to do works in the Triangle.

**Action:** Ray Siegersma to contact Mark Leitinger at the Council for a copy of the list of local contractors.

### 9.9 Royal Visit

Tony Thompson advised that despite an article in the Herald Sun and rumours to the contrary, Prince William will not be visiting Marysville this week!

### 10. Next Meeting

The CRC will meet again on Tuesday 2 February 2010 at 5.30pm at Maryton Park. Ben Hubbard from VBRRRA will attend the meeting.

### Action item summary (19 January 2010)

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2	Megan Lancaster will invite representatives from PPF to the next CRC meeting.	Megan Lancaster
3	Tony Thompson will contact the Army before the meeting on 20/1 about the first anniversary and see what assistance may be on offer.	Tony Thompson
4	Tony Thompson will prepare a note which can be circulated to relevant government agencies about their involvement in the first anniversary events.	Tony Thompson
5	CRC to consider the requirement for a Treasurer at the next meeting.	CRC
6	Robyn Hill will follow up with VBRRRA to inquire when the funds for the Summer Events will be available.	Robyn Hill
7	Mike Wasley will find out if a recommendation has been put to Council that the cenotaph be heritage listed	Mike Wasley
8	Robyn Hill will liaise with absent CRC members to make sure they are comfortable with their contact details being made available on the Marysville web site.	Robyn Hill
9	Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster will talk to Council about the proposed process for replacing members who have resigned from the Committee.	Mike Wasley and Megan Lancaster
10	Ray Siegersma to contact Mark Leitinger at the Council for a copy of the list of local contractors	Ray Siegersma