

**MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – 14 July 2010
MARYTON PARK, MARYSVILLE**

1. Attendance:

Community Recovery Committee

Tony Thompson (Chair)	Steve Coker (Treasurer)	Richard Rogerson (Secretary)
Graeme Brown	Clive Clayton	Marianne Menz
Keith Ray	Glen McFadzean	Bruce Ackerman

Murrindindi Shire Council

Sandra Slatter	Howard Paix
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DHS

Ray Siegersma

Admin.

Robyn Hill

Guests

Stuart Coller (MSC)	David Sterling (Chamber of Commerce)
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2. Apologies:

Jennifer Wood (CRC)	Peter Gill (CRC)	Cr. Kevin Bellingham
Dianne Lisle (CRC)	Rita Seethaler (CRC)	Robert Hall (DHS)
Jenny Pullen (CRC)	Mike Wasley (MSC)	Megan Lancaster (VBARRA)

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 June required an amendment to action point 10 – it should have read action by Graeme Brown, not Tony Thompson. Subject to those changes, the minutes were accepted by the Committee. The motion to accept the minutes was moved by Keith Ray; Graeme Brown seconded the motion, all in favour.

5. Action item summary – 23 June 2010

	Action item	Action by:
1	Tony Thompson to talk to Alexandra Hospital representatives about the option of continued gym facilities to be located in Buxton	Completed. See discussion below.
2	Megan Lancaster will arrange a meeting with representatives of MMT to discuss the relocation of the VIC to the RAC.	Megan Lancaster
3	Megan Lancaster to talk to Paul Thorn about the issue of pedestrian	Megan Lancaster

	safety at Marysville Central.	
4	Tony Thompson to raise the issue of pedestrian safety at Marysville Central at the next PCG meeting.	Completed.
5	CRC to write a letter to Department of Finance and Treasury, VBRRA and Jeffrey Mills expressing concern about the lack of resolution on the issue of pedestrian safety at Marysville Central.	Completed.
6	Robyn Hill to revise the Summer Events forms for the current events program.	Completed.
7	Mike Wasley will talk to Stuart Collier about connecting with kids programs.	Completed, Stuart Collier attended the CRC meeting.
8	Megan Lancaster will see further information about the possibility of funding repairs to the Cenotaph through the Department of Veterans Affairs.	Megan Lancaster. The CRC has allocated money for this and are waiting to see if it will be done as part of the Murchison St works.
9	Clive Clayton will price a fire safety package for each of the halls in the Triangle area, to include a fire blanket, extinguisher and smoke detector/s.	Clive Clayton is sourcing the fire safety equipment.
10	Tony Thompson will talk to representatives of the Chamber of Commerce about their web site requirements.	Graeme Brown
11	Tony Thompson to further investigate a marketing program on the radio stations for seasons other than winter.	Completed. See discussion below.
12	Robyn Hill to circulate the proposal prepared by Rita Seethaler in support of the Marysville Marathon	Completed.
13	Clive Clayton will find out more about the scrap book group who use the Buxton Hall and their future activities with a view of being able to offer some assistance in some way	On going.

Action item 1 – Discussion with Alexandra District Hospital re: Buxton gym equipment

Tony Thompson reported that he had spoken to Heather Byrne from ADH. One option being considered is an 'exersite' to go in to Buxton reserve, at a cost of approx. \$20,000; ADH are not under any obligation to do anything additional in Buxton. An application could FRRR could be made to cover this cost. ADH would like a letter of support from the CRC. Keith Ray asked if this is what the people of Buxton want, Tony Thompson advised that Heather Byrne will undertake further consultation with the Buxton community once the CRC has advised their support or not. The Committee questioned who owns the equipment and who would maintain it, bearing in mind the potential for rate increases if the Shire are required to maintain more infrastructure.

Graeme Brown moved a motion to support in principle the Hospital conducting further inquiries on the feasibility of an exersite conditional on confirmation as to who would maintain the equipment. Bruce Ackerman seconded the motion, all in favour.

Action items 3, 4 and 5 – pedestrian safety at Marysville Central

The issue has been raised at the PCG, the letters have been signed and are ready to go. Sandra Slatter spoke to Larry Kelly about the problem, and has asked Larry to convene a meeting with the stakeholders to resolve this issue and to discuss the water on the road. The Committee confirmed that this issue must be resolved urgently.

