

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 23 MARCH 2010
MARYTON PARK, MARYSVILLE**

1. Attendance:

Community Recovery Committee

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Rita Seethaler	Keith Ray
Jennifer Wood	Graeme Brown	Steve Coker
Bruce Ackerman	Clive Clayton	

Murrindindi Shire Council

Howard Paix	Mike Wasley
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VBARRA

Megan Lancaster

DHS

Robert Hall

Centrelink

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Admin.

Robyn Hill

Guests

Kerry O'Neill (VBARRA)

2. Apologies:

Sandra Saxton (MSC)	Ray Siegersma (DHS)	Geoff Pope (CRC)
Richard Rogerson (CRC Secretary)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Julia Peddie (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, Steve Coker seconded the motion, motion carried.

5. Action item summary – 2 March 2010

	Action item	Action by:
1	Tony Thompson will send the report about the cenotaph's condition to Megan Lancaster for assistance with funding repairs.	Completed
2	Megan Lancaster will circulate the breakdown of costs submitted by PPF to support the CR template.	Megan Lancaster
3	Tony Thompson will confirm that Murrindindi Shire Council will replace the portable generator for the mobile library, as advised by Cr Kevin	Library bus seems to have a brand new

	Bellingham.	generator.
4	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
5	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 advised that Victorian Forest Harvesting and Cartage Council would not be able to provide assistance to replace the repeater.
6	Megan Lancaster to find out where funds for project management of VBAF funded projects will be sourced.	See discussion below.
7	Howard Paix will check to see if funding for walking tracks covers the footpath between the golf course and Marysville township.	Howard Paix advised that it appeared that there is no separate funding for this project. See discussion below.
8	Rita Seethaler will check to see if funding for walking tracks covers the footpath areas around Taggerty	Rita Seethaler advised that there does not appear to be any funding for this project. See discussion below.
9	Julia Peddie will pursue the option of using part of the material aid warehouse for storage, and will advise Tony Thompson of the outcome.	Julia Peddie to advise
10	Tony Thompson to circulate the minutes of the meeting held in Yea about mental health issues and actions.	Completed. Colleen has been invited to attend the next CRC meeting to update the Committee on the progress of identified action items.
11	Megan Lancaster to provide a list of un-funded community recovery projects for consideration at the next CRC.	Megan Lancaster provided this information at the meeting.

Action item 6 – Project Management of VBAF funded projects

Megan Lancaster advised that for VBAF funded projects managed under a Murrindindi Shire Council/VBRRRA model, an application would be made to VBAF for the project management costs (in addition to the project cost). VBRRRA and Council are currently working with the Hall committees to determine who will manage the funds for each Hall project.

Rita Seethaler advised that contact has not yet been made with the Taggerty Hall Committee of Management, even though it is said that the funds have been approved. Megan Lancaster will find out who will be responsible for contacting the Taggerty Hall Committee of Management.

Action: Megan Lancaster will find out who will be responsible for contacting the Taggerty Hall Committee of Management.

Action items 7 and 8 – walking trails

It was agreed that the concept of walking trails is covered in the UDF however there does not appear to be money to fund any walking trail projects, and the projects do not appear to have been scoped.

Megan Lancaster advised that funding for a feasibility study to look at the walking trails has been confirmed and a consultant will be appointed. Consultation for this project will start in late April and a feasibility report should be ready by June.

6. Business Arising

6.1 CRC Recruitment

The Section 86 Committee have approved the recruitment document prepared by the CRC. Advertisements will appear in the local papers over the next week or so.

Tony Thompson asked each CR Committee member to consider whether they want to continue to be a community representative on the Committee. Each member needs to let Tony know if they decide not to continue on the Committee. Resignations must be made in writing. The Committee was reminded that if members do not attend more than three meetings in a row, without an appropriate apology, then their ongoing commitment to the CRC must be questioned.

Action: Community Recovery Committee members need to consider whether they would like to maintain their roles as community representatives and to advise Tony Thompson if they no longer wish to continue.

