

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 6 APRIL 2010
MARYTON PARK, MARYSVILLE**

1. Attendance:

Community Recovery Committee

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Rita Seethaler	Steve Coker
Bruce Ackerman	Clive Clayton	

Murrindindi Shire Council

Howard Paix	Sandra Slatter
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VBRR

Megan Lancaster

DHS

Robert Hall

Centrelink

Sarah Scott	Christina Howard
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Admin.

Robyn Hill

Guests

Sue Hodges	Jason
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2. Apologies:

Jennifer Wood (CRC)	Graeme Brown (CRC)	Keith Ray (CRC)
Mike Wasley (MSC)	Ray Siegersma (DHS)	Geoff Pope (CRC)
Richard Rogerson (CRC Secretary)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	Julia Peddie (CRC)

Special mention:

Howard Paix advised that Jennifer Wood and Mark Kaempkes welcomed their son Connor Roger Sunil at 12.30pm today, and the Committee wished to record their very best wishes to Jennifer and her family.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by the Committee. Clive Clayton moved the motion to accept the minutes, Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion, motion carried.

5. Action item summary – 23 March 2010

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1	Megan Lancaster will circulate the breakdown of costs submitted by	Megan Lancaster

	PPF to support the CR template.	
2	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
3	Megan Lancaster will find out who will be responsible for contacting the Taggerty Hall Committee of Management	See discussion below
4	Julia Peddie will pursue the option of using part of the material aid warehouse for storage, and will advise Tony Thompson of the outcome.	Tony Thompson will contact Julia Peddie for an update on arts storage options.
5	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.	See discussion below
6	Rita Seethaler will send a letter to Kerry O'Neill about irrigation/watering options that may be available for Gallipoli Park.	Rita Seethaler has investigated water use in Gallipoli Park further, and has had some discussions with Matt Parsons at the Shire. Rita will discuss the matter further with Kerry O'Neill.
7	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.	Bruce Ackerman and Keith Ray met with Kerry O'Neill and looked at the emergency services site. Discussions were positive. Bruce Ackerman and Keith Ray will follow up progress with Kerry O'Neill.
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.	See agenda item 9.
9	Megan Lancaster will clarify VBAF's condition that alcohol is not to be a part of a summer event activity.	Megan Lancaster
10	Tony Thompson to circulate general information about the structure of the ELG to the Committee.	Sandra Slatter offered to undertake this action.
11	Megan Lancaster to assist Bruce Ackerman to complete a template for toilet facilities at the cemetery.	Megan Lancaster and Bruce Ackerman
12	Megan Lancaster will ask Kerry O'Neill to contact Bruce Ackerman for further discussions about town drainage.	Megan Lancaster

Action item 3 – Funding for Halls in the Triangle

Megan Lancaster advised that the reason that the Hall committees have not been contacted to discuss funding arrangements is due to some legal issues relating to the funds set aside for charity purposes being used for government assets – lawyers are investigating the matter.

Action: Megan Lancaster will contact Brian Stevenson of the Taggerty Hall Committee of Management to provide an update on the funding.

Action item 5 – Community Recovery Committee membership

The Committee members present at the meeting (Bruce Ackerman, Clive Clayton, Steve Coker, Rita Seethaler and Tony Thompson) reaffirmed their commitment to the Committee. Tony Thompson has

spoken to Richard Rogerson who would like to continue with the Committee; Geoff Pope has advised that he would like to resign from the committee when a new committee is in place. Tony Thompson will discuss membership with the other members not listed above.

Action item 11 – toilet facilities at Marysville cemetery

Ray Siegersma advised via email that some funding may be available. Bruce Ackerman and Megan Lancaster will complete a community recovery project template to progress this project.

6. Business Arising

6.1 CRC Recruitment

Advertisements have been placed in the Triangle and the Standard. The advertisement in the Triangle was too small, and the one in the Standard had an incorrect email address for Tony Thompson. Robyn Hill advised that no inquiries have been received. Tony Thompson mentioned that he had spoken to a few people who may be interested. The Committee agreed that the advertisement should be circulated electronically among everybody's email contacts.

Action: Robyn Hill to circulate an electronic version of the advertisement.

