

# Community Resilience Committee

## Minutes Meeting # 5

Date: 5 June 2016 Time: 1.30pm to 4.15pm Location: Wye River SLSC



### DRAFT – SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION

Attendees: Dr Diane Sisely (Co-Chair); Craig Lapsley, Emergency Management Commissioner; Paul Greene; Deb Hocking; Joanne Tyler; Dr Mark Stokes.

Apologies: Cr Frank Buchanan (Co-Chair); Ian Angus; Roy Moriarty; Sue Wilkinson, Colac Otway CEO.

Ex officio: Sandra Wade, GM Bushfire Recovery, Colac-Otway Shire; Clare Malone Co-ordinator Bushfire Community Recovery, Colac Otway Shire; Peter van Lambaart, EMV, WRSC Resettlement Program Manager; Ampara McKenzie-Murray, WRSC Resettlement Program Office.

Other Attendees: Jesse Overton-Skinner (Adviser to Minister Neville); Lee Miezis, Deputy Secretary, Forest, Fire and Regions; DEWLP; Andrew Morrow, Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Barwon South West, DEWLP – in attendance to speak to Item 3.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Outcome (Responsibility)
<b>1 Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	<p>The Co-Chair, Diane Sisely welcomed attendees.</p> <p>The CRC noted apologies from Cr Frank Buchanan, Roy Moriarty, Ian Angus and Sue Wilkinson and noted that Craig Lapsley had to leave early.</p>	
<b>2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes &amp; Review of Action Items</b>	<p>The minutes from the 21 May 2016 CRC meeting were confirmed.</p> <p>Peter van Lambaart advised the CRC that the process for GeoTech sign-off of all reinstatement work by Grocon will be undertaken by relevant experts contracted by Grocon.</p> <p>He further advised that the QS for the costings on retaining wall options is in progress and due to be finalised by next weekend. In addition, the Fact Sheet on retaining walls will also be available mid week.</p> <p>COS advised that the suggestion box is currently being arranged. Paul Greene advised that the General Store would also like to have one.</p> <p>Clare Malone confirmed that the Community Resilience newsletter is being displayed on the Community Notice Board at Wye River.</p> <p>Sandra Wade advised that a representative of VicRoads is hoping to attend the Melbourne community meeting in relation to safety concerns raised by CRC members about the pedestrian access between Separation Creek and Wye River created by the bridge works. She further advised that the bridge deck is expected to be laid this week (subject to weather) which caters to pedestrians and that a gravel pedestrian path leading up to the bridge would be constructed.</p>	<p>COS to arrange a suggestion box Wye River General Store.</p> <p>COS to arrange for CRC Minutes to be displayed on the Community Notice Board at Wye River.</p> <p>COS to contact VicRoads to advise of safety concerns about weeds/blackberries on the Great Ocean Road.</p>

<p><b>3 Trees</b></p>	<p>Joanne Tyler highlighted the distress caused to the community and staff of organisations involved in the recovery effort by communication about tree felling being provided after the impact of felling became so visually apparent. She suggested that learnings from previous disasters be drawn upon. It was agreed that professional advice be sought about psychosocial aspects of communication post disaster so that proactive approaches can be taken in future.</p> <p>Debra Hocking inquired as to whether it is possible to have some form of visual imagery of what the landscape will look like once the tree removal is complete.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed in relation to the lack of communication about the establishment of the Landslip Incident Response with community members only hearing about it when police contacted them to establish when they are there.</p> <p>The CRC discussed the need for a timetable of activities going forward to enable relevant information to be discussed with the community to enable members to participate in decisions that affect them. The CRC also discussed having an arborist available at the Melbourne community meeting to answer questions in relation to the tree removal.</p> <p>The CRC discussed the cluster maps presented by Andrew Morrow at the Community meeting. Craig Lapsley advised that the maps would go up on WyeSep Connect this week and also be available at the Community Vision Workshop for people to review to ensure the clusters were right.</p> <p>There was discussion in relation to establishing an on-line discussion forum between community members and the CRC community representatives. WyeSep Connect is performing well in terms of getting information out, but is underutilized in receiving representative views back from across the broader community. The new forum will share and receive information to support objectivity in determining community views, and enable timely response to information circulated within the community where this is appropriate. The system will comply with legislated privacy requirements</p>	<p>DWELP to provide advice in relation to the availability of visual imagery of what the landscape will look like once the tree removal is complete.</p> <p>EMV to find out and advise the CRC of how many trees have been removed to date.</p> <p>EMV to provide an example of what such a timetable would look like for the Community Vision workshop.</p> <p>EMV to arrange for an arborist to attend the Melbourne community meeting.</p> <p>CRC Community Reps to establish an email forum for community members.</p>
<p><b>4 Community Information – Update and Discussion</b></p>	<p>Clare Malone distributed and spoke to the May 2016 WyeSep Connect Digital Review Report.</p>	<p>CRC members to review report and identify any issues that require addressing.</p>

