

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 2 FEBRUARY 2010
MARYTON PARK, MARYSVILLE**

1. Attendance:

Community Recovery Committee

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Richard Rogerson (Secretary)	Keith Ray
Jennifer Wood	Graeme Brown	Bruce Ackerman
Clive Clayton	Geoff Pope	Rita Seethaler
Steve Coker	Julia Peddie	

Murrindindi Shire Council

Howard Paix	Mike Wasley	Sandra Slatter
Cr. Kevin Bellingham		

VBRR

Megan Lancaster	Ben Hubbard (CEO)
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DHS

Robert Hall	Ray Siegersma
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Centrelink

Jan O'Sullivan

Admin.

Robyn Hill

Guests

Jenny Holliday, CEO People & Parks Foundation
Colleen Clark, DHS
Lisa Hammond, DHS
Irene Grant, DHS

2. Apologies:

Keith Ray (CRC)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (19 January) were accepted by the Committee. Clive Clayton moved the motion to accept the minutes, Steve Coker seconded the motion, motion carried.

5. Guests

5.1 Colleen Clark, Assistant Director, Victorian Bushfire Case Management Services, DHS

The case management program will run for another 12 months. Services operate in about 1,000 households and are provided by a number of agencies as well as Berry Street. Demand peaked at about

5,500 clients and is now dropping. The current budget applies to the end of June 2010. Berry Street are working on a model of diminishing requirements.

Concern was expressed about some people not accessing services when perhaps they really need to. It was agreed that in some circumstances the system is not working – “conventional means in unconventional circumstances doesn’t necessarily work”.

Case managers’ skills vary enormously. Colleen Clark recognised this, and advised that they are all equipped with the same resources. The fantastic work of the case managers was acknowledged by the Committee. It was also agreed that it was not the role of the case managers to handle issues associated with mental health. Ray Siegersma requested that case managers make it clear that if their contracts finish that does not necessarily mean the end of the provision of services.

Action: Tony Thompson will arrange a meeting with Senior Police, Berry Street and Goulburn Valley Mental Health services to discuss concerns raised by the CRC about mental health issues in the Triangle area and access to appropriate services.

5.2 Jenny Holliday, CEO People and Parks Foundation

Megan Lancaster introduced Jenny Holliday, People and Parks Foundation (PPF). PPF are a non government, independent, environmental charity. They have three main programs (1) marine based (2) Feel Blue, Touch Green (3) Green connections. They have some experience in bushfire recovery projects – in 2006, they were involved in projects in the Grampians including the re-creation of habitat, new signage and assisting the re-opening of national parks. PPF have some ideas how they can assist the Triangle area but would like to better understand the local priorities. There are opportunities to use new technologies for tourism projects.

It was noted that the first priority would be to re-open natural attractions such as Steavensons Falls. Much of the local tourism relies on having access to natural assets. Maintenance of tracks once opened is also an issue to be considered. Rita Seethaler advised that she is writing a grant application relating to the opening of walking tracks in the Triangle area and would appreciate any support from PPF.

Tony Thompson reminded the Committee that it needs to consider the Community Recovery template that was submitted by PPF. Jenny Holliday advised that she had provided a breakdown of costs to Megan Lancaster.

Action: Megan Lancaster will circulate the breakdown of costs subsequently submitted by PPF to support the CR template.

Graeme Brown moved a motion that the local Tourism Association be involved in any further discussions with PPF. Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion, motion carried.

6. Action item summary (19 January 2010)

	Action item	Action by:
1	Steve Coker will provide details of the helipad consultant to Mike Wasley.	Completed. The proposal has been sent on to Maurice Woodburn to consider an appropriate location for a helipad.
2	Megan Lancaster will invite representatives from PPF to the next CRC meeting.	Completed.
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.	Completed.

