

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 11 MAY 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

Clive Clayton advised that the catering for the Community Day on 1 May was organised by the Buxton Progress Association and the Taggerty Progress Association had not been approached for assistance, and requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that. Subject to that change, Clive Clayton moved a motion to accept the minutes; Graeme Brown seconded the motion, all in favour.

5. Action item summary – 20 April 2010

	Action item	Action by:
1	Robert Hall will collect testimonials of positive experiences people have had with the different services to assist in the personal recovery process.	Robert Hall to advise
2	Robyn Hill to revise the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April and to issue updated minutes to the Committee.	Completed
3	Megan Lancaster will circulate the breakdown of costs submitted by PPF to support the CR template.	Megan Lancaster to follow up
4	Tony Thompson to find out if Julia Peddie wishes to continue on the CRC.	Julia Peddie advised that she would resign from the CRC when her position could be filled
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.	On going
6	Megan Lancaster to contact Bruce Ackerman to obtain more information about the proposal to install conduits between Marysville and Buxton Marysville reservoir.	See discussion below
7	Tony Thompson will circulate the letter from Kevin Graham to the Committee	Completed
8	Tony Thompson to find contact details for people who have expressed an interest in CRC membership.	Completed
9	Tony Thompson will ask Rita Seethaler if the Steel Band would be able to play at the Community Day on 1 May.	Completed

Action item 6 - conduits

Graeme Brown advised that this project had been planned even before Feb 09. A consultant has been working on the project. The consultant will be submitting a recommendation to the Board of Goulburn Valley Water to progress the project.

6. New agenda item – discussion about media coverage

Over the last two weeks or so, there have been articles about bushfire recovery in Marysville in the Sunday Age that the Chair raised for further discussion among Committee members. Tony Thompson provided information to clarify the background of comments he made both in the media and out of the media but not reported. Comments related to the placement of the police station and feedback from the broad community at two recent community meetings. Tony Thompson confirmed that he had spoken to Andrew Forrest and Andrew Fox, and also Andrew Watts to provide some context about the comments that were reported. A letter to the Editor was published in the Sunday Age by MATDG expressing concern about comments made by Tony Thompson. Each CRC member was invited to comment on the articles and letter. In general, comments included:

- General comments about the role of the media, the types of stories that are published, and frequent experience of misquoting or quoting out of context

- Disappointment that more CRC members did not turn up to the community meetings to understand the community's strong opinion on a number of matters raised
- Letter from MATDG was somewhat confrontational, some cynicism about the role of the media
- The MATDG letter expressed the view of the MATDG Executive
- Frustration and anxiety in the community about the changes to Marysville that are being made, as well as frustration about the lack of progress in some areas.
- Continuing concerns about the slow economic recovery, some of the larger businesses are expressing concerns about processes and delays
- Andrew Forest and Andrew Fox may have been concerned about some of the comments in the media
- The draft CRC letter about the police station was simply that, given what we know now the letter and the CRC position needs to be re-examined.
- The RAC has been a very emotional issue for the community; the police station is becoming one too.
- People who were representing the performing arts felt intimidated at the community meeting, it was quite an aggressive meeting.
- Emotional instability and community instability is a major issue, is it appropriate then that major decisions are being made in these conditions? Should experts be more involved?
- Discussions about the difference between community consultation and informing the community

Tony Thompson hoped the issue could be put behind the CRC and asked that the background to the issue be explained to MATDG members.

6. Business Arising

6.1 Marysville Police Station

Clive Clayton advised that he had been involved in the opening and closure of a number of police stations in the past and the matter requires careful consideration of many issues including operational issues and police case load. The decision to locate the police station should be an informed decision, perhaps best made by Vic Police and the Government. From a purely operational perspective, it is unlikely that a police station would be located in the main street. The quality of service from Vic Police is ultimately more important than the location of the police station. Preconceived ideas about the location of the police station may have arisen from the Phoenix workshop, which had high representation from government officials but not from the broader community.

Keith Ray moved a motion to park any further discussions about the location of the police station until more information is available. Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion, all in favour.

6.2 CRC Recruitment update

Expressions of interest have been received from Marianne Menz, Peter Gill, Glen McFadzean, Dianne Lisle and Jenny Pullen There are four CRC positions to be filled. The committee discussed the option of inviting all five people listed above to join the CRC.

Graeme Brown moved a motion to invite all five applicants to join the CRC, and to submit a request to the Section 86 Committee to approve this decision. Clive Clayton seconded the motion, all in favour.

7. Community Recovery Projects update

7.1 New community recovery projects submitted

There have not been any new projects submitted.

7.2 Review of unfunded projects

Tony Thompson advised that there are a number of people who are approaching him with offers of support for projects. The CRC has access to \$160,000 held by Council, if we don't use it for projects we will lose it.

The CRC agreed that each member needs to nominate projects up to \$25,000 that they would like to support. The project can be one that is currently on the Community Recovery Project list or a new project. Graeme Brown mentioned that a lot of money has been spent or is allocated to be spent on Gallipoli Park, and the Alexandra Football Club is struggling. Many Marysville children are playing there and it would be good to be inclusive and support their activities.

Action: CRC members are to nominate projects up to \$25,000 that they would like to support and bring their list to the next CRC meeting.

