**Minutes of CRC Meeting held on 13th May 2017, Wye River SLSC**

1. **Present:** Di Sisely (Chair) Michelle Anstee, (Parks Vic) Joanne Tyler, Roy Moriarty , Clare Malone, (COS) Andrew Morrow (DELWP), Geoff Quinn (by phone) Debra Hocking, Paul Greene joined at 11.15am

Apologies: Fiona Simpson (VicRoads), Lee Miezis (DELWP), Gareth Smith (COS), Ian Angus, Mark Stokes

**2**. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes** (circulation to follow) held on 7/4/17 (Meeting of Community Representatives only). Clarification regarding the action item for Kennett River Association to join the work groups. Action: Di to forward Geoff Quinn (President) the TOR and application forms.

**3. Status Reports on major areas from the renewal plan.**

**3.1 Flora, Fauna and beachscape - Joanne Tyler**

* **Planting to renew Flora and Fauna**

Joanne expressed concern re lack of expected revegetation funding. This appears to be a reversal of an expectation of funding of $250,000 and has a major impact on scale of works especially funding for weed control, which in turn will have an impact on indigenous plant growth and fire retardation. Andrew Morrow reported that there is $50,000 for a program for trees for fire-affected private property. Funding will go to the Southern Otway Landcare Network to manage the program - -there may be some funds from this available for community education about weed management.

Di suggested approaching National Landcare fund via Sarah Henderson.

ACTION: DELWP will look at weed control on Paddy’s Path.

ACTION: CRC will continue to lobby for more funding via the National Landcare Fund and other sources

* **Establish a demonstration fire resistant garden**.

The sloping land behind the pub will be cleared of weeds and planted out with demonstration plants.

* **Reopening Harrington Park**

Fire effected trees will be removed or managed. The path and handrail will be reinstated by the end of June. A suggestion was made to perhaps put a fire garden in also.

* **Council owned trees on council land**.

Council will reassess the tree health and tree mitigation. Ongoing. There also needs to be clarity re managing the trees coming through mesh used in retaining structures across the townships, as raised by the FFB Work Group.

ACTION: Andrew Morrow to bring to the Vic Roads/ COS meetings ongoing management of the mesh and regrowth after the nailing is completed.

* 1. **Planning Building and Fire - Ian Angus**
* **Power restoration** a community briefing in Melbourne conducted by PowerCor discussed the underground power option for Iluka Ave. Clear majority of residents in Iluka are keen to proceed with underground wiring and a meeting with COS on Friday will discuss action.
* **Broader community based bush fire planning and management plan**. Under development, coordinated by DELWP. Di stressed the need for Government instrumentalities to look at the feedback from Wye River to the EMV review. Kennett River keen to be involved in this development.

ACTION: CRC and the Planning Building and Fire work group to meet with Andrew and Peter Galvin (DELWP) to discuss process of development.

* **Donleavy Fitzpatrick Estate:** land sold to unknown party as the state government determined not to purchase it. Uncertainty now is about access to walking tracks which cross the land and the watercourses. There is concern that access will be restricted. To be clarified when ownership is clear. Access will be required for fire management.

ACTION: The CRC agreed that there is an immediate need to clarify zoning and what the requirements would be re in the case of any development applications for plans/applications to be advertised or otherwise made public. Clare to follow up and report back

* **Wye River walking tracks** The sale of the Donleavy Fitzpatrick land potentially impacts on other walking track development (eg Wye tramline track walk) and how the $50,000 allocated to GORT (Great Ocean Road Tourism) will contribute to their development, given expectations that this was earmarked for walking track signage in Wye and Sep. Clare stated that a tourism leadership group will be established to determine how to proceed and that this group will have community membership.. There is some potential for a walking track from Separation Creek to Jamieson River. Paul Greene to nominate for the working group. DELWP reported that work to profile the geotechnical considerations of the Wye Tramline Track is proceeding and this was welcomed enthusiastically by the meeting

ACTION: Andrew and Clare to follow up on identifying the tramline track as a priority project and pursing its development

ACTION: Paul Greene to join the tourism leadership working group

* 1. **Community Connection and Wellbeing – Debra Hocking**

There is a carry over available beyond September for community based recovery activities, including those of the Work Groups.