Action item 11 – Marketing the Marysville and Triangle area

Tony Thompson has spoken to 3AW. 3AW has the largest audience and were recommended by Vic Tourism, and their demographics per program are available so that program scheduling could be targeted. 3AW have offered that for every advertisement paid for, they will contribute one for free. Current estimated costs are \$5,000/week, perhaps run on alternate weeks, Tony Thompson is checking to see how much airtime that would equate to. David Sterling, Christine Adams and Trudy Ackerman will be involved in the project. Trudy Ackerman is putting together an events calendar so that clashes can be avoided and quiet time spots can be filled. David Sterling suggested that the CRC also consider Last Minute radio, where time slots can be filled if there are empty spots available – David Sterling will send information through to Tony Thompson. It was agreed that there is a lot of printed material and information available on websites, and there is a gap in the marketing of the region which could be filled by a radio campaign. 3AW have also offered an outside broadcast from Marysville. Graeme Brown suggested that a program link in to the Big Fish festival, Ray Siegersma suggested he might know someone who may be able to write a jingle.

The Committee confirmed that they are happy to proceed with further investigations of this opportunity.

6. Guest – Stuart Collier, Youth Development Co-Ordinator, Murrindindi Shire Council

Stuart Collier talked to the Committee about the Youth Bushfire Response gift received through VBAF. The project includes funding a youth outreach program (targeting people who have not accessed support from agencies) and youth participation (getting young people involved in recovery projects such as large festivals and events). A team of people from agencies including Berry Street, Mitchell Community Health and Kildonnán work together on these projects; the Shire is the lead agency and has a role in co-ordinating activities. The Shire employed a Youth Officer who started in April, and a youth website has been launched recently which focuses on the co-ordination of information. There is also a focus on youth leadership initiatives and making sure that the voices of young people are heard. The Shire works closely with other agencies. Stuart advised that the Salvation Army have recently appointed Mark O'Brien as a youth worker, and his core focus is the Marysville and Triangle area.

Tony Thompson asked if Stuart felt they were making progress with helping youth, Stuart's response is that the program is successfully delivered through the high school as students are already engaged through that system and that it is more difficult to reach the 16 – 25 yo group that are disengaged; it also requires a level of trust for those people to re-engage. Richard Rogerson congratulated Stuart on the hard work he and the team had done, it has been conducted with great compassion. Stuart asked whether there could be any mentoring opportunities for young people within the CRC?

The Committee agreed that there is a need to foster young people to retain their interest in the area.

Action: Tony Thompson will raise the issue of mentoring some young people at the Economic Leadership Forum.

7. Murchison Street works – update

A number of CRC representatives participated in the walk around the main street looking at the trees which will need to be removed. The most dramatic change will be the removal of the three trees near the lolly shop. The Committee felt that the Council has listened to what the community wanted and have tried to give the trees every chance they can. When trees are removed, there is a program to plant new trees about 3 – 4 metres in height to replace them. There is also an option of using the trunks of the removed trees for some projects.

Keith Ray questioned the reason why the Shire contractor automatically gets the job of tree removal whilst local contractors do not get the chance to do the job. It seems that the Shire contractor does the job

at twice the price without any competitive bidding for work which is clearly recovery work, not standard Council work. Tony Thompson commented that it has been put to the contractor that they sub contract the work but has not heard anything further. There is a small window of opportunity to do the job. The Committee further commented that the timing of the works will be important; there will be significant disruption to the main street in the middle of the ski season. The current timetable shows the works to commence on 31 August. Traffic management will also be an issue.

Keith Ray moved a motion that the CRC draft a letter questioning the probity of the tree removal works, the allocation of the contract and the apparent high cost that the Shire contractor will charge, Clive Clayton seconded the motion, all in favour.

Action: Tony Thompson and Graeme Brown will draft a letter questioning the allocation of the tree removal works to the Shire contractor without any opportunity for local contractors to tender for the works, and also the proposed cost of the work by the Shire contractor.

The Committee concluded that in principle it was happy to support the proposed program but not the automatic allocation of the work to the Shire contractor.

8. Review of Community Recovery Plan project priorities

Tony Thompson advised that at the last Section 86 meeting he was assured that forms are available for people to apply for funding for the DPCD allocated money and that Council held the funds on behalf of DPCD. He has since found out that the forms were not available and that the funds are actually held by DPCD and has expressed some concern that the process which was meant to be stream lined is not that at all. The process is now that the CRC endorse a project, the Council then consider whether they will endorse the project and if so, the application is passed on to DPCD for final approval. Howard Paix confirmed that the second portion of the money is not available until the first allocation has been spent. The application forms will be available soon.

