

## Summary Report – Achievement of Outcomes Renewal Plan for Wye River, Separation Creek & Kennett River

The Wye River, Separation Creek and Kennett River Renewal Plan was created by WSKRA (formerly CRC) through extensive consultation following a process to define community values and aspirations after the 2015 bushfire and 2016 landslips. It was endorsed by the community, its primary organisations, and the agencies supporting delivery of the plan. This document represents outcomes for the community achieved through its plan.

Renewal Plan March 2016 – March 2019		
Activity	Outcome	Comments
<b>Building an inclusive and respectful community</b>	A diverse and inclusive community that is looking after its collective and individual wellbeing - <b>ACHIEVED AND ONGOING</b>	Final WSKRA community event will be held in February 2019. Many community events held to support collective and individual wellbeing. This included a range of activities that brought people together to maintain and strengthen community. .
<b>Supporting individual people – maintain capacity for individual counselling and other support services</b>	Continuing care and support for people rebuilding and adjusting to the impact of the bushfire and landslip risks - <b>ACHIEVED AND ONGOING</b>	Some individuals will continue to access support services both locally and elsewhere, this needs to be actively supported by DHHS.
<b>Maintaining capacity for community connection</b>	Effective communication and connections are built and maintained - <b>ACHIEVED AND ONGOING</b>	A number of communication channels have been available to the community including WyeSepConnect website and Facebook, and the monthly Community Renewal Newsletter. The current COS fortnightly newsletter will continue until drainage plan has been implemented, WyeSep Connect Facebook for another 12 months
<b>Recognising connections with the community of Kennett River</b>	The Renewal Plan recognises the interconnection and interdependence of Wye River, Separation Creek and Kennett River - <b>ACHIEVED</b>	Broader advocacy around needs of Kennett River occurring, building better linkages between communities.
<b>Reducing isolation – improving telecommunication via NBN and telecom services</b>	Reliable mobile phone and internet connection not available at all times – <b>NOT YET ACHIEVED</b>	New Optus Tower installed but not yet commissioned at Wye River. Telecommunication recognised as an issue by GOR Taskforce. COS and WSKRA continue to take matter up with Sarah Henderson MP. Sarah Henderson in discussion with NBN Co.
<b>Replanting to Renew Flora and Fauna</b>	The essential character of the community is restored, and the landscape regenerated, protecting and enhancing ecosystem health and biodiversity - <b>ONGOING</b>	Initiatives completed to assist regeneration of the landscape in collaboration with government, community and environmental networks. Work will continue to be undertaken to regenerate the landscape by DELWP, Parks

		Victoria, Corangamite CMA, VicRoads, COS and property owners. Additional grant funds to be sought to support SOLN and COS weed control works within the town boundaries.
<b>Monitor and maintain trees on Council owned and managed land</b>	Trees on council owned land are actively managed with retention of as many viable trees as possible, whilst responding to public risk - <b>ONGOING</b>	COS actively managing public safety risk with arborist inspections and resulting necessary works every 6 months.
<b>Re-open Harrington Park</b>	Harrington Park is open to public use - <b>ACHIEVED</b>	Maintenance needs to preserve indigenous plants
<b>Establish a demonstration fire-resistant garden</b>	Guidance and assistance is provided to provide to property owners on the establishment of indigenous fire resistant gardens - <b>ACHIEVED</b>	A demonstration fire- resistant garden has been established. Signage yet to be installed. Guidance and advice being provided through the COS planting guide.
<b>Improve beach access between Wye River and Separation Creek</b>	Safe pedestrian access between Wye River and Separation Creek is provided at all times, isolation of residents is prevented and a walking loop created – <b>NOT ACHIEVED</b>	Whilst the intent for improved high tide access between Wye River and Separation Creek has not been able to be achieved, the works being done by VicRoads - the soil nailing of the slope above and works on Paddy's Path- are intended to minimise risk. Paddy's Path provides access between Wye and Sep.
<b>Advocate for the effective management of fuel on town boundaries</b>	Fire risk to the community reduced – <b>IN PROGRESS</b>	Liaison with owners of private land adjacent to town boundaries occurring as part of developing strategies for fuel reduction on public and private land adjacent to township precincts. The current Otway Fire Operations Plan (FOP) includes a burn on private land at the interface with the town boundary, scheduled for autumn 2019.
<b>Drainage scheme to assist revegetation</b>	Revegetation with plants indigenous to the area, with specific micro-environments recognized and established - <b>IN PROGRESS</b>	The drainage scheme for Wye River & Separation Creek has been funded and will be installed by COS contractors.
<b>Support the health and return of the koala population</b>	The koala's population is supported to return to pre-fire levels in the longer term – <b>NOT YET ACHIEVED</b>	Koalas are slowly returning as vegetation regenerates. Community concern about impact of wandering dogs on returning koalas.
<b>Safer Together – place based planning to increase resilience against fire and the impact of natural events</b>	A Community Bushfire Management Plan, agreed by communities of Wye River, Separation Creek, Kennett River & Grey River that can be implemented through ongoing land management, fuel reduction, and built form management that progressively lifts the resilience of the community	Community Bushfire Management Plan across Wye/Sep/Kennett and Grey River is under development. Further promotion and communication Draft plan to prepared with community by April 2019. Expert Panel Guidelines need to be further promoted as part of ongoing awareness of