6.2 Community Event – 1 May

Tony Thompson provided the following update about preparations for the Community Day:

- Saturday 1 May, 12.30pm at Gallipoli Park
- Community BBQ, very short introductory speeches, informal gathering
- Lions marquee
- Approximately 17 different displays organised so far e.g. DSE walking trails projects
- Children's entertainment
- Tours of the new school
- Tables available for people to write comments on progress so far
- Lighting will be required inside the tent
- CRC information sheet to be available
- Music
- "what do you want the CRC to advocate on your behalf?"
- A map of hotspots of activity around Marysville and the Triangle would be good visual presentation. Rita Seethaler will source a map of Cathedral Ward.

7. Guest – Sue Hodges, Sue Hodges Productions

MLC offered \$70,000 for a project in the Triangle. One part of the project is to develop information signs at certain locations; it will include core information about a place or building, interesting facts and pictures. Locations and final text is not complete, and consultation about the project is ongoing. The signs will be 900 x 400 mm. It would be ideal to organise a consultation session with the progress associations of Buxton, Taggerty and Narbethong together. A brochure including a map of the sign locations, will be published so people will easily be able to find them.

The second project (approx. \$150,000) is a sculpture echoing the Cathedral Ranges with concrete, vertical timber elements and three bronze animals surrounded by triangle pavers and will be roughly 2.1m in length, 1.3m depth and 1.4m at its tallest height.

Tony Thompson asked Sue Hodges if she would like to have a stall at the community day in May, Sue Hodges confirmed that she would.

Megan Lancaster confirmed that the process which needs to be followed is for the CRC to sign off or approve the project then funding would be sought. Sue Hodges committed to sending through further information to Robyn Hill for distribution.

8. Guest – Cath Botta, Regional Development Company

The Regional Development Company has been contracted by VBRRRA to assist in the Leadership Development Program. Their role is to look at how the CRCs are progressing, how the CRCs see their roles changing over time and to look in to what support would be useful. Information is being gathered from CRCs, Council support staff, and VBRRRA amongst others. The CRC discussed:

- (a) Challenges for the CRC
 - Dealing with the emotional side of people's concerns
 - Getting the broader community's commitment to recovery
 - Effective communications
 - Keeping the committee vibrant and sustainable
 - Fatigue
 - Complexity of the number of groups to deal with
 - Tiredness – community and committee
 - Disillusionment
 - Maintaining energy – “it is a marathon and not everyone is able to run a marathon”
 - Celebrating achievements
 - The same people seem to be involved in the recovery effort, they are spread thin and getting tired
 - Thankless task
- (b) Future challenges
 - Recruiting new members
 - Business recovery underpins everything
- (c) Role of the CRC
 - Continue to work on project delivery on the community recovery plans
 - Prioritise projects
 - Understand how agencies work and what will happen when local presence is wound down – keep VBRRRA going for longer
- (d) Long term role
 - Perhaps an ongoing role – depends on what is going on in July 2011
- (e) Support
 - Training, mentoring
 - Communicating achievements
 - Group dynamics – particularly with new members
 - Facilitation of groups
 - Tips for community engagement/consultation
 - Debrief
 - Avoiding misunderstandings and misinformation

The Committee agreed that access to support services would be ideal when issues arise. A survey was handed out for Committee members to complete and give to Robyn Hill to package together. Robyn Hill will make sure absent committee members receive a copy or access to the online survey.

9. Community Recovery Projects – letters to applicants

The draft letter (plus attachments) was circulated to the Committee by email on 5 April. The first challenge is to identify the applicant for each project. Information from the project sheets has been checked and any contact details have been included on the summary spreadsheet.

Action: Robyn Hill will contact CRC members and arrange a time to go through the Community Recovery projects and see if applicants can be identified.

10. Other business

10.1 New Community Recovery projects

Bruce Ackerman advised that \$80,000 is needed to install new conduits for power, communications etc between Marysville and Buxton and questioned whether this would be an appropriate project to submit as part of the community recovery plan. Megan Lancaster suggested that Bruce Ackerman provide her with more information and she would investigate further. It is not likely that it would qualify for VBAF funding or attract a donor's interest. It was agreed that completing a project plan would raise awareness of the need of the project.

Action: Megan Lancaster to contact Bruce Ackerman to obtain more information about the proposal to install conduits between Marysville and Buxton.

