

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING – 1 JUNE 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	Rita Seethaler	Marianne Menz
Glen McFadzean	Jenny Pullen	Dianne Lisle

**Murrindindi Shire Council**

Howard Paix	Sandra Slatter	Mike Wasley
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**VBRRRA**

Megan Lancaster

**DHS**

Ray Siegersma	Robert Hall
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**Centrelink**

No Centrelink representative

**Admin.**

Robyn Hill

**Guests**

Colleen Clark, DHS

**2. Apologies:**

Richard Rogerson (Secretary)	Jennifer Wood (CRC)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham
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**3. Welcome new Committee members**

Tony Thompson introduced and welcomed the new CRC members – Dianne Lisle, Jenny Pullen, Glen McFadzean, Marianne Menz and Peter Gill (absent). Tony discussed the regular meeting length and cycle, meeting agendas and format, and the importance of declaring any pecuniary interest in items for discussion.

**4. Declaration of pecuniary interest**

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

**5. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May were accepted by the Committee. The motion to accept the minutes was moved by Geoff Pope; Steve Coker seconded the motion, all in favour.

## 6. Action item summary – 11 May 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.	On going
2	Megan Lancaster will circulate the breakdown of costs submitted by PPF to support the CR template.	See discussion below
3	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
4	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	See discussion in item 8.
5	Megan Lancaster to change the Community Recovery Plan so that the community website is correctly shown as not funded.	Megan Lancaster tabled a number of changes to be made to the CRP. See discussion in item 8.
6	Tony Thompson will contact the Shire for an update on measures to ensure the safety of pedestrians in the car park at Marysville Central	Tony Thompson has been in contact with Cr John Walsh, a meeting is being arranged. The Committee stressed the importance of this issue.
7	Tony Thompson to write a letter of support for the Marysville and Triangle Men's Shed.	The letter has been drafted.

### Action item 2 – People and Parks Foundation (PPF)

Megan Lancaster advised that PPF had been allocated some funds from VBAF to start their consultation process. It was recognised that PPF would not be able to request funds without knowing how the project may look and that could only be determined after consultation with the communities of Kinglake and Marysville and Triangle. A consultation plan will be developed, and will probably be similar to the Five Towns Trail consultation process.

**Action:** Megan Lancaster will invite a representative of PPF to the next CRC meeting to discuss the proposed consultation plan in more detail.

## 7. Guest – Pam Williams, DHS

Pam Williams was not able to attend the meeting; Colleen Clark attended in her place.

Colleen Clark tabled 'Update from the Victorian Bushfire Case Management Service, May 2010'. She also outlined current services available through DHS, Mitchell Community Health, Berry Street and other organisations. Psychosocial services continue to be available through Mitchell Health and Goulburn Valley Health, and through the Austin outreach program at Taggerty. Raising awareness of support services available remains a priority.

There are 58 people/families living in the Marysville temporary village. Some concern was expressed that donated goods and services continue to be accepted in the village, for example a generator has been installed in the village but other families living outside the village don't have access to alternative sources of power during an outage. There is concern that the village may not be temporary and that some people

are not transitioning themselves out of the village. Also, local businesses suffer when functions are held at the village as they miss out on the opportunity of providing services.

The gym at Buxton was also raised as an issue during this discussion. There is a petition circulating to the effect that the gym equipment should stay in Buxton as it is easy for all of the Triangle community to access. The Alexandra Hospital has always stated that it would be in Buxton until a permanent facility could be located in Marysville. The existing building in Buxton is not suitable as a long term proposition and it is understood that the building will be offered for sale soon. Some Committee members reported that about 1/3 of the gym users are from Marysville. Perhaps two smaller gyms are warranted. On a practical level three issues need to be considered (1) an alternative premises would need to be sought in Buxton (2) equipment would need to be sought (3) qualified people would be needed to run it.

The issue of the lack of consultation around the location of public housing was also raised. The community support the provision of public housing but the process consultation about potential locations is not supported.

