

Community Resilience Committee

Minutes Meeting#3

Date: 7 May 2016 Time: 1.30pm to 5.00pm Location: Wye River SLSC



COMMUNITY
RESILIENCE

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Attendees: Dr Diane Sisely (Co-Chair); Sue Wilkinson, Colac Otway CEO; Ian Angus; Andrew Dunn; Paul Greene; Deb Hocking; Joanne Tyler; Roy Moriarty; Dr Mark Stokes.

Apologies: Cr Frank Buchanan (Co-Chair); Craig Lapsley, Emergency Management Commissioner.

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Outcome (Responsibility)
1 Welcome & Apologies	The Co-Chair, Dr Diane Sisely welcomed attendees. The CRC noted apologies from Cr Frank Buchanan and Criag Lapsley.	
2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes & Review of Action Items	The minutes from 10 April 2016 CRC meeting were confirmed and it was noted that all action items had been acquitted. The CRC discussed the process for confirming the minutes to ensure that they can be made available on WyeSep Connect as quickly as possible.	The Committee agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft minutes will be circulated within 3 working days to all CRC members by Secretariat• CRC will have 2 days to provide any feedback to the secretariat (All)• If there are conflicting views on the content the Co-Chairs will decide• The Minutes are then posted on WyeSep Connect clearly marked DRAFT - SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION.
3 Expert Panel	Justin Leonard, Bushfire Expert at CSIRO and John Mealia, Fire and Emergency Management Specialist both members of the Expert Panel appointed by EMV attended to discuss their work and the process moving forward. There was discussion around the Workshop planned for Friday 13 May,	Justin Leonard to contact Diane Sisely following the meeting with EMV regarding the workshop logistics to discuss the format.

	<p>the purpose of which is to help set the direction for the development of the bushfire resilience guideline.</p> <p>Justin and John sought advice from CRC members on how the workshop should be facilitated and run noting that they would be meeting with EMV the following week to discuss the logistics.</p> <p>It was suggested that Diane Sisely could present the introduction.</p> <p>It was noted that the guideline will be completed by the Expert Panel once the community is appropriately consulted.</p>	
<p>3 Community Information – Update and Discussion</p>	<p>The CRC discussed the forward meetings schedule and options in relation to teleconferencing to ease the travel burden on members.</p> <p>The CRC discussed the Community meetings and noted the difference in the issues raised at the Melbourne meeting as opposed to those raised at the Wye River meeting.</p> <p>There was discussion around communications and how to ensure that information is conveyed succinctly and effectively to the community.</p> <p>Sue Wilkinson suggested that there could be too much information being provided and advised that the Leadership will be discussing this matter.</p> <p>It was suggested that the architecture of the WyeSep Connect website could be enhanced and it would be useful if there was a mechanism for people to provide feedback on the website.</p>	<p>COS to investigate teleconferencing technological options for discussion at next CRC meeting.</p> <p>COS to prepare a schedule of all meetings, including the expert panel workshops.</p> <p>It was agreed that relevant information such as the Community Newsletter should be displayed on the Wye River and Separation Creek Noticeboards.</p> <p>COS to arrange for a mechanism to be included on WyeSep Connect to enable people to provide feedback on the website.</p>
<p>4 Community Vision for Wye River and Separation Creek</p>	<p>Diane Sisely referred to the paper she had prepared and distributed to CRC members ‘Wye and Sep in Five and 10 Years Time’ noting the importance of consulting with the total community about what the community might look like in five and 10 years time and what is required to achieve the vision to build resilience, scaffolded by wellbeing, livability, sustainability and viability.</p> <p>The CRC discussed the process for developing the vision and logistical options to ensure maximum community participation, including developing a draft vision as a starting point for discussion with the wider community.</p> <p>The importance of collecting and considering work undertaken to date such as that done by the Progress Association and the two community surveys was also discussed.</p> <p>There was also discussion around the importance of also obtaining input from those agencies responsible for the delivery of the various</p>	<p>The CRC agreed to hold a Community Workshop on Saturday 11 June at Wye River.</p> <p>The CRC agreed to prepare and distribute templates to relevant community organisations and government agencies requesting they provide information on work of relevance that has been undertaken to date and their ideas in terms of the vision for Wye River & Separation Creek moving forward.</p> <p>The CRC also agreed that community members be invited to provide comments on the vision through WyeSep Connect.</p>