Action: Howard Paix will circulate the DPCD funding application forms.

The Committee discussed the "CRC Community Projects for Funding as discussed at CRC meeting 23 June 2010" spreadsheet presented by Steve Coker.

1. Ski patrol – waiting for more information
Action: Richard Rogerson will follow up on the application by the volunteer ski patrol for funding.
2. Marysville Golf Club bushfire damage recovery – issues have been resolved and it has been separately funded. The spreadsheet should now record it as funded.
3. Triangle Arts Group – storage
Action: Robyn Hill to follow up with Julia Peddie about arts group storage requirements.
4. Marysville tennis courts
Action: Jenny Pullen to forward indicative costs for the replacement of lost equipment at the Marysville tennis courts.
5. Chamber of Commerce web site – this is a work in progress. The FRRR will hopefully be attending the next CRC meeting and it would be worthwhile discussing this project with them.
6. Solar panels at the RAC – the current focus is to get the RAC open.

David Sterling commented that the CRC should publicise its efforts and achievements particularly in terms of the projects that they have been able to source funding for. It needs to be written as a CRC specific document.

9. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

10. Other Business

10.1 Events program

Big Fish – there is a major marketing campaign to support the Big Fish competition in October. The Alexandra Tourism Traders have \$2,000 of their own to contribute towards the event, and are seeking \$4,000 from the Shire. It will be a community fun day with events held across the shire. Graeme Brown commented that it was important to support Alexandra's marketing campaign and also investigate opportunities for the Triangle region to benefit from the campaign. The Committee discussed the level of monetary support that it might consider.

Action: Graeme Brown will complete an events application form to support the Big Fish marketing campaign in the Triangle region.

Sparkling Wine Festival – the proposed Sparkling Wine festival will be the first of its kind in Australia and could be an ongoing event for the area. It will include Fashions on the Field, a telecast of the races special guests etc. The organisers are looking for \$15,000 to promote the event widely. It will include support from local wineries including Graham Watts from Rochford. Clive Clayton moved a motion to support a grant application from MMT for \$15,000; Keith Ray seconded the motion, all in favour.

Marysville Marathon – Robyn Hill circulated the proposal prepared by Rita Seethaler in support of the Marysville Marathon for non sporting costs of approximately \$6,000. The Committee discussed whether local businesses actually benefited from the Marathon in 2009, many participants seemed to compete and then leave. In 2009, MATDG supported the event on the condition that some of the proceeds went back in to the community. Sandra Slatter suggested that marketing opportunities could include options for people to return to the area (voucher redemption etc). Keith Ray expressed concern by some members of the community about the road closures. Bruce Ackerman said that the region could not have bought the amount of publicity that the event achieved last year, and wondered whether that would continue. The Committee agreed that the event would need to have a plan to become self sufficient. Steve Coker moved a motion that that the CRC liaise with the Chamber of Commerce, Mystic Mountains Tourism and Council and work with local businesses to promote opportunities which may arise from the Marysville Marathon and also to consult with communities about potential road closures particularly along the Buxton Road. Graeme Brown seconded the motion, all in favour.

Lake Mountain: Christmas in July – has already been approved. A form will need to be completed.

10.2 Marysville Central Committee of Management – Report

Marysville Central recently had a "six months on" celebration. One shop is vacant, three parties are interested in the space. There will be new "I" information signage at the roundabout, another at the RAC and one from the Buxton direction.

Interest has been expressed for an alfresco area near the lawn, with market umbrellas. This is a possible location for the Marysville market but is subject to further consultation.

< at 7.40pm Graeme Brown moved a motion to extend the meeting for another half hour >

10.3 Economic Leadership Group update

The ELG meet next Wednesday.

10.4 Treasurer's Report

Bendigo Bank account balance at 14 July 2010: \$15,569.50

All summer event acquittals paid – one cheque still to be presented, account balance will then be \$13,768.50.

CRC expenses of \$845.96 were tabled, mostly consisting of catering at CRC meetings as well as mobile phone and fuel expenses. Steve Coker moved a motion to accept the CRC expenses; Clive Clayton seconded the motion, all in favour.

Steve Coker moved a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Graeme Brown seconded the motion, all in favour.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

12. General business

12.1 Buxton and Narbethong hubs – the CRC notes the closure on Friday 9th July 2010 of Narbethong and Buxton DHS Community Hub and sincerely thanks the DHS team for their valuable contribution to the bushfire recovery process for the communities of Buxton and Narbethong.

