

# Community Connection and Wellbeing Work Group

11.00pm – 1.00pm, Saturday 1 October 2016

Meeting 5# Minutes

COMMUNITY  
RESILIENCE

## DRAFT SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION OF WORK GROUP

**Attendees:** Debra Hocking; Sandy Forbes; Yvonne Sheppard; Christine Shaw; Carolyn Tatchell; Jay Robinson (Lorne Hospital); Het Ramp (Lorne Hospital); Clare Malone (COS) and Matthew Chamberlain (DHHS).

**Apologies:** Charles Le Feuvre; Sara Coward (DHHS); Yvette Hill (COS) and Kim Stanley (DELWP).

### 1 Welcome and Introductions

Debra Hocking welcomed Work Group members and noted apologies from Charles Le Feuvre, Sara Coward, Yvette Hill and Kim Stanley.

There was discussion in relation to the need for a meeting to be held in Melbourne as soon as possible to provide advice about the landslips. Clare Malone advised that a meeting is currently being planned for later in October as the resources of each agency are currently focused on managing the incident and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of those individuals currently directly impacted in the area.

### 2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Review of Action Items

The Minutes from the previous meeting were ratified and action items reviewed.

Matt Chamberlain advised that he has been in contact with all permanent residents who lost their homes and confirmed that their ongoing accommodation needs are being met.

Clare Malone advised of the dates that Rob Gordon is available to meet with members of the CRC and Work Groups.

Clare explained that there are further grants of \$5,000 available from the FRRR, the details of which she previously distributed to the Work Group. The Work Group discussed potential projects which included signage for walks noting that such activities sit within the remit of the Flora, Fauna and Beachscape (FF&B) Work Group and as such should be referred to this Group. Clare advised that she had also circulated the details in relation to the FRRR grants to the other Work Groups.

The Work Group discussed the wording for the water tank plaque and agreed that the following be discussed with the Lions Club:

*The Wye/Sep community thanks the Lorne Lions Club for their generous assistance after the 2015 bushfires, including this drinking water tank.*

Clare advised that while it was agreed at the last meeting that the Surf Coast Trees donation be utilised for the erection of bird boxes, this activity has been fully funded. Het Ramp clarified that the company's preference is for the donation to be provided in the form of labor. Yvonne Sheppard suggested that it be utilised for artificial tree hollows and that it would be appropriate to refer this matter to the FF&B Work Group.

Clare advised that a Forum is currently being arranged for 7 November as a part of the Barwon Great Ocean Road Resilience Strategy.

Sandy Forbes advised that she had submitted a nomination for the Fire Awareness Awards.

Het advised that the free massages Lorne Community Hospital was offering on Monday 3 October did not go ahead due to the severe weather conditions and that they would be arranged for another time. The Work Group discussed the importance of offering such services at Wye River. Clare suggested that COS could potentially provide additional funding to increase the number of massages that can be provided.

### Action / Outcome

- Community Connection and Wellbeing Work Group to ask the CRC to formally request that a meeting be held in Melbourne as soon as possible.
- Clare to arrange a meeting with Rob Gordon and members of the CRC and Work Groups for Saturday 5 November at the Wye River SLSC.
- Clare to redistribute guidelines for the FRRR Small Grants for Rural Communities to the Work Group.
- Yvonne Sheppard to discuss Surf Coast Tree Services donation with the FF&B Work Group and liaise with the company following this.

- Het to advise Surf Coast Tree Services that the Community Connection and Well Being Work Group is very grateful for the kind offer and has referred the matter to the FF&B Work Group to ensure it is utilised in the most effective way possible.
- Work Group members to be invited to attend the Barwon Great Ocean Road Resilience Strategy Forum.
- Het and Clare to discuss and arrange the provision of free massages.

### **3. IMPACT OF GOR LANDSLIDES**

The Work Group discussed the impact of the landslides on businesses and the outcomes of the RDV funding. Clare noted that COS has been issuing press releases highlighting the Great Ocean Road is open for business.

Clare advised that she had asked Jay if she could make herself available sometime the following week to meet with community members and talk with them about what they may be experiencing as a result of the landslide activity. She further advised that Jay had provided a number of options for the times she would be available. The Work Group discussed potential formats for such a session and it was agreed that Clare and Matt would agree on this with Jay.

Debra suggested that it would be useful to prepare a matrix detailing the different sections of the community affected and section specific impacts.

#### **Action / Outcome**

- Clare and Matt to discuss with Jay an appropriate format for the session with community members to talk with them about what they may be experiencing as a result of the landslide activity.
- Debra and Sandy Forbes to prepare a matrix detailing the different sections of the community affected and section specific impacts for distribution to the Work Group.