## 8. Review of Community Recovery Plan project priorities

Each Committee member had been asked to consider projects that they would like to have reviewed as a priority. Additional projects raised include:

- Gym equipment at Buxton. The Committee agreed to include it on the CRP and get some additional information to find out what steps would need to be taken for this to happen.  
**Action:** Tony Thompson to talk to Alexandra Hospital representatives about the option of continued gym facilities to be located in Buxton
- Communal street lighting. Geoff Pope questioned where the project is at in relation to the Murchison St streetscape.  
**Action:** Megan Lancaster will contact Markus Terjung at VBRRA for an update on the Murchison Street lighting.
- Rita Seethaler advised that the Steelband project could be removed from the Plan as they are seeking funding sources externally.
- Community bus. Do people need access around the Triangle to get to YMCA Marysville, gym at Buxton, health services at Taggerty? The Marysville community bus was sold before the fires because it blew up, the community bus group are not likely to be there to operate the bus, it used to provide a fortnightly bus trip to Chirnside Park for shopping etc.  
**Action:** Howard Paix will talk to the Transport Connection contact at the Shire to determine what bus services are in place.
- Bruce Ackerman advised that some youth projects may be submitted soon
- Clive Clayton advised that some Buxton projects may be submitted soon

The Committee then considered the summary of projects for funding.

- Community website – should be shown on the Plan as No Funding Identified. The Committee agreed by vote that \$10,000 should be funded to support this project for another 12 months. This would be done under the DPCD funding available through the Shire, under the category of community information. All in favour.
- Information plaques. Vicki Moritz sent through additional information to Tony Thompson and Steve Coker. The plaques project requires approx. \$57,000 and the sculpture project requires approx. \$109,000. The Donations team at VBRRA have not been able to find a willing donor. The Committee questioned whether we could get better value on the sculpture by using a local artisan and changing some of the materials. The Committee also sought clarity about which plaques have already been funded and which new locations are now being sought.

**Action:** Tony Thompson will find out whether the sculpture costs can be reduced and also which plaques have already been funded and which new locations are now being sought.

- Lake Mountain ski patrol proposals. The Committee agreed that more information about the potential cost of the proposals is required before they can be supported.

**Action:** Mike Wasley will contact Lake Mountain Ski Patrol (Sue Parry) to obtain more information about the costings of the items requested by the ski patrol.

- Buxton Tennis Club equipment – has been funded
- CB Repeater at Mt Gordon

**Action:** Keith Ray will ask Peter Weeks if the repeater at Mt Gordon has been installed and is operational.

- Triangle Roadside Flowers Project. This project may be funded or partly funded. The committee expressed some concern about ongoing maintenance issues and sought confirmation as to whether projects had been referred to relevant authorities.

**Action:** Megan Lancaster and Howard Paix will find out if the Triangle Roadside Flowers Project has been funded.

- Saddle Tramps at Gallipoli Park. Rotary are considering funding this project. Hold further discussions until outcome known.
- Marketing and Promotion Manager. The Committee discussed the \$600,000 that had been allocated for marketing the region after the fire, and also discussed a preference for a VIC co-ordinator to focus on the Triangle area. The ELG have also looked in to this.

**Action:** Sandra Slatter will advise ELG marketing and promotion activities.

- Buxton Hall. The upgrade to the Buxton Hall will be presented to the next VBAF meeting, it has been caught up in other legal complexities. The Committee expressed some concerns about the delays as it was one of the original projects recommended by the CRC – the Buxton Hall is the only hall in the immediate Triangle to have survived the fires. The complexity of the issues has been acknowledged by those involved but the broader community are somewhat frustrated.

**Action:** Megan Lancaster will find out the final cost of the proposed upgrade to the Buxton Hall, and also the date of the VBAF meeting at which it will be presented for approval.

- Emergency services weather station web site maintenance. In 2000 the Alexandra Fire Brigade Group, who manage 12 brigades in the district, spent \$2,000 installing a weather station at 'Alexandra Lakes' which provided information on line via website sponsored by Virtual Access. Virtual Access can no longer sponsor this web site. Peter Rice has been paying internet connection fees. Maintenance costs are estimated to be approximately \$1,000 pa. The Committee agreed by vote that \$3,000 should be funded to support this project for another 3 years. This would be done under the DPCD funding available through the Shire, under the category of community information. Motion to support moved by Graeme Brown, seconded by Bruce Ackerman, all in favour.