<at 7.45pm Bruce Ackerman moved a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, Steve Coker seconded the motion, motion carried>

10.2 Summer Events application

Tony Thompson tabled a Summer Events application from Berry Street Youth subcommittee and Marysville police. The proposed event is an afternoon at the Alexandra Skate Park, expenses would include the cost of hiring a bus to transport kids and a BBQ meal. The application is for \$1,000. The Committee approved the event.

10.3 Committee of Management – Marysville Central

The next meeting of the Committee of Management is currently being organised. The Certificate of Occupancy has not been issued yet, noise levels are the issue of concern.

Rita Seethaler mentioned that there is sometimes a break down in communications with events organisers and the Committee of Management for the Car Museum when events are organised on the lawn near the shopping precinct.

11. Correspondence

11.1 A letter has been received from the Mt Waverley Scouts Branch offering 1500 pot plants, Tony Thompson will put them in touch with Plant Aid for distribution of the gift.

11.2 Youth Athletics will be held in Melbourne in Jan/Feb 2011. Approximately 1500 students will participate and organisers would like to volunteer the students to do some community projects. They will be referred to the Lions Club to co-ordinate some projects.

11.3 Ray Siegersma has advised by email that it may be possible for the proposed toilet at the cemetery project to be built by Samaritans Purse. They have a huge base of volunteers and are capable of bringing in up to 100 people at a time. They have limited funds for materials (up to

\$15k for one project I believe) so the balance (should there be a short fall) may have to be sourced.

- 11.4 Ray also advised that Bunnings looking at doing a projects i.e. A veggie garden at the school or a community garden bed. They will have team members (approx. 30) from 9 eastern stores, come up to do a project. Bunnings also have a National Conference and this year 20 or so Complex Managers from around Australia have been asked to come up to Marysville to do a project (time they have will only be 4-5 hours). The projects are not major construction, but more non skilled projects targeted at community areas. They will supply the basic materials and the labour. Should the CRC have a project that would suit this criteria please let Ray Siegersma know. Bunnings must have the projects completed by the end of this financial year.

12. General business

12.1 "Pasture, Garden, Bush – managing your patch" 17 April 10am – 4pm at Buxton Town Hall

Rita Seethaler circulated the flyer for this workshop day in Buxton.

12.2 Beyond Blue session in Marysville

Robert Hall advised that a Beyond Blue session will be held on Wednesday 14 April at the Marysville Golf Club. The flyer will be circulated by email.

12.3 Buxton Progress Association

Clive Clayton advised that the Buxton Progress Association is holding funds which were donated for community purposes and requested that if anyone was aware of a local project that needed assistance to let him know. Bruce Ackerman suggested that the Marysville kindergarten needs assistance with fitout.

12.4 Fact sheet: Rebuilding Marysville and Triangle

Megan Lancaster provided the Committee with a copy of the VBRRA fact sheet and will email a copy to Robyn Hill for circulation.

Action: Megan Lancaster will send the VBRRA fact sheet "Rebuilding Marysville and Triangle" to Robyn Hill for circulation.

12.5 Draft information sheet "Marysville Heart"

Megan Lancaster tabled a copy of the draft "Marysville Heart – request for community options" information sheet.

12.6 Walking Trails

John Hepper has been appointed to undertake community consultation about the walking trails projects, he will then prepare a feasibility study for further discussion.

12.7 Funding announcements

Bruce Ackerman requested clarification of the \$3m grant he heard announced on the radio. Megan Lancaster confirmed it was the previously announced amounts of \$1.3m for Marysville streetscape and \$1.7m for Gallipoli Park.

12.8 Location of Marysville Police Station

The Committee agreed that it should write a letter confirming it's support for a combined emergency services complex.

Action: Tony Thompson to write a letter of support for the Marysville police station to be co-located with other emergency services.

12.9 Small Business support

Sandra Slatter advised that assistance will be provided to small businesses to help them deal with vicarious trauma in the community. The Austin Hospital Trauma Unit will be providing training and a

consultant has been funded by DHS. Sandra Slatter suggested that the consultant be invited to the next meeting of the CRC to give a brief overview of the support available.

12.10 Centrelink services

Chris Howard, Manager of Centrelink office in Lilydale advised that the Centrelink presence in Marysville will finish soon and Centrelink are currently looking at options to provide services to the area. There may be a visiting service in the RAC. Bruce Ackerman questioned why services for bushfire communities are based in Alexandra.

13. Next Meeting

The CRC will meet again on Tuesday 20 April at 5.30pm at Maryton Park.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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