12.2 B'nai B'rith Foundation have sent a letter to the CRC offering \$10,000 for a project. Keith Ray suggested possibly the wisteria walk in Gallipoli Park. It will be tabled and discussed at the next CRC meeting.

12.3 MOCA met on 5 July, a copy of the agenda was tabled by Steve Coker. MOCA will meet again on 31 August.

12.4 Rebuild process – the Committee discussed the apparent difference between rebuilding a new house and relocating an existing house from elsewhere. The Shire say they have no jurisdiction over a relocated house as long as it complies with environmental policies. There appears to be an inconsistency in the rules and it is creating a level of upset in some areas.

12.5 Temporary Village – Keith Ray commented that there had not yet been any response from DHS about the exit plans and other issues at the temporary village. Tony Thompson advised that the timetables for meetings had not worked out and that DHS would be invited to the next meeting. Graeme Brown confirmed that issues continue to arise about the temporary village.

12.6 Murchison Street – David Sterling questioned whether anyone has spoken to traders in the main street about potential disruptions to trade during Murchison Street works. Tony Thompson and Howard Paix confirmed that there is a consultation plan in place.

12.7 North Balwyn Rotary – Tony Thompson met with North Balwyn Rotary, they are interested in assisting with a local project.

12.8 Health of business – Sandra Slatter mentioned that Robert Gordon had previously stated that there is a different phase of well being concerns and health issues at this stage of the recovery process. Council has recently lost two people from their bushfire recovery team. Work Safe Health Checks have been taking place. Health checks will be extended to the larger business community. On 30 July Health Checks will take place at Marysville Central, with the new CEO having hers and hopefully some leaders in the community also taking part. Sandra Slatter would like to see CRC members also participate. The health checks are free to any worker. Howard Paix confirmed that the check takes about 15 minutes and is very worthwhile. Contact Sarah Light at the Shire to book a time.

12.9 Youth Program – Glen McFadzean reported on the proposed youth program including visits to the pool, Lake Mountain and laser skirmish. About \$2,500 would be required to support the program
Action: Glen McFadzean to complete an events application form for youth events and circulate to the CRC.

12.10 Winter football event – Clive Clayton updated the committee about the progress for the planned winter tip to the football for local youth. Both he and Paul Thorn have had significant difficulty looking for assistance with the trip. Clive suggested that if the event is not able to be formalised, that the event funds be used as part of Glen McFadzean's proposed program.

12.11 Letter re Kinglake – Ray Siegersma advised that a letter has been received by many in the Triangle area about Kinglake recovery issues, it was a mistake by the Shire.

12.12 Marysville Hub – Ray Siegersma advised that the Marysville hub will move on 26 July in to the RAC.

12.13 Tender process – Ray Siegersma advised that he has been trying to follow up on a tender that was put out five months ago by the Shire (Hire of subcontractors' plant with operators). There has been no acknowledgement or notification sent to applicants, and this has been causing some distress in the community. Applicants had attended the tender right workshops and put considerable effort in to their applications, only to not hear anything back. Attempts to get information about the status of the tender from the Shire have been unsuccessful. The communication process does not seem to be working very well. The tender process is thought by some to have created more angst in the community. Keith Ray advised that the Gallipoli Park Committee of Management has written to the new CEO at the Shire about a similar issue. The Committee discussed raising this concern as a case study with the Council with a view to trying to resolve some of the concerns.

12.14 Red Cross door knock – continues in the Triangle area.

12.15 Marysville primary school – 20 managers and staff from Bunnings have assisted with a number of activities at the school, including planting the new vegetable garden.

12.16 YMCA – Ray Siegersma advised that the YMCA is booked out and is doing very well.

12.1 Letter of thanks to Robert Hall – the Committee asked that a letter of thanks be written to Robert Hall for all of his assistance

Action: Tony Thompson to write a letter of thanks to Robert Hall.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27 July at 5.30pm at Maryton Park.**

Rita Seethaler recorded an apology for meetings in July and August as she will be away in Switzerland.

Meeting closed 8.25 pm

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7	Howard Paix will circulate the DPCD funding application forms.	Howard Paix
8	Richard Rogerson will follow up on the application by the volunteer ski patrol for funding.	Richard Rogerson
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11	Graeme Brown will complete an events application form to support the Big Fish marketing campaign in the Triangle region.	Graeme Brown
12	Glen McFadzean to complete an events application form for youth events and circulate to the CRC.	Glen McFadzean
13	Tony Thompson to write a letter of thanks to Robert Hall.	Tony Thompson