4	Tony Thompson will prepare a note which can be circulated to relevant government agencies about their involvement in the first anniversary events.	Completed by Ray Siegersma.
5	CRC to consider the requirement for a Treasurer at the next meeting.	See discussion below in 8.2
6	Robyn Hill will follow up with VBRRRA to inquire when the funds for the Summer Events will be available.	Robyn Hill followed up with VBRRRA and waiting for information.
7	Mike Wasley will find out if a recommendation has been put to Council that the cenotaph be heritage listed	Completed. Refer to item 10.4 in general business.
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.	Completed. Contact details are now uploaded on to Marysville website.
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 have completed a brief. Tony Thompson will present to the S.86 Committee.
10	Ray Siegersma to contact Mark Leitinger at the Council for a copy of the list of local contractors	Ray Siegersma advised that the list does not currently exist – will work on a list of requirements for approved contractors.

Outstanding action items/items moved to the next meeting

1.	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.	Refer to general business.
2	Nick Handbury and Megan Lancaster will follow up on the provision of solar power at the RAC.	Rita Seethaler has been working hard at sourcing assistance; some has been obtained but more required. CRC agreed the building must set an example. Ben Hubbard advised he is looking in to it. Graeme Brown will also investigate options.
3	Nick Handbury to consider new priority community recovery projects in the next 2 – 3 weeks.	On going
4	Graeme Brown will follow up on the results of the survey done by Peter Ryan (the Nationals) about Business Recovery.	Graeme Brown will advise.

7. Business Arising

7.1 Events Toolbox – Lions Club

Tony Thompson advised that the Lions Club would consider the toolbox at the next meeting on 3 February.

7.2 New Community Recovery projects submitted

7.2.1 Generator for Mobile Library – Howard Paix

The Mobile Library is currently using a borrowed generator (the librarian's own equipment – it is also part of his personal fire plan). The Committee agreed that this is an issue for the Shire.

Action: Kevin Bellingham will raise the issue with the Shire on 3 February, with the full support of the CRC. The borrowed generator needs to be returned to the employee asap.

7.3 Summer Events applications

7.3.1 Narbethong event (via Jennifer Wood)

An application has been received for an event to commemorate the first anniversary in Narbethong. It would involve a community BBQ, up to \$1200. The CRC agreed that it would reimburse funds up to \$1200 on receipt of invoices.

Graeme Brown moved a motion to support the application from Narbethong up to \$1200 on the provision of receipts. Jennifer Wood seconded the motion. Bruce Ackerman and Richard Rogerson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

7.3.2 Acheron Valley Watch – African drumming (via Rita Seethaler)

A proposal was presented for a workshop day incorporating African drumming at Taggerty Town Hall. The proposal related to the hire of equipment. Some concern was expressed that events should have an element of 'user pays'. The Committee voted on the proposal. Bruce Ackerman and Geoff Pope abstained from voting. Majority votes in favour.

7.3.3 Note

The Committee noted that any successful applicants for Summer Events must provide a report of the event back to the CRC consistent with the requirements outlined on the applications form.

7.3.4 Triangle Arts event

This application was not supported with a completed form and was therefore not supported by the Committee.

8. Other Business

8.1 First anniversary of Black Saturday

The advertisement for the commemoration has been changed to clarify the different components of the event. Andrew Embling has agreed to act as MC for the event. Two memorial books will be available for participants to sign. The Community Reflection will include the CFA captains in the Triangle laying a wreath. Media will be present but confined to the Saddle tramps area at Gallipoli Oval. There will be an official photographer, Sam Hicks; photos will be used for historical purposes. There will be an area for children if parents need the option of a distraction for them.

The majority of shops in Marysville will not be open during the commemoration.

Julie Bell will present a quilt made from many donated squares.

Lachlan Fraser will be a nominated media contact on the day. The media build up has been intense.

<At 7.45 pm, Clive Clayton moved a motion that the meeting be extended to 8pm>

The budget for the event may have been exceeded but funds have been made available from communities who did not wish to hold their own event.