	and reduces the impact of any future bushfire and landslip – <b>NOT YET ACHIEVED</b>	hazards and good practice, including alternatives to pine. Wye River CFA working with COS to ensure private property owners comply with CFA water tank requirements.  Kennett River infrastructure plans provide opportunity for a Wye River CFA truck to be located at Kennett River
<b>Facilitating rebuilding</b>	Effective traffic and vehicle management during the period of main construction, including safe use of local roads, vehicle turning circles, streamlined permit processes for heavy vehicle access and resolution of on-site logistics and access - <b>ACHIEVED</b>	The Construction Traffic and Environmental Management Plan (CTEMP) has been developed and implemented by COS, following extensive consultation with the community.
<b>Securing Reliability of Access</b>	Great Ocean Road reliability improved with more effective communication on the status of the road, effective north-south access routes maintained and emergency access between Wye River and Separation Creek provided, with the community reliably informed of the accessibility of the road. - <b>ACHIEVED</b>	State and Commonwealth Governments have together provided \$150M for the repair and maintenance of the GOR. VicRoads has completed 10 major ocean-side retaining walls to protect the GOR between Separation Creek and Kennett River, stabilized hillsides with erosion controls, installed curb and channel and under-road drainage, road surface improvements, continued to stabilize the hillside below Paddy's Path, soil nailing project completed December 2018. Work is now underway on preliminary designs to replace the Wye River bridge in 2019. Clarification of the ongoing status of - Iluka Extension - during the next 2 years of high construction activity it will operate as one way, Separation Creek bound. Once this period is complete the road will be closed but available for emergency use and foot traffic. - Options for a pedestrian path between Cassidy Drive and Kennett River Bridge is still to be investigated.
<b>Implementing Drainage Works to Manage Stormwater</b>	Stormwater across the community is managed to mitigate the risk of uncontrolled stormwater impacting the stability and with legal points of discharge for private properties resolved, and impact on the landscape minimised – <b>IN PROGRESS</b>	A drainage scheme for Wye River & Separation Creek has been funded and is currently being installed in stages by COS contractors.
<b>Monitor and Forecast Development Activity</b>	Improved capability to support effective rebuilding activity and	COS implemented a rebuilding intention survey and undertook tracking across development

	streamline logistical support required - <b>ACHIEVED</b>	stages from planning permit application to completion.  Most land owners seeking to rebuild have received planning permits. Council continues to process remaining planning applications and consents required under permit conditions to facilitate rebuilding.
<b>Ensure Accurate Land Information to support rebuilding</b>	Up to date aerial photography to inform land management and development activities, as well as securing historical record of change over time - <b>ACHIEVED</b>	Updated mapping done to support rebuilding. Land owners provided all relevant information as required.
<b>Linkage of Longer Distance Walks to Great Ocean Walk</b>	Feasibility analysis of the opportunities and impacts of local linked walks in sight of the sea as much as practicable that connect to the Great Ocean Walk - <b>COMMENCED</b>	\$300K provided by State Government for feasibility study and is underway lead by DELWP. To be completed in 2019. There will be opportunities for engagement with communities as part of this study. Scope is Torquay to Apollo Bay
<b>Walking Tracks</b>	Low impact tourism encouraged, recreational activities developed and the health and wellbeing of tourists and residents enhanced - <b>COMMENCED</b>	The highest priority is the walk from Jamieson River to Wye River, with \$3.4M provided by State Government to construct it. Construction of the walk has commenced and is expected to be completed in 2019.  The Jamiesons Creek campground will also be upgraded.
<b>Economic Activity along Great Ocean Road</b>	Improved management and coordination of Great Ocean Road infrastructure and amenity - <b>IN PROGRESS</b>	Great Ocean Road Task Force recommendations are to be legislated by end 2020. An action plan is currently being prepared and will include community consultation opportunities.  To protect the GOR, VicRoads has continued its major stabilization program in this vicinity by installing rock-fall netting on cliff faces, building retaining walls, installing new drainage and implementing erosion controls on vulnerable hillsides.
<b>Improve Tourist Infrastructure on Great Ocean Road (Wye River, Separation Creek and Kennett River Section</b>	The basic infrastructure, information and services required by tourists is in place, is maintained, is consistent with the character of the GOR and respects the values of residents.  Tourist bus impacts on the town of Kennett River and its wildlife are appropriately managed. Registration and training for mini-bus drivers to maximise safety and minimise environmental and negative community impacts is in place – <b>NOT YET ACHIEVED</b>	COS undertaking carparking study across townships including Kennett River and Wye River. Sarah Henderson MP announced funding in Oct 2018 as part of the Geelong City Deal. This is still to be confirmed by the State as agreed funding.  Her announcement included : Kennett River up to \$1.9m to provide a new public amenity block and water treatment facility and new parking and traffic management infrastructure including new

		<p>signage, pedestrian paths, and improved parking facilities to accommodate tourist buses.</p> <p>\$250K funding for a driver safety campaign to educate international tourists who are driving along the Great Ocean Road region.</p>
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