### **4.UPDATE ON LORNE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL SERVICES**

Het advised that the visit from a Lorne Community Hospital GP to Wye to provide consultations including home visits the previous week had gone very well. The Work Group agreed that the service should be arranged again for as soon as possible.

#### **Action / Outcome**

- Het to seek advice from Lorne Hospital in relation to arranging a further visiting GP service as soon as possible.
- Work Group Status Report to be updated to include services being provided by Lorne Hospital, including the visiting GP.

### **5. ACCOMMODATION UPDATE**

There was discussion in relation to the importance of providing subsidised accommodation for people who lost their homes who want to visit Wye River and Separation Creek. Clare advised that the Foreshore Caravan Park has 15 sites available and is happy to assist if there is availability and that Great Ocean Road has indicated it has about 10 Wye River property owners willing to help out. COS is continuing to explore other options along the coast more broadly.

It was agreed that Jacyo be approached and requested to provide 3 caravans on loan for people who lost their homes who want to visit. It was also suggested that the OCC be contacted in relation to providing sites at the Foreshore Caravan Park. Matt also suggested contacting Big 4 nationally to discuss what Big 4 could potentially offer. The challenges in accommodating dogs was also raised and it was suggested that kennels be approached to discuss a potential dog boarding discount.

#### **Action / Outcome**

- Matt to contact Jacyo and requested them to provide 3 caravans on loan for people who lost their homes who want to visit.
- Matt to contact Big 4 nationally to discuss what Big 4 could potentially offer.

- COS to contact OCC in relation to providing sites at the Foreshore Caravan Park.

#### **6. ROB GORDON – MEETING WITH CRC AND WORK GROUPS**

Clare advised that Jay had spoken with Rob Gordon in relation to meeting with the CRC and Work Group members about self-care and guidance around communication with the public and that he had provided dates on which he would be available.

##### **Action / Outcome**

- Clare to arrange meeting with Rob Gordon and CRC and Work Group members for Saturday 5 November in Wye River.

#### **7. COMMEMORATIONS FOR ANNIVERSARY OF BUSHFIRE**

The Work Group discussed advice provided by Rob Gordon in relation to the feelings people may experience leading up to and on the anniversary of the bushfires. The Work Group agreed that no formal commemoration should be arranged and that instead people could arrange their own informal get togethers if they choose to. Further that a Christmas tree be erected in the playground as a symbol of hope, information from Rob Gordon about how people may be feeling and what to expect be made available and some form of celebration held to mark the anniversary of the fires end.

##### **Action / Outcome:**

- COS to arrange for a Christmas Tree to be erected in the playground.
- Clare/Matt to arrange for information from Rob Gordon about how people may be feeling and what to expect be made available.
- Work Group to arrange some form of celebration held to mark the anniversary of the fires end.

#### **8. CUP WEEKEND COMMUNITY EVENT**

Clare advised that while funding has been sought through grant sources for the community event, planning should proceed as a priority as it can be funded by COS in the event that the funding applications are not successful.

The Work Group discussed options for catering and activities for the event and agreed on the following:

- The event will be held from 12 midday to 3pm on the Foreshore and some form of entrance and/or marquee erected.
- Provision of catering will be sought from the pub, Wye General Store and Kennett River Koala Cafe.
- Activities will include – a children's activity with adult involvement utilising natural materials; treasure hunt for kids; face painting; a dog show and a cup hat activity.
- A Rockpool Ramble Walk will be held following the event.

##### **Action / Outcome:**

- COS to liaise with OCC in relation to permissions required to hold the event on the foreshore.
- COS to arrange some form of entrance and/or marquee.
- Christine Shaw to arrange cup hat activity.
- Het Ramp to arrange children's activity with adult involvement utilising natural materials.
- COS to arrange dog show, face painting and treasure hunt.
- COS to prepare event planner detailing program of activities and individuals responsible.
- COS to contact Parks Victoria to arrange Rockpool Ramble.

#### **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Carolyn Tatchell noted that it is disappointing that the Christian Youth Group no longer comes to Wye. She explained that they are unable to find the volunteers they require which is made more difficult by the fact that they must pay for themselves. She advised that she would follow-up with community groups in relation to providing funding for the volunteers. Clare advised that funding for this could also potentially be available from COS.



Het advised that she will be undertaking a 5 day course in dealing with stress and trauma.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday 5 November 11.00am – 1.00pm, Wye River SLSC.**

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