Current activities include:

* + monitoring psychological support services for individuals.
  + access to accommodation – OCC have announced subsidised accommodation at Apollo Bay in cabins for people wishing to visit their properties
  + Arts event
  + Community mid winter lunch on 24th July (now July 9)
  + Local Trades and services directory
  + Wye I love photos winter project
* **Reducing isolation and improving communications**

ACTION: Meet with Sarah Henderson to discuss NBN Co**.**

**4. Other issues**

**Facilitating Rebuilding** – Concern re noise levels and building traffic management plan. CRC has been advised that there can’t be further noise restrictions outside EPA guidelines. There will be signposted parking and 20k speed limits introduced.

**Securing reliability of access** - Renewal of damaged roads planned but no details available

ACTION: CRC members to raise with councillors at upcoming meeting

**Drainage** - $6million for drainage was announced and confirmed by Lisa Neville and COS. COS asked to clarify how the money will be allocated and expended - for what and by when. Design phase will be in place by mid 2017 and construction by mid 2018. Designs will be subject to community consultation. ACTION: Clare for follow-up

**GOR Walk** – Paul met with Sarah Henderson to discuss outcome of application. Not yet announced.

**Improving Tourist Infrastructure** – GORT approached to support infrastructure development especially better parking and tourism management for Kennett River. Corrine from Kennett River Association has applied for a small grant. A priority issue is the management of tourist buses.

COS has applied to the Building Better Regions fund for $75,000 for Wye and environs to develop a masterplan (which will be matched by COS).

**Update on Paddy’s Path** - Andrew Morrow explained that stability is being tested whilst stabilization works are progressing. Some minor movement has been detected. Tree hazard assessment to be undertaken, Andrew will forward details to CRC. Ongoing management will be in place to ensure stabilization into the future. There is also some funding from the state budget to look at better co-ordination and streamlining of management of the entire Great Ocean Road which could impact on the Paddy’s Path hillside.

Andrew also reported that there will be a range of works around Sep Creek involving road closures over the next few months. ACTION: Andrew

**Safety and security in fire affected areas – Joanne Tyler**

Concerns re theft. Apollo Bay police attending Wye to meet with CRC Representatives to discuss mitigation strategies. Roy Moriarty suggested CCTV at bottom of The Boulevarde and Stanway Drive with lighting. Builders to be advised to safeguard building materials. ACTION: Planning, Building and Fire Work Group.

**Public Liability Insurance** - Concern was expressed re the continuation of insurance for the CRC and Work Groups if they do not continue to be covered by COS, yet to be resolved by COS.

**COS Draft 4 Year Plan** – Responses close on 2nd June. Meeting with COS Councillors on 17th May at Wye River with CRC members to present CRC submission on Draft Plan based on the Renewal Plan for Wye River and Separation Creek, followed by a tour of the fire affected areas. The objective is for Councillors to gain greater insight into the conditions and issues being faced by the community now and over the next 12 months. Clare is preparing a briefing for the Councillor. Di has prepared an overview of current issues for Councillors.

**Communication Plan** – A rolling calendar of activities to be developed and put on Wye Sep Connect website. Including CRC meetings, Workshop meetings, events, minutes and reports to government. Wye Sep Connect is now on COS website. The monthly email recovery newsletter has 400 members at present, and following discussion it was agreed to have a drive to increase membership across the community. Continue to also use community noticeboards and for CRC members to have a regular presence at the general store in Wye River to enable community to talk to them about issues.

**Other -** 2nd June – lunch with Minister Neville – women volunteers lunch meeting.

The next community forum to be held in December.

**Surf Club bookings** – a budget for operating costs for CRC to be discussed with COS

ACTION

Joanne, Di /Clare to discuss

**CRC Meetings** - Every second CRC meeting to be on a Friday, to facilitate government and COS engagement, Andrew Morrow (DELWP) and Gareth/Clare (COS) and Kate Fitzgerald (EMV) will be regular attendees, others will attend when appropriate.

**Next meeting Friday 28th July 2017, Wye River**