

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING – 20 APRIL 2010**  
**MARYTON PARK, MARYSVILLE**

**1. Attendance:**

**Community Recovery Committee**

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Steve Coker (Treasurer)	Keith Ray
Bruce Ackerman	Clive Clayton	Geoff Pope
Graeme Brown	Julia Peddie	

**Murrindindi Shire Council**

Howard Paix	Sandra Slatter	Mike Wasley
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**VBRRRA**

Megan Lancaster

**DHS**

Ray Siegersma

**Centrelink**

No Centrelink representative

**Admin.**

Robyn Hill

**Guests**

No guests

**2. Apologies:**

Richard Rogerson (Secretary)	Rita Seethaler (CRC)	Jennifer Wood (CRC)
Robert Hall (DHS)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham	

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

Clive Clayton declared an interest in the invoice that is submitted at the meeting, for the Buxton Progress Association's costs for catering at the CRC event on 1 May.

Geoff Pope declared an interest in the Murchison Street lighting template in the CRC's Community Recovery Plan.

Graeme Brown reminded the Committee of the legislation covering declarations of interest and the importance of making declarations when appropriate. It was agreed that this would be discussed with new Committee members.

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

## **5. Marysville and Triangle Men's Shed update - Mark Lewis, Berry Street**

A location for the Men's Shed has now been found, it is the former location of the Historical Association. Some men in the area are doing it tough, something needs to be done urgently and the men's shed is an important part of that package. Ben Hubbard queried how VBRRA could assist. Mark Lewis advised that there could be a shortfall in funding. VBRRA's reconstruction team will assist in the preliminary scoping of the men's shed.

A men's shed working group has been formed – it includes Richard Holland (Chair), DPCD, Mitchell Community Health, Berry Street, Murrindindi Shire Council and VBRRA.

## **6. Colleen Clark, DHS**

Please refer to attachment 1 for details of information provided by Colleen Clark.

The DHS has recognised the need to be clear about the different types of support that is available to the community.

Department of Health have funded Austin Health, Post Trauma Victoria Service (PTV) to provide clinical and training support to services operating in all bushfire affected regions. Austin PTV have recently recruited a Senior Psychiatry Registrar Dr Leela Baswa, to the Bushfire Outreach Team and who will provide a Psychiatry Consultancy Service in the Marysville Triangle region, from Taggerty.

There are still concerns about people in distress that choose not to accept psychiatric support, and there has been considerable focus on making sure people know about different support options. There was general agreement that a lot of people are still suffering on mental, physical, spiritual and emotional levels. It would be important to collect some positive stories about people's experience with the services offered, and to promote the service in a positive manner.

**Action:** Robert Hall will collect testimonials of positive experiences people have had with the different service options.

Colleen Clark confirmed that projects like the men's shed are important, particularly for people who do not wish to access formal help. Ray Siegersma commented that the recent Beyond Blue session was postponed due to a lack of numbers, so assistance needs to be made available in other ways. Mark Lewis mentioned that the Men's dinners being held at Kim's Kitchen are gradually becoming more popular.

The Committee wished to formally thank Colleen Clark and DHS and to acknowledge the importance of the work that is being done and its impact on the community.

The Committee discussed the benefits and disadvantages about having psychiatric support located in Taggerty.

Committee members also play a leadership role in the community in sharing information about services available, and if comfortable with it, sharing positive experiences of assistance received.

## 6. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

## 7. Minutes of the previous meeting

Clive Clayton requested that the minutes of the previous meeting reflect that the work being done by Sue Hodges was initially a MATDG initiative and this should be reflected in the meeting minutes.

Bruce Ackerman advised that the item referred to in 10.1 New Recovery Projects should have referred to the installation of conduit between Marysville and Marysville reservoir, not between Marysville and Buxton as stated in the minutes.

**Action:** Robyn Hill to revise the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April and to issue updated minutes to the Committee.

## 8. Action item summary – 6 April 2010

1	Megan Lancaster will circulate the breakdown of costs submitted by PPF to support the CR template.	Megan Lancaster will circulate.
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.	The letter has been drafted. Committee members to advise Vic Roads contacts if possible.
3	Megan Lancaster will contact Brian Stevenson of the Taggerty Hall Committee of Management to provide an update on the funding.	Completed
4	Tony Thompson will contact Julia Peddie for an update on arts storage options.	Resolved through Ray Siegersma.
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	Bruce Ackerman and Keith Ray will follow up progress on the location of the police station in Marysville with Kerry O'Neill.	Discussions were held on site.
7	Megan Lancaster will clarify VBAF's condition that alcohol is not to be a part of a summer event activity.	Completed
8	Sandra Slatter to circulate general information about the structure of the ELG to the Committee.	Sandra Slatter has sent information to Tony Thompson.
9	Megan Lancaster to assist Bruce Ackerman to complete a template for toilet facilities at the cemetery.	Funds may be available, there is no template.
10	Megan Lancaster will ask Kerry O'Neill to contact Bruce Ackerman for further discussions about town drainage.	Completed.
11	Robyn Hill to circulate an electronic version of the CRC recruitment advertisement.	Completed
12	Robyn Hill will contact CRC members and arrange a time to go through the Community Recovery projects and see if applicants can be identified.	On going
13	Megan Lancaster to contact Bruce Ackerman to obtain more	Megan Lancaster