- Plant Aid. This program encourages people to re-establish their gardens, and the facility has been well utilised across the Triangle. Many volunteer hours are donated to this project. \$5,000 would assist in continuing this program. This would be done under the DPCD funding available through the Shire, under the category of additional community projects. Motion to support moved by Keith Ray, seconded by Jenny Pullen, all in favour.

- Cenotaph. A study was commissioned to obtain a price for the re-instatement of power and water and beautification of the cenotaph. It may be possible to tap in to new power and water supplies from nearby facilities. The Committee agreed to fund this activity up to a value of \$20,000. If further costs are required, then approval would need to be sought.

- Nursery vouchers. \$6,000 program has been funded by the Salvation Army

- Relocation of containers. \$5,000 program has been funded by Salvation Army.

- Location of VIC and MMT. MMT want to stay at Marysville Central for the time being. A committee has been formed to look at transition to RAC, issues are opening hours on the weekend.

**Action:** Megan Lancaster will seek clarification about who would cover the cost of moving the VIC to the RAC at the appropriate time.

- Tennis Courts at Gallipoli Park. MMT have a lease on the tennis courts but have no tennis equipment anymore.  
**Action:** Jenny Pullen will investigate requirements to replace tennis equipment available for hire at Gallipoli Park.
- Chamber of Commerce website. Graeme Brown flagged that the Chamber of Commerce have discussed setting up a web site for small business and trades, and would like to run it as a free service to members.  
**Action:** Graeme Brown will find out more information about the proposed website to be run by the Chamber of Commerce for small business and trades.
- Installation of solar panels on the RAC. Mike Wasley raised this issue, the Committee was uncertain about whether this had been undertaken.  
**Action:** Megan Lancaster to investigate whether there would be solar panels on the RAC.
- Smoke detectors at the new school. Glen McFadzean advised that there are no smoke detectors at the school. The Committee felt this should be the responsibility of the Department of Education but also that it warrants further investigation.  
**Action:** Glen McFadzean will follow up costs to hard wire smoke detectors at the new school/kinder facility.
- Smoke alarms at Community Halls. Raised by Clive Clayton subsequent to discussions above.
- Storage facilities for Arts projects. Julia Peddie is looking for temporary storage facilities for arts equipment.  
**Action:** Tony Thompson will circulate the email sent by Julia Peddie about storage facilities for art equipment.

## 9. Business Arising

No additional items covered under Business arising.

*<7.30pm Clive Clayton moved a motion to extend the meeting by an additional 15 minutes, Marianne Menz seconded the motion, all in favour>*

## 10. Community Recovery Projects update

### 10.1 Walking trails update

Megan Lancaster advised that a report is due back from the consultant in two weeks time.

## 11. Other Business

### 11.1 Summer Events acquittals

Steve Coker advised that the following invoices have been received in support of the summer events programs held:

- invoice from Lions Club for marquee costs for CRC Expo (\$800)
- Invoice from the Standard for advertising costs for the CRC Expo (\$890)
- Invoice for coffee van services for the CRC Expo (\$910)

Bruce Ackerman moved a motion that these invoices be paid as already approved under the Summer Events program, Clive Clayton seconded the motion, all in favour.

Clive Clayton advised that the Buxton Progress Association had applied for a winter event (2009) grant of \$2,000 which had not been used and approval has been sought and obtained to use the funds for a winter 2010 event. It will be used to take a bus load of older children/young adults to the football.

Events funds of \$50,000 are available for the CRC; \$6,000 has been allocated for Marysville Cultural Community Events. An event known as the Sparkling Festival is being planned and funds will be sought – this focuses on food, wine and culture around Melbourne Cup time.

Geoff Pope advised that the Model Airplane group and the Model Boats group are still keen to come to Marysville to showcase their models. An event would need to be co-ordinated around the Gallipoli Park works. It could be a festival combined with something else or a standalone festival. The CRC could consider covering advertising and promotion costs.

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

The Marysville Central Committee of Management will meet on 17 June.

## **11.3 Economic Leadership Group update**

Tony Thompson requested that the Economic Leadership Group put a paper together outlining their activities.

## **11.4 Treasurer's Report**

Summer Events – invoices will be paid according to the CRC approvals given in item 11.1.