7. Guest - Kerry O'Neill, VBRR

7.1 Gallipoli Park

Kerry O'Neill tabled the pamphlet "Gallipoli Park Projects – Have your say". Kerry described the plans that are shown in the document, from the gardens through to the play areas and the new life sculpture. Community feedback is sought by 30 March 2010. The Committee discussed the use of grey water from the surrounding buildings to water the new gardens. Bruce Ackerman advised that there are restrictions on using grey water in proximity to the river. Kerry O'Neill advised that the gardens have been designed so that they may initially need 2 years of watering, and after that they would be self sufficient. \$1.5 million has been allocated for this project, and there have been a number of donations offered. Ongoing maintenance costs will be an issue, there may be a special box in the park asking for people to donate to assist with the cost of maintenance.

Action: Rita Seethaler will send a letter to Kerry O'Neill about irrigation/watering options that may be available for Gallipoli Park.

7.2 Murchison Street

There will be a consultation meeting about Murchison Street on Wednesday 24th March at 6pm at the Golf Club. \$1million worth of funds have been found to help support this project. Drainage is a very important issue which must be addressed as part of this project.

7.3 Marysville Heart

The UDF shows an area in the middle of Marysville and options are being explored for the use of that space, known as the 'heart'. Kerry tabled a flow chart showing the process of consultation and planning. The Committee discussed the future location of the Police Station and agreed that it would be ideal for it to be located with other emergency services.

Bruce Ackerman moved a motion that the CRC support the further investigation of the current emergency services site to house the local police station. Keith Ray seconded the motion. Votes in favour were unanimous. Bruce Ackerman and Keith Ray arranged to meet with Kerry O'Neill and discuss the potential for the emergency services site to accommodate the police station.

Action: Bruce Ackerman and Keith Ray arranged to meet with Kerry O'Neill and discuss the potential for the emergency services site to accommodate the police station.

Rita Seethaler recommended that potential overlap of users be further investigated – for example, if space is being made available in Gallipoli Park, make sure that similar space is not being made available in the community hub for the same groups.

Some have asked the question “why not wait?” but the consensus among the community is that as a catalyst project, if it brings people in to town why not do it now.

8. Review of Community Recovery Projects that have not yet been funded

The Committee agreed that it needs to acknowledge applications that have been received and advise the status of each project. A series of letters should be formulated, depending on the project and its status, and agreed by the Committee. Megan Lancaster tabled a summary of the projects and their current status. “In process” does not necessarily mean a project will get funding. Graeme Brown asked what happens when a project gets partly funded but doesn’t obtain total funding – perhaps some FAQs could be prepared to answer these questions and included with the letter of advice.

Rita Seethaler requested that the Steel band project show that it has been funded elsewhere.

The Committee agreed that the letters will be carefully worded so that their intent is clear. Applicants may advise that the project is no longer relevant or the needs have been met in some other way. The letter needs to be clear about the process that was followed.

It was noted that project applicants that have been advised that funds will be available must not commit to spend those funds until they actually receive the money.

It may be difficult to identify who submitted some of the original templates as contact details were often not included.

Action: Megan Lancaster, Howard Paix, Tony Thompson and Robyn Hill to draft a variety of update/acknowledgement letters for the Committee to review.

Discussion about community recovery projects:

1. Historical society – information plaques

10 signs have been proposed (7 for Marysville, 1 each for Taggerty, Narbethong and Buxton). The project cost needs to be increased. The signs that have been prepared are impressive so far, some incorporate seats. Consultation will take place to determine their location. The Committee agreed that before they can support the change in the project costs, they need to know how much more money is required to complete the project, what the signs look like, where they will be located, who will maintain them and whether a planning permit is required. The Committee resolved to invite a representative from this group to attend the next CRC meeting to provide this information.

2. Saddle Tramps

The Saddle Tramps submitted a project to upgrade their club rooms. However, the project costs are not fully known, and the Saddle Tramps should be asked to provide more information.

3. Community web site

The funds to run the community web site (i.e. to pay some one to update it) have nearly run out. \$35,000 over two years has been requested to continue keeping the website up to date. The Economic and Tourism Group have advised that there should be one web site for tourist information. It will be difficult to have funding for a salary approved. The Committee also questioned whether the two year time frame was appropriate. Tony Thompson will ask Vicki Moritz for more information.

[At 7.40pm Keith Ray moved a motion to extend the meeting for another 15 minutes, Clive Clayton seconded the motion, motion carried]

9. Other Business

9.1 New Community Recovery projects submitted

There have not been any new projects submitted.

