

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

1. Attendance:

Community Recovery Committee

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Rita Seethaler	Keith Ray
Julia Peddie	Graeme Brown	Steve Coker

Murrindindi Shire Council

Howard Paix	Mike Wasley	Sandra Slatter
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VBRRRA

Megan Lancaster

DHS

Robert Hall	Ray Siegersma
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Centrelink

Jan O'Sullivan

Admin.

Robyn Hill

Guests

Christine Adams (ELG)

2. Apologies:

Bruce Ackerman (CRC)	Clive Clayton (CRC)	Geoff Pope (CRC)
Richard Rogerson (CRC Secretary)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Jennifer Wood (CRC)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by the Committee. Keith Ray moved the motion to accept the minutes, Rita Seethaler seconded the motion, motion carried.

5. Action item summary – 16 February 2010

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3	Megan Lancaster will find out if a grant is available for an independent	See discussion below

	engineer to investigate the structural integrity of the cenotaph.	
4	Megan Lancaster will work with Howard Paix and Mike Wasley to revise the Recruitment and Selection of Marysville CRC members and will circulate to the CRC for comment before submitting to the Section 86 Committee.	Completed
5	Robyn Hill will draft a report template for successful summer events applicants to complete as part of the governance required under the VBAF guidelines.	Completed
6	Graeme Brown and Tony Thompson will write a letter to VicRoads expressing the CRC's concern about poorly maintained verges in the Marysville area.	Graeme Brown and Tony Thompson
7	Steve Coker will circulate the summary of approved projects in the Triangle area to the CRC	Completed
8	Megan Lancaster to advise the CRC about the model for administering funds received from VBAF or other sources.	See agenda item
9	Graeme Brown advised that he had not yet received a reply in relation to the request for assistance with the repeater at Mt Gordon and would follow up.	Graeme Brown

Action item 3 – Cenotaph

Keith Ray advised that Heath Memorials from Lilydale have inspected the cenotaph and advise that it is 100% square and is not falling over. The roots from the adjacent trees are lifting the concrete skirt around it. The quote for the repairs around the cenotaph is approximately \$5,000. Tony Thompson will send the report about the cenotaph's condition to Megan Lancaster for assistance with funding.

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6. Business Arising

6.1 CRC Recruitment

The revised Marysville and Triangle CRC recruitment document has been sent to Ian Robbins at Council. There is a meeting this Thursday with other Community Recovery Committee representatives; the recruitment paper will be discussed with them as the same process will apply across the Shire. It is hoped that the process will be approved on Thursday and that recruitment could be underway as soon as possible.

6.2 Administration of funds received from VBAF for community projects

Megan Lancaster advised that different arrangements will be put in place for different projects across the Triangle:

- Buxton Hall and Narbethong Hall – Hall committees will receive the funds directly and will be required to manage the funds themselves
- Narbethong Hall – in recognition of the value of the project, different models are being considered
- Narbethong Events – funds will go to the Narbethong Hall Committee of Management
- For the other non construction projects approved by VBAF, funds will be given to Council to manage.
- For the construction project (Buxton Reserve), VBRRRA and Council have agreed to go to tender to manage the project.

Graeme Brown asked Megan Lancaster where the funds would come from to pay for project management, Megan will investigate further.

Action: Megan Lancaster to find out where funds for project management of VBAF funded projects will be sourced.

7. Other Business

7.1 New Community Recovery projects submitted

On behalf of Bruce Ackerman, Keith Ray mentioned two new recovery projects being considered (1) toilet facilities at the Marysville cemetery (2) upgrade of the footpath between the Marysville golf course and town. Howard Paix will check to see if funding for walking tracks covers the footpath between the golf course and Marysville township. The Committee agreed that templates for the proposals will need to be submitted.

Rita Seethaler asked if funds are still available for Community Recovery Projects. Tony Thompson advised that VBRRRA are still working on matching donors with projects. The Taggerty Hall Committee would like to consider an upgrade of the footpath around the hall and town. Rita Seethaler will check to see if funding for walking tracks covers the footpath areas around Taggerty.

Action: Howard Paix will check to see if funding for walking tracks covers the footpath between the golf course and Marysville township.

Action: Rita Seethaler will check to see if funding for walking tracks covers the footpath areas around Taggerty.

7.2 Summer Events applications

An application for a summer event has been received from Georgina Lawrey. The event is a ladies afternoon tea at Rennies in Acheron, for up to 50 ladies at \$20/head. The Committee approved the application subject to the event being advertised locally. Robyn Hill will send the acquittal form to Robert Hall to pass on to Georgina Lawrey.

7.3 Car Museum Committee of Management – Report

The resource room upstairs at Marysville Central has load restrictions. The photocopier will now be downstairs. A business support team has been set up; each business will have access to a business support worker. A course in handling customers in difficult situations will be offered in the future. The Big Screen is due to leave town on 16 March.

7.4 Economic Leadership Group (ELG) Report: Guest – Christine Adams

Sandra Slatter and Christine Adams updated the Committee on ELG activities:

- 150 business people in the Triangle were asked to complete a survey about their business needs and issues. 75 responses were received. The two main issues raised were tourism and staffing. VBRRRA will summarise the statistics on a communications sheet.