The Treasurer advised that the Chair had submitted a claim of \$547 for expenses, including catering for CRC meetings, fuel and phone costs. Graeme Brown moved a motion to pay the Chair's expenses, Clive Clayton seconded the motion, all in favour.

\$5,000 has been received from the Salvation Army in support of the container relocation program and \$6,000 has been received from the Salvation to support the nursery vouchers program. Tony Thompson noted that the vouchers themselves have not yet been received. An invoice for \$150 has been received for the relocation of a container; this will be paid from the \$5k Salvation Army amount.

Steve Coker moved a motion to accept the Report, Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion, all in favour.

## **12. Correspondence**

### **12.1 Letter from the Shire about Community Notice Boards**

A letter has been received from the Shire following up on the noticeboards issue. DHS representatives confirmed that keeping noticeboards up to date is very time consuming. It was agreed that noticeboards should be considered for Buxton Store and Taggerty Store.

**Action:** Howard Paix will follow up with the store owners/keepers at Buxton and Taggerty stores to see if they would like new noticeboards, what their requirements would be and who would update the noticeboards on a regular basis.

### **12.2 Letter from the Shire advising new CRC representatives of their appointment to the Committee.**

### **12.3 Letters of resignation from the CRC - Julia Peddie and Geoff Pope**

The resignation letters were received from Julia Peddie and Geoff Pope. Graeme Brown moved a motion to accept the letters of resignation, and to acknowledge Julia and Geoff's commitment and assistance with CRC activities by sending a letter to both. Clive Clayton seconded the motion, all in favour.

**Action:** Tony Thompson to prepare letters of acceptance of resignation and also expressing gratitude to former committee members for their roles on the committee.

### **13. General business**

**13.1 CRC Leadership Development Forum** - VBRRA are hosting a forum in the Yarra Valley on 17 & 18 July. The CRC has six representative allocations to fill. So far Tony Thompson, Graeme Brown, Clive Clayton and Geoff Pope (as a community leader) have nominated to attend.

**Action:** Robyn Hill to send the invitation to CRC Leadership Development Forum to CRC members again, and to new CRC members to see who may wish to attend.

**13.2 Communities outside the Triangle** – Graeme Brown mentioned that some communities outside the Triangle have also suffered indirectly as a result of the bushfires and we should consider how we can support them.

**13.3 Ben Hubbard** – Steve Coker requested that Ben Hubbard provide additional information about the expenditure mentioned in the recent VBRRA newsletter, particularly the \$51m Commonwealth and State Government assistance package, the \$10 million tourism industry support package and the \$600,000 business recovery program.

**13.4 Murchison Street** – Glen McFadzean asked for an update on when the Elm trees in Murchison Street will be tidied up, following a recent near miss.

**Action:** Megan Lancaster will find out more information about maintenance on the Elm trees in Murchison Street.

**13.5 Marysville Heart round table** – several CRC members wished to express their opinion that the consultation process has been very good to date, Kerry O’Neill has facilitated the sessions efficiently and professionally, and there is a clear understanding of the issues in the community.

**13.6 YMCA Marysville** – Ray Siegersma advised that the official opening will occur next Sunday, all welcome.

**13.7 Men’s getaway** - Ray Siegersma advised that the program is gaining momentum; a calendar of events is being prepared.

**13.8 Vegetable patch at the school** - Ray Siegersma advised that Bunnings will be undertaking this project.

**13.9 Marysville Map** - Ray Siegersma has circulated the latest version. Many thanks again to Robin Rishworth.

**13.10 Panasonic Packs** - Ray Siegersma advised that Panasonic Packs are still available for blue card holders; they include a radio, DVD player and a cordless phone. Contact Ray for more information.

**13.11 Community well being** - Ray Siegersma advised that 22 people attended the Beyond Blue session held last Tuesday. On Sunday 40 people attended a Life Care and Suicide Prevention session run by Chaplaincy Australia. Both attendances were great. Bruce Ackerman thanked both Ray Siegersma and Robert Hall for all their efforts to organise these events.

### **14. Next Meeting**

The Committee agreed to change the meeting cycle to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday** in every month. The meeting time and venue remains the same. The CRC will meet again on **Wednesday 9 June at 5.30pm at Maryton Park.**

## Action item summary (1 June 2010)

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