9.2 Summer Events applications

The Lions Club have submitted an application for \$4,500 to support the Opera in the Park. Alcohol will be able to be purchased at the event. The Committee asked for clarification about the condition on the Summer Events form that excludes alcohol from being part of the 'activity'. Megan Lancaster will clarify this requirement with VBAF.

Keith Ray moved a motion that the CRC approve the application on the proviso that the interpretation provided by VBAF (via Megan Lancaster) confirms that the event must not fund the alcohol but the event can proceed if alcohol is available for sale. Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion, motion carried.

Action: Megan Lancaster will clarify VBAF's condition that alcohol is not to be a part of a summer event activity.

9.3 Car Museum Committee of Management Report

Marysville Central has been very busy and is well patronised. The tenants have requested more signage from the main street so that it is clear that there are other retail outlets there apart from the supermarket. There has not been any further news about safety issues associated with pedestrians in the car park.

9.4 Economic Leadership Group (ELG) Report

Tony Thompson advised that there would be a story in the Triangle this week about the activities of the Economic Leadership group. Tony was asked who the representatives of the ELG are, and advised that he would circulate this information to the Committee by email.

Action: Tony Thompson to circulate general information about the structure of the ELG to the Committee.

10. Correspondence

A letter has been received from the Shire (Ian Robins) thanking the Committee for their efforts in the planning and hosting the commemorative events on 7 February this year.

11. General business

11.1 Toilets at the cemetery

Bruce Ackerman advised that the Cemetery Trust would like to submit a template to build toilets at the cemetery and requested some assistance from Megan Lancaster.

Action: Megan Lancaster to assist Bruce Ackerman to complete a template for toilet facilities at the cemetery.

11.2 Town drainage

Bruce Ackerman commented that the issue of town drainage seems to have been included as a project within the Murchison streetscape project, but felt that it is a separate issue. Megan Lancaster advised that it is a regular item for discussion at the Project Control Group meetings. There is general agreement that there is no point building a new town without taking the opportunity to get the foundations right.

Action: Megan Lancaster will ask Kerry O'Neill to contact Bruce Ackerman for further discussions about town drainage.

11.3 Storage

Robert Hall advised that a program called “adopt a container” is available, offering containers for storage. For more information, contact Ray Siegersma at the Marysville hub.

11.4 Red Cross follow up

Robert Hall mentioned that the Red Cross will be doing a second door knock in the Marysville area in July.

11.5 Gym facilities

Keith Ray was disappointed to read that gym equipment may be located in the temporary village. Gym facilities are already available in Buxton thanks to the hospital and will be re-located to Marysville when the space is available. Keith was concerned that separate equipment was not required.

11.6 Water services upgrade

Goulburn Valley Water are about to upgrade their services between Marysville and Buxton. A consultation programme will commence soon.

11.7 Expenses incurred by the Chair

Tony Thompson advised the Committee that his expenses for February are approximately \$800. They are higher than other month's costs particularly due to an enormous mobile phone bill in February – mostly associated with the planning of the commemorative events on 7 February.

Bruce Ackerman moved a motion to accept the Chair's expenses and submit them to Council for payment, Clive Clayton seconded the motion, motion carried.

11.8 CRC event

The CRC has funds available to run public meetings. We have not yet hosted an event and Tony Thompson suggested running a community day with a BBQ lunch, fun for the kids, and invite Christine Nixon and Ben Hubbard. People would be able to complete forms suggesting ideas and providing feedback to the CRC. It would be held on the first weekend of May, subject to Christine and Ben's availability. It would be a good opportunity for people to talk to CRC members, promote the Lions tool box, provide an 'uplifting' day for all and hopefully offer tours of the new school. The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea to plan for a community event.

12. Next Meeting

The CRC will meet again on Tuesday 6 April at 5.30pm at Maryton Park.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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8	Megan Lancaster, Howard Paix, Tony Thompson and Robyn Hill to draft a variety of update/acknowledgement letters for Community Recovery projects, for the Committee to review.	Megan Lancaster, Howard Paix, Tony Thompson and Robyn Hill
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10	Tony Thompson to circulate general information about the structure of the ELG to the Committee.	Tony Thompson
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