	project streams as a part of the Resettlement Plan.	
5 Work Groups Concept	<p>There was discussion in relation to the representation on the Work Groups and the process for selecting community participants.</p> <p>The CRC considered the draft principles to guide selection prepared by Diane Sisely for discussion and noted that it is not necessary for people to have specialist expertise in these areas to be a member of a Work Group.</p> <p>The CRC acknowledged that not everyone is comfortable expressing their views in a public forum and that it is important to provide alternative communication avenues.</p> <p>It was noted that the Chair of each Work Group will be responsible for the management and co-ordination of the Group. In addition, that Work Groups will be supported as appropriate by the relevant lead agency and that this will include the provision of secretariat support.</p>	<p>The CRC endorsed the establishment of four Work Groups and the Chairs to focus on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Green - Business and Tourism • Joanne Tyler - Flora, Fauna and Beachscape • Deb Hocking - Wellbeing and Connection • Ian Angus - Planning, Building and Fire. <p>The principles to guide the CRCs selection of community representatives were endorsed subject to replacing “expertise” with “experience”.</p> <p>It was agreed that the CRC is would seek Expressions of Interest from community members to participate in the Work Groups, either as a member of a group or by contributing ideas or suggestions.</p> <p>It was agreed that nominations to the Work Groups would be open for everyone to contribute including full and part time residents, regular campers, holiday makers and visitors to Wye and Sep.</p> <p>COS to provide contact details for agency project leads to Work Group Chairs.</p> <p>COS to set up a teleconferencing account for the Work Groups.</p>
6 Funding Opportunities	<p>Clare Malone provided an overview of the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) which works in partnership with philanthropy, government and business to strengthen rural, regional and remote communities which may of interest. She advised that while no funding is currently available it should be in the longer term. In addition, that the FRRR is interested in hearing about any ideas for future funding.</p> <p>There was discussion in relation to the Great Ocean Road Economic and Community Recovery Fund. Clare Malone advised that applications must be submitted by 22 May 2016 and that they will need to be approved by the Minister. She further advised that applications can only be made by an incorporated body.</p> <p>The CRC agreed that the Business and Tourism Working Group should prepare a submission and that it would not however be possible to meet</p>	<p>COS to provide details to CRC members of the parameters and scope of funding available from the FRRR.</p> <p>CRC to advise COS of any ideas in relation to longer term funding to be provided to the FRRR.</p> <p>COS to contact RDV to discuss the reasons for the deadline of 22 May and request and a two week extension for the lodgement of the grant application.</p> <p>Paul Greene to send a copy of his grant proposal to Sue Wilkinson and Cr Frank Buchanan who will prepare a letter of support on behalf of</p>

	<p>this deadline.</p> <p>Paul Greene advised that he has a grant proposal and Sue Wilkinson advised that COS could prepare a letter of support.</p> <p>The CRC noted that other parties may be preparing grant applications and that these did not require the endorsement of the Committee.</p>	COS.
7 Other Business	<p>Independent GeoTech sign-off of all reinstatement work by Grocon</p> <p>Andrew Dunn questioned whether there would an independent sign-off of all reinstatement work completed by Grocon.</p> <p>Peter van Lambaart advised that this is being undertaken by Golders and that he would provide the CRC with further information on this process.</p> <p>It was also agreed that when available this information should be posted on WyeSep Connect.</p> <p>Retaining Walls</p> <p>There was discussion in relation to retaining walls. Sue Wilkinson advised that work is underway to identify high priority walls that require replacement and that those on public land can be made public. She also explained that COS is working the State to identify the price differential of the costs associated with replacing the timber in retaining walls with some alternative fire resistant material.</p> <p>How will functions referred from the Interim Recovery Committee be progressed?</p> <p>Ian Angus advised that Peter Latham has written to the Progress Association in relation to it taking responsibility for the completion of incomplete matters that the Interim Recovery Committee had taken responsibility for.</p> <p>It was noted that one member of the Interim Recovery Committee would participate on the Progress Association Committee. It was also noted that the CRC would take responsibility for the community survey and vegetation.</p>	<p>Peter van Lambaart to provide information on the process for the independent sign-off of all reinstatement work completed by Grocon to the CRC and for posting on WyeSep Connect.</p>
8 Next Meeting	10.30 to 1.00pm, Saturday 21 May, Richmond Town Hall	