	information about the proposal to install conduits between Marysville and <del>Buxton</del> . Marysville Reservoir	
14	Megan Lancaster will send the VBRRRA fact sheet “Rebuilding Marysville and Triangle” to Robyn Hill for circulation.	Completed
15	Tony Thompson to write a letter of support for the Marysville police station to be co-located with other emergency services	Completed, contact details are being sought.

### **Action item 5 – Community Recovery Committee membership**

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

Graeme Brown confirmed his interest in continuing on the Committee. Jennifer Wood would like to find a Narbethong replacement; the committee confirmed Jennifer’s ability to take a leave of absence if required. Geoff Pope confirmed his intention to resign when a new committee is in place. Richard Rogerson confirmed his interest, unfortunately the meetings clash with other meetings in Melbourne. The Committee discussed the option of Lake Mountain having one nominated representative who could attend in Richard’s absence. The proxy would not have voting rights in Richard’s absence. Tony Thompson needs to ask Julia Peddie to confirm her commitment to the CRC role.

**Action:** Tony Thompson to find out if Julia Peddie wishes to continue on the CRC.

### **Action item 15 – relocation of Marysville police station**

The letter has been drafted, and will be sent to the Chief Commissioner of the Police and the Minister for Police. Kevin Graham has written a letter about the location of the police station and discussion points for consideration.

**Action:** Tony Thompson will circulate the letter from Kevin Graham to the Committee.

## **9. Business Arising**

### **9.1 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. Five people have contacted Tony Thompson about the roles. One has withdrawn due to time commitments. Information packs have been sent out to those who have provided contact details.

**Action:** Tony Thompson to find contact details for people who have expressed an interest in CRC membership.

## **10. Community Recovery Projects – update**

### **10.1 Information plaques**

The project discussed by Sue Hodges at the last meeting (information signs/plaques around the Triangle) has not been able to be matched with a donor. The first batch of signs have already been approved. Graeme Brown mentioned a pool of funds held by Council which are unallocated, perhaps they could be used to progress this project.

### **10.2 Other projects**

Funds are actively being sought for:

- Narbethong Reserve Master Plan

- Marysville Saddle Tramps

The Buxton Tennis Club refurbishment and equipment has been referred to Sports and Recreation.

Buxton Hall – DSE land issue is still being resolved.

## **11. Other business**

### **11.1 New Community Recovery projects submitted**

There have not been any new projects submitted.

Clive Clayton mentioned that the Alexandra District fire brigade erected a weather station a few years ago. The web address and internet site was sponsored by Virtual Access but that sponsorship has finished. The group is looking for approximately \$1000pa to run the internet site. If anyone knows of an interested sponsor please let Clive know.

### **11.2 Summer Events**

There is about \$6,000 still unallocated in the Summer Events fund. The Committee agreed to ask if Rita Seethaler would be able to organise the Steel Band to play at the Community Day, costs could be covered through this program.

**Action:** Tony Thompson will ask Rita Seethaler if the Steel Band would be able to play at the Community Day on 1 May.

### **11.3 Marysville Central Committee of Management – Report**

The Marysville Central Committee of Management met last week. The building is fully tenanted. The business support service will be upstairs. Pedestrian access near the car park is under discussion. The Committee decided to defer discussions about the future of Marysville Central until December. The Centre Manager is Dianne Lisle. An “i” information sign may be installed near the bakery so people know where to go to get visitor information. Each business has been assigned a mentor who will help them to prepare a business plan to relocate. A number of shops have increased their hours of operation.

Graeme Brown mentioned a complaint about the noise levels from the air conditioner. This is being resolved.

*<At 7.40pm Bruce Ackerman moved a motion to extend the meeting time by 10 minutes, Jennifer Wood seconded the motion, motion carried>*

### **11.4 Economic Leadership Group update**

The Economic Leadership Group meets on 21 April.

## **12. Correspondence**

12.1 A letter has been received from the Taggerty Progress Associated nominating Dianne Lisle as a potential member for the CRC.