<p><b>5 Feedback on Community Meeting</b></p>	<p>The CRC discussed the matters raised at the community meeting including trees, landslips and improving drainage.</p> <p>Sandra Wade advised that work is in progress in relation to identifying options for improving drainage.</p> <p>It was also noted that COS is investigating what work can be undertaken to improve roads as a part of the reconstruction process.</p> <p>The CRC also discussed the importance of property maintenance and enforcement and voluntary measures. Joanne Tyler advised that this matter could be considered by the Flora, Fauna and Beachscape Work Group.</p>	<p>COS to report back to the CRC on current fire prevention practices and how they could be implemented before the fire season commences.</p>
<p><b>6 Work Groups</b></p>	<p>Joanne Tyler advised that the first meeting of the Flora, Fauna and Beachscape Work Group was convened on Friday 3 June. The Work Group considered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approaches to revegetation following township wide tree removal, land stability, bushfire resilience and support for fauna and potential forums</li> <li>• What should be the Work Groups first priority activity and how will it evaluate success?</li> <li>• Weed management, including creating an environment to support the return of fauna, and the June 12 Weed Workshop</li> <li>• Background on Estuary Watch and Water Watch</li> <li>• Report from Playground Workshop</li> <li>• Wye River extraction pipe - impact on River</li> <li>• Bird Boxes, Feral Cats, Paddy's Path.</li> </ul> <p>Joanne Tyler sought the ratification of the CRC for two additional members of the Work Group – Ted Gannan, a community member and Kelly Boladeras, Environment Officer, Colac Otway Shire. The CRC ratified these appointments. This takes the Work Group to its full compliment of 7 members.</p> <p>Paul Greene advised that the first meeting of the Business and Tourism Work Group was convened on Friday 3 June. The Work Group has agreed to support the following two funding applications to the Great Ocean Road Economic and Community Recovery Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$175,000 for Otway Coast Tourism Inc. for an economic development grant for an integrated suite of initiatives aimed at stimulating tourism in Wye River and nearby villages</li> </ul>	

- \$50,000 for Wye River SLSC for a Wye River Club to Pub Run.

Paul also explained that the Work Group discussed extending the walking path along the Great Ocean Road from Aireys Inlet to Apollo Bay. He advised that he has raised this with Minister Neville who indicated that there may be some other funding available for this and that COS is investigating if a business case been prepared for this.

Paul also advised that the Work Group discussed the availability of NBN and a project currently underway to provide free Wi-Fi in Wye River and Separation Creek. He further advised that he will be emailing Sarah Henderson in relation to the status of the NBN rollout.

Debra Hocking advised that the first meeting of the Community Connection and Wellbeing Work Group was convened on Saturday 4 June and will meet monthly. She advised that the Work Group considered the following matters:

- Handover of Work from the Wye Sep Recovery Group and Carolyn Tatchell
- Overview of Work Undertaken to Date
- Temporary Accommodation Needs
- Big 4 Cabins
- Other Opportunities
- Responding to Issues Being Raised by a Group of Permanent Residents Who Have Lost their Homes and Have a Number of Pressing Queries
- Community Firewood
  - Equitable Distribution Process
- Power
- Impact of Tree Removal on Wellbeing
- Ideas & Opportunities for celebrations.

The Work Group also discussed and agreed to support the Little Street Libraries Project which is seeking \$2,000 in funding from COS.

The CRC agreed any such proposals from Work Groups should be brought to the CRC for consideration.

Debra explained that she is also establishing a reference group of people interested in the work of the group to seek feedback from on the activities of the Group.

Paul Greene to email Sarah Henderson to determine the status and timing of the NBN roll-out.

COS to post minutes from the Work Groups on WyeSep Connect and where possible agenda's posted prior to meetings.

	<p>The CRC agreed that minutes from the Work Groups will be made available on WyeSep Connect and where possible agendas posted prior to meetings.</p> <p>Diane Sisely noted that she is chairing the Planning, Building and Fire in Ian Angus's absence and that the first meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9 June.</p>	
<b>7 Community Vision Workshop</b>	<p>The CRC discussed the structure and format of the Community Vision Workshop scheduled for 11 June at the Wye River SLSC, including the role of the Work Groups and the information to be made available on WyeSep Connect prior to the event.</p> <p>There was also discussion in relation to validating the information collected following the Workshop. It was agreed that this will be decided once the outcome is known.</p> <p>The CRC noted that the outputs from the Workshop will provide the basis of the next iteration of the Resettlement Plan which it was agreed will be called the Renewal Plan as resettlement implies that the content only refers to those who have been displaced.</p>	<p>The CRC agreed to change the title to 'Determining Our Future' and the importance of focusing on 'One voice – One community'.</p> <p>The CRC agreed that here will be no formal presentations in the afternoon and that instead there be an opportunity for informal discussion with members of the Work Groups.</p> <p>COS/EMV to arrange information to be made available on WyeSep Connect prior to the event.</p>
<b>8 Next Meeting</b>	<b>18 June 2016 Wye River</b>	