- Summer staff initiative – overnight accommodation was offered to employees willing to work in the area. 37 new positions were created (29 casual, 4 part time, 4 full time). The program has been evaluated through the Small Business Mentoring Service, results are pending. The Salvation Army may run an autumn and winter program.
- The ELG has created 5 action groups (1) tourism (2) staff and training (3) sustainability (4) timber (5) attracting investment. In some instances, expertise from other groups or organisations has been seconded to these action groups.
- The staff and training group are looking at contracts and tenders and will consider ways to help local tradespeople respond to tenders; some skilling up may be required. A building and recovery workshop will be held in Yea in late March. Discussions are being held with the Industry Capability Network (ICN) and local tradespeople will be encouraged to register their skills with ICN. Major construction projects organisers will also be encouraged to use this resource. Rita Seethaler offered to disseminate information about this program at the Sustainability Expo.
- The tourism group aim to let people know that Marysville is open for business and visitors are very welcome. A brochure has been prepared to highlight things to see and do, over 70 businesses are represented. The group will run a program promoting the region to service clubs. The information board at the entrance to Marysville will be refurbished. The Thai festival is a fantastic opportunity to have a display at Federation Square on Sunday 22 March.
- Graeme Brown reported that the timber group are looking at opportunities to export timber processed in this region and will hopefully result in more jobs.

7.5 Portable buildings offer from Parks Vic – community space

Parks Vic has offered two free portable buildings to the Marysville and Triangle community and they need to be removed from Point Nepean as soon as possible. Interested parties include arts groups and girl guides. Transportation of the buildings is an issue, the buildings are considered extra wide load and would need to be transported to Marysville via Seymour, at a cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000. Julia Peddie advised that the arts groups' main requirement is for storage space. Locations under consideration include:

- Marysville trout farm – 2 portable buildings are there already, no rental would apply but there is no power, has public liability insurance
- DSE land – not ready for some time as trees need to be felled
- Tip site with the men's shed – option was dismissed last week

Keith Ray recommended that the condition of the buildings be checked before they are relocated. The Committee discussed the option of using the Material Aid Warehouse, or a part of it. The Committee concluded that on the basis of the information presented, the proposal to re-locate the portable buildings isn't viable. The location of the buildings on private land is complex because of insurance considerations. Public land would be the best option. Another option is to see if a donor may be able to provide a shed.

Action: Julia Peddie will pursue the option of using part of the material aid warehouse for storage, and will advise Tony Thompson of the outcome.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to note.

9. General business

9.1 Mystic Mountains Tourism (MMT)

MMT need some support to update their website and are looking for funds to assist in that project.

9.2 Wasps

There are a large number of wasps in Marysville, they have been a problem at Marysville Central and at the RAC site. They could be a problem at the Thai festival. It was agreed that the Shire should be alerted and find out if there is anything that can be done.

9.3 Traffic Counters

Ray Siegersma reported that traffic counters have been placed at the Black Spur Inn, results should be available in a couple of weeks.

9.4 Material Aid

Tony Thompson advised that the material aid warehouse in Marysville will be wrapped up in April and the warehouse in Clayton will also close before June. One option under consideration is to transition some of the goods to MOPs so that MOPs has stock to re-open with. White goods are only available from the Clayton warehouse – Berry Street has a ute which can be borrowed and the tool library has three trailers.

9.5 Tender process

Keith Ray advised the CRC that one of the other CRCs in the Shire have requested that one of their members be involved in the tender process and suggested that this CRC might also support this concept. The Committee agreed that this would be a good idea and Tony Thompson will offer the Marysville and Triangle's support to the project at his meeting with other CRCs on Thursday.

9.6 Gym equipment at Buxton

Concerns about relocating the gym equipment from Buxton to Marysville have been expressed to Robert Hall. Keith Ray confirmed that the equipment was always intended to be in Marysville when there was a facility to house it.

9.7 Mental Health issues

Mitchell Health, Goulburn Valley Health and the Police are available to talk to the CRC about referral processes if the CRC would like to invite them to a meeting. Tony Thompson advised that he would circulate the notes from the meeting held in Yea recently and after the CRC has had a chance to review it could reconvene and look at strategies to assist the community.

Action: Tony Thompson to circulate the minutes of the meeting held in Yea about mental health issues and actions.

9.8 Buxton and Narbethong community hubs

Robert Hall advised that the community hubs operating at Buxton and Narbethong will be open for 3 days a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays).

9.9 Sony Music Program

Mike Wasley reported that the Sony Music program started last Saturday and was well attended and well received.

9.10 MATDG/CRC consultation meeting 28 February

Graeme Brown and Tony Thompson reported that about 70 people attended the event last Sunday. The draft design for stage 2 of the community facility was presented by Kerry O'Neill, many questions were asked and most people reported that it was a positive meeting.

9.11 Marysville Historical Society

Megan Lancaster advised that VBRRRA have been working with Mary and Reg Kenneally to help with the historical society. Funds have been made available to have someone help them to write a plan for their projects so they can progress in an orderly manner. The person would need to have some museum experience, understand governance issues and be prepared to provide practical advice. Graeme Brown recommended Sue Hodges as an appropriately qualified person.

10. Next Meeting

The CRC will meet again on Tuesday 23 March 2010 at 5.30pm at Maryton Park.

The next meeting will focus on reviewing the list of unfunded projects so that progress reports can be given to project applicants. Megan Lancaster will update the list and will circulate to the committee.

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The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

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