

# Community Resilience Committee

## Minutes Meeting#4

Date: 21 May 2016 Time: 10.30pm to 2.45pm Location: Richmond Town Hall



COMMUNITY  
RESILIENCE

### DRAFT – SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION

Attendees: Cr Frank Buchanan (Co-Chair); Sue Wilkinson, Colac Otway CEO; Andrew Dunn; Paul Greene; Deb Hocking; Joanne Tyler; Dr Mark Stokes.

Apologies: Dr Diane Sisely (Co-Chair); Craig Lapsley, Emergency Management Commissioner; Ian Angus; Roy Moriarty.

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.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Outcome (Responsibility)
<b>1 Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	<p>The Co-Chair, Cr Frank Buchanan welcomed attendees.</p> <p>The CRC noted apologies from Diana Sisely, Roy Moriarty, Ian Angus and Craig Lapsley.</p>	
<b>2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes &amp; Review of Action Items</b>	<p>The minutes from 7 May 2016 CRC meeting were confirmed and it was noted that all action items had been acquitted with the exception of the matter relating to the independent GeoTech sign-off of all reinstatement work by Grocon.</p> <p>Peter van Lambaart advised that the process is currently being finalised and that he would provide definitive advice the following week.</p> <p>It was noted that the GeoTech sign off is not limited to safety but must include effective compaction which is the key concern of the impacted landowners.</p> <p>There was discussion about retaining walls in relation to the material they should be constructed from and the cost differential between concrete and timber. It was noted that the State is investigating fire resistant materials.</p> <p>It was also noted that the State is paying for the repair of all high and very high risk retaining walls regardless of whether they are located on public or private land. Further, that the conditions will be continually monitored and reassessed due to the weather conditions.</p> <p>The CRC noted that COS cannot require the use of a specific material</p>	<p>Peter van Lambaart to arrange a QS for the costings on retaining wall options.</p> <p>COS to finalise Fact Sheet on retaining walls and include advice in relation to retrofitting undamaged timber retaining walls.</p> <p>Peter van Lambaart to provide advice to CRC on the process for independent GeoTech sign-off of all reinstatement work by Grocon.</p>

	<p>for retaining walls but that this is a policy issue for COS and may have longer term regulatory implications.</p> <p>The CRC also raised the need for community advice in relation to both building and retrofitting retaining walls to make them more fireproof.</p> <p>It was noted that COS is currently in the process of preparing Fact Sheets on retaining walls.</p>	
<b>3 Community Firewood</b>	<p>Joanne Tyler advised that there is a need for a process to be agreed in relation to the community firewood and making it available to members of the community.</p> <p>She further advised that EMV has offered to cover the cost to have the firewood cut up.</p>	<p>It was agreed that the Community Connection and Wellbeing Work Group would prepare advice on the community firewood initiative and that Clare Malone will coordinate from a COS perspective.</p>
<b>4 Feedback on EMV Expert Panel Workshops</b>	<p>Joanne Tyler advised that both Diane Sisely and herself attended the Workshop.</p> <p>Debra Hocking inquired about whether a report on the discussions and outcomes would be made available. Peter van Lambaart advised that an overview of the proceedings is currently being prepared and can be made available to the CRC.</p> <p>It was noted that the workshops are open for all community members to attend, not only those whose properties were fire affected.</p> <p>Joanne Tyler questioned how the outcomes from the workshops will relate to the planning guidelines. Sue Wilkinson advised that this is yet to be determined.</p> <p>Andrew Dunn advised that the feedback he had received in relation to the workshops had been positive noting however, that he was advised that it would have been helpful for participants to have been able to do some preparation.</p> <p>There was discussion in relation to different stages community members are at in the recovery process and that it is inevitable that some are experiencing distress.</p> <p>Sue Wilkinson advised that appropriate health professionals are present at all community meetings.</p> <p>Clare Malone advised that DHHS has finalised a MOU with Lorne Hospital for the provision of a range of psychological support services.</p>	<p>Peter van Lambaart to distribute report on the overview of the proceedings of the EMV Expert Panel Workshops to the CRC.</p>

<p><b>5 Work Groups</b></p>	<p>In her capacity as Co-Chair, Joanne Tyler advised the CRC of the nominations received through the EOI process for each of the Work Groups noting that the highest level of interest was in the Community Connection and Wellbeing Work Group.</p> <p>The CRC agreed on the importance co-ordinating community consultation across the four Work Groups. Joanne Tyler advised that DEWLP had offered a resource to provide advice in relation to how this can be achieved. The CRC agreed that it would oversee this work.</p> <p>The CRC also discussed other methods by which they could obtain input into the work of the Work Groups from members of the community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A virtual suggestion box on WyeSep Connect with drop down boxes to categorise issues and suggest potential solutions</li> <li>• A suggestion box at the Wye River pub.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee discussed submissions being prepared for the Great Ocean Road Economic Community Recovery Fund.</p> <p>Sue Wilkinson advised that consideration was being given to producing the newsletter fortnightly rather than weekly.</p>	<p>The CRC endorsed the nominations received through the EOI process for each of the Work Groups.</p> <p>The CRC agreed that each Work Group should be convened prior to the 11 June Community Vision Workshop to ensure that they are in a position to present at this Forum for feedback the initial priorities they have identified.</p> <p>COS to arrange a virtual suggestion box on WyeSep Connect.</p> <p>COS to arrange a suggestion box at the Wye River pub.</p> <p>COS to provide support as appropriate for the preparation of funding submissions to the Great Ocean Road Economic Community Recovery Fund.</p>
<p><b>6 Community Vision Workshop</b></p>	<p>The CRC discussed the Community Vision Workshop and agreed that the aim is to get direction from the community on the longer term vision for Wye River and Separation Creek.</p> <p>The CRC agreed that rather than commencing with a blank page it would be useful to prepare a draft vision and underlying principles to begin the discussion. This would not in any way be a position put forward by the CRC, merely a tool to generate thoughts and ideas across the whole community.</p> <p>There was also discussion about the role of Work Groups in the workshop. It was agreed that the Co-Chairs would make a brief presentation on the role of the Work Groups and that the community be engaged in discussions about what the priorities for each group should be.</p> <p>The CRC discussed whether a second workshop should be held in Melbourne. It was agreed that it is important for this type of activity to be inclusive of all community members at the same time and in Wye</p>	<p>CRC to prepare draft vision to generate thoughts and ideas at the Workshop.</p> <p>COS to arrange a bus to transport Melbourne based property owners to and from Wye River if there is demand.</p> <p>COS to arrange advice about the date of the workshop and the availability of a bus to and from Melbourne to be posted on WyeSep Connect as soon as possible.</p> <p>COS to arrange pre-reading materials to be made available on WyeSep Connect.</p>

	<p>River.</p> <p>To facilitate Melbourne based property owners involvement it was proposed and agreed that a bus be arranged to transport people between Melbourne and Wye River.</p> <p>The CRC also agreed to make available to interested participants pre reading materials which may be interest to them.</p>	
<b>7 Other Business</b>	<p><b>Access between Separation Creek and Wye River</b></p> <p>Members of the CRC raised safety concerns about the pedestrian access between Separation Creek and Wye River created by the bridge works.</p>	<p>Sandra Wade to contact VicRoads to advise of safety concerns and the need for this to be rectified.</p>
<b>8 Next Meeting</b>	<b>5 June 2016 Wye River</b>	