Megan Lancaster advised that the donations team are starting to wrap up some of their projects and asked the CRC if there were any other projects they would like the donations team to focus on. There was some discussion that donations team representatives took away a list of projects earlier in the year and committed to reporting back on their progress to the CRC, and that didn't happen. The CRC agreed to invite the donations team back to the meeting after the next meeting so that the list of agreed projects could be discussed with them.

Megan Lancaster advised that DPCD funding is also available.

The following items were also mentioned by CRC members:

- Incentives for part timers
- An information bay at the entrance to Marysville
- Support for MATDG, given the lack of financial support provided to them
- Website funding – this was originally a project that was to provide support for MATDG. Megan Lancaster advised that the Japanese Chamber of Commerce wanted to support a project that would assist with business recovery. This money went to the facilitation of a new booking system. The projects listed in the current version of the Community Recovery Plan should be separated; one was for the booking system and the other was to employ a Tourist Information Officer (3 days/week). The Plan should not show the community website as being funded.
- A marketing strategy with a focus on tourism is required. Sandra Slatter advised that a strategy is being prepared by ANZ, it is an economic development strategy for the whole Shire.

Action: Megan Lancaster to change the Community Recovery Plan so that the community website is correctly shown as not funded.

7.3 Walking Trails

This agenda item will be moved to the next CRC meeting, after the presentation to the Community in Buxton next Sunday.

8. CRC funds held by Council

Refer to discussion in item 7.2

9. Other Business

9.1 Summer Events acquittals

The Ladies afternoon tea that was approved by the Committee has come in over their approved allocation (budget was \$1000; invoice received is for \$1375). Graeme Brown moved a motion that the full amount be reimbursed subject to the clarification of the GST component, Keith Ray seconded the motion, all in favour.

The Buxton Progress Association has presented an invoice for \$1800 for catering at the CRC Community Day on 1 May. Bruce Ackerman moved a motion to pay the account; Steve Coker seconded the motion, all in favour.

Berry Street has submitted an invoice for the Youth BBQ at the Skate Park in Alexandra. The invoice amount is \$559. Graeme Brown moved a motion to pay the account; Keith Ray seconded the motion, all in favour.

The Steel Band have submitted an invoice for \$400, the Committee approved the payment.

The Lions Club and the Narbethong event on 7 February have not yet submitted their acquittal forms for payment.

The Marysville Cultural Community has lodged a submission for support of 4 Café Culture events. The first event has been held, the requested amount is \$1500 for each event. Graeme Brown moved a motion to fund the events from the \$50,000 VBAF allocation for events; Julia Peddie seconded the motion, all in favour.

Geoff Pope advised that he had had discussions with a representative of a Model Boat Club who would be keen to hold an event in Marysville showcasing their amazing models. It was agreed that an events calendar needs to be further investigated and that some support may be required for events management. Geoff Pope mentioned that Bob McNamara would be a good candidate.

9.2 Marysville Central Committee of Management – Report

Keith Ray advised that nothing had been heard from the Shire in response to concerns about the safety of pedestrians in the car park. Sandra Slatter reported that the Shire has been meeting with VBRRA and the Department of Finance to try to resolve the issue.

Action: Tony Thompson will contact the Shire for an update on measures to ensure the safety of pedestrians in the car park at Marysville Central.

9.3 Economic Leadership Group update

The Economic Leadership Group meets on Wednesday 19 May.

9.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer advised that the Chair had submitted a claim of \$959 for expenses, including food and beverages, fuel and phone costs. Graeme Brown moved a motion to pay the Chair's expenses, Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion.

The Treasurer summarised the accounts submitted under the Summer Events program.

10. Correspondence

There has been no correspondence.

11. General business

11.1 Ben Hubbard – Megan Lancaster advised that Ben Hubbard would like to attend the next CRC meeting.

11.2 Men's Shed – a request has been made to provide a letter of support for the Marysville and Triangle Men's Shed. Graeme Brown moved a motion that the CRC write a letter supporting the Men's Shed, Keith Ray seconded the motion, all in favour.

Action: Tony Thompson to write a letter of support for the Marysville and Triangle Men's Shed.

11.3 Survey by Dan Walsh – a survey form about rebuilding in Marysville was presented to the CRC on behalf of Dan Walsh.

11.4 Petition: proposed skate park in Marysville – Tony Thompson tabled a copy of a petition that requests that the proposed skate park be located well away from residential areas. Each CRC member received a copy of the petition.

11.5 MOCA meeting – Steve Coker reported that around 35 people attended a MOCA meeting in Melbourne last night. Ben Hubbard was a guest at the meeting. There was strong feedback about assistance required for micro and macro businesses. The MOCA group requested more actions, less words.

11.6 Red Cross – Ray Siegersma advised that the Red Cross have finished their sweep of Marysville and the Triangle area. Ray Siegersma will present the results of the information gathered at the next CRC meeting.

11.7 Alexandra Hub – Ray Siegersma advised that the Alexandra Hub will close on 21 May.

11.8 Pam Williams, Director of Bushfire Recovery Services Unit would like to attend the next CRC meeting.

11.9 Gift – Tony Thompson was handed an envelope with \$100 enclosed that was an anonymous donation from a visitor to Marysville, which had been handed to Ray Siegersma.

12. Next Meeting

The CRC will meet again on Tuesday 25 May at 5.30pm at Maryton Park. The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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