**Wye River, Separation Creek & Kennett River Community Resilience Committee**

**Friday July 28, 2017, Wye River Surf Life Saving Club**

**Present:** Joanne Tyler – CRC (Chair)

Diane Sisely - CRC

Ian Angus - CRC

Roy Moriarty - CRC

Dale Antonysen – Parks Victoria

Sally Lewis – Parks Victoria

Kate Fitzgerald – EMV

Andrew Morrow – DELWP

Lee Miezis – DELWP (by conference phone)

Tony McGann – COS

Wayne Perrett – Vicroads

Bob Osborne- Vicroads (part)

**Apologies:** Gary Warrener – COS

Paul Greene

Deb Hocking

Mark Stokes

**Minutes of previous meeting.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 April 2017 were confirmed.

**Matters Arising:**

* **Paddy’s Path**

Weeds are impacting on trees and regrowth and require ongoing attention via a targeted program. Some design and associated rebuild works on Paddy’s Path are delayed pending further work east of the current retaining wall towards Stanway Drive until October. Soil nailing is complete below lots 23 & 24; proceeding with work below lots 21 & 22, with geo-mesh in 2-3 weeks. 10 metre timber bridge to be constructed in 4-5 weeks. The previous objective of completion of the Path by Cup Day is unlikely to be met, now estimated for year end.

* **Management of plants in retaining mesh**

Long term management of trees growing through mesh to be addressed through DELWP. Guidelines will be needed across the townships re management of plants in meshed areas on public and private land to manage integrity of mesh, weeds and fire prevention.

* **Iluka Avenue power restoration**

Iluka property owners have collectively agreed to fund the additional $66K required by Powercor to proceed with underground cable. Documentation and associated issues are being worked through with Powercor and COS. The meeting noted that a number of owners are now in the process of re-building and need restoration of power as soon as available.

* **Donleavy Fitzpatrick Estate**

The land has been purchased by a private party and COS will provide information to the CRC on zoning and advertising requirements for any development applications. The meeting noted that there is very high public interest in issues associated with the use and maintenance of this land.

**Internet/NBN:**

* Diane Sisely will follow up with Sarah Henderson on status

**New Business**

**Nous survey:**

Kate Fitzgerald reported that the review covered the period from Christmas Day 2015 through to March 2017 to capture the response to and management of subsequent land slips. The Nous report will be made available to CRC within 2 weeks. There were 38 stakeholders interviewed and 57 responses to the survey. Key issues identified:

* Communications were considered to generally fairly well managed, but it was felt that sometimes community engagement was insufficient, eg around tree removal and BAL ratings, and that a more expert strategy would be useful
* Strong support for community-centred recovery approach, but issues about representation and sustainability of approaches
* The commitment of senior government leaders was appreciated, but sustainability of that level of involvement was seen as problematic in a major emergency, and that local government could be more supported.

The meeting agreed that the findings be presented to the wider community after the CRC has reviewed the report.

**WyeSep Community meeting:**

A community forum will be scheduled for the end of August to cover:

* Nous report
* Drainage report
* Vegetation Plan
* Community Fire Prevention (alert for November Cup presentation)
* Importance of Stanway Drive as a temporary emergency access link between Sep & Wye if the Great Ocean Road is closed for any reason and the need to communicate this clearly to counter misunderstandings.

COS is supportive and will provide further information on the Drainage project. We would like the opportunity to have Sue Wilkinson attend prior to her departure as CEO of COS.

**Community Fire Prevention & Management Plan:**

We will run the very successful 2015 program again over the November Cup weekend and invite Justin Leonard to speak.

**Parking to support recovery of business and tourism:**

Concerns expressed at enlarged bus zone and impact on available car parking. Paving of parking in Morley Avenue and concrete surrounds has further reduced car spaces. COS undertook to determine if informal parking could be allowed on the grassed area opposite. It has also been suggested that the disabled car space outside the General Store be relocated, given this a high usage area and the space is often empty.

**Walking Tracks to support tourism:**

The Tramway Walk above Morley Ave project is under active consideration by Parks Victoria, with a geotechnical survey having been completed. An improved walk and toilet facilities at Jameson River are also under consideration, to reduce load on other areas in peak periods.

**Renewal Plan**

Parks Victoria has funds available for some Wye River area projects, which may include replanting flora and renewing fauna habitat; weed eradication; and walking tracks. Peter Hay is the key PV contact.

The meeting noted the need for a tracking system for 25 specific items in the Renewal Plan. Tegan Brown is developing an activity/GANT chart to monitor progress.

The next Leadership Meeting is to be confirmed by Lee Miezis.

**Development of 2018/19 Renewal Plan**

The 2018-19 Plan will include Kennett River and the focus may move beyond re-building. Current Renewal Plan runs to March 2018. Proposal is to seek community input re the status of current projects and new/additional issues to be included. The Draft Plan for 2018-19 will be distributed to the community in early December with input/comments invited over summer. Discussion and formal adoption of the Plan will take place at the Community Forum in January, with implementation of 2018-19 Plan commencing March 2018. Sign off process for key agencies is yet to be determined.

Joanne Tyler left the meeting at 12:30 and Diane Sisely took the chair.

**Future Resources for CRC:**

DELWP will taper off support services through the balance of 2017, including Tegan Brown’s excellent technical support for the Work Groups. The Work Groups will reduce from 4 to 3 and will need to manage transition and ongoing projects.

The meeting closed at 12:45pm.