## **13. General business**

- 13.1 Small marquee** – Tony Thompson advised that the community regularly borrow a small marquee from the Bendigo Bank branch at Upwey. Tony regularly drives to Upwey to pick it up and return it. Perhaps the Committee should consider purchasing one or two with Marysville on them. A small marquee costs approx. \$1400, the dimensions are 8 ft x 8 ft, comes with sides and is easy to assemble. The bank would maintain the marquees. They would be available for community events.  
Graeme Brown moved a motion that the Bendigo Bank purchase a marquee for the Marysville community, and MATDG and the CRC purchase one together. Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion, all in favour.
- 13.2 Victorian Bushfire Business Investment Fund** - Sarah Scott advised that the fund money is taxable and assessable, recipients may need to request a private ruling from the Tax Office.
- 13.3 Centrelink Services** – Sharon Whitehouse advised that local Centrelink presence will cease at the end of April, the services are still available. Centrelink will continue to focus on people at risk and in need of social inclusion. Centrelink thanked the Marysville and Triangle community for letting them be a part of the community. There will be a direct line from the hubs to the Centrelink office in Lilydale. Services will be provided in Alexandra. On behalf of the Committee, Tony Thompson expressed his thanks to the team at Centrelink.
- 13.4 Powerlines and bushfires** - Graeme Brown advised that he will be attending a workshop about the minimising bushfire risk in relation to electricity supply and will report back to the committee.
- 13.5 Ray Siegersma** circulated a map of Marysville’s rebuilding progress, prepared by Robin Rishworth. The Committee thanked Robin for the invaluable work that goes in to producing the map.
- 13.6 Pool facilities in Marysville** – Ray Siegersma advised that the owners of the Cumberland and the YMCA are optimistic about opening the pool to the public soon. The proposal is waiting for final approval from the Sport and Recreation Minister. The Committee thanked Ray Siegersma and Mike Wasley for all their efforts in these negotiations.
- 13.7 Christine Nixon** – the Committee discussed whether it should write a letter of support for Christine Nixon. It was agreed that opinions vary greatly and committee members should feel free to express their support directly to Christine Nixon on 1 May.
- 13.8 RAC** – VBRRRA have commenced advertising for someone to manage the RAC.
- 13.9 Walking trails** – the walking trail consultant, John Hepper, will be in the area next week. A public workshop will be held next Thursday.
- 13.10 Tony Thompson** commented that he was very proud of all the work done by the CRC to date.

**14. Next Meeting**

The CRC will meet again on Tuesday 11 May at 5.30pm at Maryton Park. The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

**Action item summary (20 April 2010)**

	<b>Action item</b>	<b>Action by:</b>
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2	Robyn Hill to revise the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April and to issue updated minutes to the Committee.	Robyn Hill
3	Megan Lancaster will circulate the breakdown of costs submitted by PPF to support the CR template.	Megan Lancaster
4	Tony Thompson to find out if Julia Peddie wishes to continue on the CRC.	Tony Thompson
5	Robyn Hill will contact CRC members and arrange a time to go through the Community Recovery projects and see if applicants can be identified.	Robyn Hill
6	Megan Lancaster to contact Bruce Ackerman to obtain more information about the proposal to install conduits between Marysville and <del>Buxton</del> -Marysville reservoir.	Megan Lancaster
7	Tony Thompson will circulate the letter from Kevin Graham to the Committee	Tony Thompson
8	Tony Thompson to find contact details for people who have expressed an interest in CRC membership.	Tony Thompson
9	Tony Thompson will ask Rita Seethaler if the Steel Band would be able to play at the Community Day on 1 May.	Tony Thompson

#### ATTACHMENT 1: INFORMATION FROM COLLEEN CLARK, DHS

##### Information provided to Marysville and Triangle CRC meeting 20/4/10

##### **AUSTIN HEALTH – POST TRAUMA VICTORIA PSYCHIATRY CONSULTATION SERVICE IN MARYSVILLE TRIANGLE**

Following the Victorian Bushfires in February 2009, Austin Health, Post Trauma Victoria Service (PTV) was funded by the Department of Health to provide clinical and training support to services operating in all bushfire affected regions.

Austin PTV have recently recruited a Senior Psychiatry Registrar Dr Leela Baswa, to the Bushfire Outreach Team and who will provide a Psychiatry Consultancy Service in the Marysville Triangle region.

Dr. Leela Baswa will offer a fortnightly half day clinic, commencing on Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>. The service will operate out of the Mitchell Community Health Service (MCHS) rooms in Taggerty. Dr Baswa has specialist expertise in the assessment and treatment of trauma related mental health disorders.

Referrals for this service must come from GP's, Medical Officers from the Alexandra Base Hospital as well as GVAMHS and MCHS staff.

The Registrar will be able to offer psychiatric assessment, development of a treatment plan, medication reviews and some short-term interventions. Where appropriate they will facilitate referral onto an Allied Health Provider, GVAMHS or MCHS.

The Clinic will be run out of the Mitchell Community Health Service Consulting rooms at Taggerty every second Wednesday between the hours of 10am and 3pm. It will commence on Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2010.

In addition to this Psychiatry Consultation service, Austin PTV has allocated a Clinical Psychologist (Maureen Peck) to be based in Marysville 1 day per week. Maureen has been working alongside Mitchell Community Health Service in Marysville since January 2010, providing secondary consultation and supervision to other providers working in the region, in addition to providing a primary consultation service to local residents. Referrals to Maureen can be made via the Mitchell Community Health Service.