8.2 CRC requirement for a Treasurer

Tony Thompson called for nominations for the role of CRC Treasurer. No volunteers were forthcoming. The Committee nominated Keith Ray as Treasurer. Bruce Ackerman moved a motion to ask Keith Ray to confirm his nomination as Treasurer, Jennifer Wood seconded the motion, motion carried.

Action: Keith Ray to confirm his nomination for the position of CRC Treasurer.

8.3 Committee of Management, Car Museum – report

No report.

8.4 Economic Leadership Group report

No report.

8.5 Portable building offer from Parks Vic – community space

Buildings have been offered specifically to the Triangle area by Parks Vic. A location (for approximately 18 months) is required until permanent facilities are available. Relocation costs are approximately \$12,000. Parks Vic need to move them asap. The Trout farm are also interested – may allow use by Brownies and Guides etc. The Committee discussed the use of public land such as the old Scout Hall site, the Police horse paddock in Darwin Street as possible options. Insurance would need to be taken in to account.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Letter from Taggerty Hall Committee

Tony Thompson advised that a letter has been received from the Taggerty Hall Committee sincerely thanking the CRC and VBRRRA for the support received to upgrade Taggerty Hall.

10. General business

10.1 Meeting with representatives from the Temporary Village

Keith Ray and Clive Clayton met with Sue Hill, Ray Siegersma and Megan Lancaster to discuss issues that had arisen in relation to the temporary village. The meeting was positive and measures will be put in place to ensure that issues that have been raised are managed appropriately.

10.2 Buxton TV tower

Clive Clayton advised that he had recently met with David Barker from the Salvation Army. They discussed the grant offer from the Salvation Army and agreed that \$5000 would be spent on immediate needs to maintain the tower and the remainder would be used as required.

10.3 Berry Street – Festival for Healthy Living

Berry Street have requested a letter of support from the CRC based on the proposal circulated to the committee. There were some concerns that the report down plays some issues. In general, the Committee agreed to support the proposal.

10.4 Cenotaph

Ian Robbins from Murrindindi Shire Council convened a meeting including the RSL, Gallipoli Park Committee of Management and some residents. The RSL were apparently not terribly keen to move the cenotaph in the first place. An independent engineer's report on the structural integrity will be completed before any decisions about its future are made.

Action: Megan Lancaster will find out if a grant is available for an independent engineer to investigate the structural integrity of the cenotaph.

10.5 Media

The Committee discussed the considerable amount of media in the Triangle in the lead up to the first anniversary.

11. Guest: Ben Hubbard, CEO VBRRRA

Ben Hubbard reinforced the importance of the next few weeks for the broader fire affected community. The Statewide plan has set some wheels in motion. VBAF and the VBRRRA donations team continue to work hard; about 100 initiatives have been put forward, 250 have been matched with donors and there are another 250 or so in the pipeline. Current issues include the provision of fuel in Kinglake. Christine Nixon will soon be sending a letter to each CRC encouraging discussion about how they are going and to clarify any assistance which may be required. VBRRRA continue to work on their own transition program so that the 2 year program continues where it needs to.

An investment fund is in place. It is recognised that a conference/convention centre is critically important to Marysville. The Performing Arts may also have some synergies with a conference centre, it will require some further strategic thinking.

Police station location is still being discussed. The Committee agreed that there are many advantages in locating services such as police, fire and ambulance together and would endorse such a proposal.

12. Next Meeting

The CRC will meet again on Tuesday 16 February 2010 at 5.30pm at Maryton Park.
The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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3	Kevin Bellingham will raise the issue of a new generator for the mobile library with the Shire on 3 February, with the full support of the CRC.	Kevin Bellingham
4	Keith Ray to confirm his nomination for the position of CRC Treasurer.	Keith Ray
5	Megan Lancaster will find out if a grant is available for an independent engineer to investigate the structural integrity of the cenotaph	Megan Lancaster