

Community Resilience Committee

Minutes Meeting # 7

Date: 31 July 2016 Time: 1.00pm to 2.45pm Location: Wye River SLSC



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Attendees: Dr Diane Sisely (Co-Chair); Joanne Tyler; Dr Mark Stokes; Paul Greene.

Apologies: Cr Frank Buchanan (Co-Chair); Ian Angus; Deb Hocking; Sue Wilkinson, Colac Otway CEO; Craig Lapsley, Emergency Management Commissioner; Roy Moriarty; Sandra Wade, GM Bushfire Recovery, Colac-Otway Shire.

Ex officio: Clare Malone Co-coordinator Bushfire Community Recovery, Colac Otway Shire; Ampara McKenzie-Murray EMV, WRSC Resettlement Program Manager.

Other Attendees: Doug McNeil, Manager Bushfire Recovery, Colac Otway Shire; Fiona Hando, Bushfire Communications Manager, Colac Otway Shire; Jesse Overton-Skinner (Adviser to Minister Neville); Andrew Morrow; Lee Miezis, Deputy Secretary, Forest, Fire and Regions, DELWP; Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Barwon South West, DELWP.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Outcome (Responsibility)
1 Welcome & Apologies	<p>The Co-Chair, Diane Sisely welcomed attendees.</p> <p>The CRC noted apologies from Ian Angus, Debra Hocking, Roy Moriarty, Cr Frank Buchanan, Sue Wilkinson, Craig Lapsley and Sandra Wade.</p>	
2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes & Review of Action Items	<p>The minutes from the 18 June 2016 CRC meeting were confirmed.</p> <p>The Action Items were reviewed with the CRC noting that they were either complete, in progress or included on the Agenda for discussion.</p>	
3 CRC Strategic Planning Workshop	<p>Diane Sisely highlighted the need for the CRC to have a Strategic Planning Day to plan for the 12 month period from September 2016 to September 2017.</p> <p>At the event the CRC will need to consider the range of activities planned for this period across the agencies, and develop a framework for the actions required by the CRC moving forward in relation to, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next iteration of Resettlement/Renewal Plan• APZ consultation outcomes• Voluntary Building Guideline• Community statement re future vision and principles• Work Groups 12 month Forward Planning• Development of a bushfire risk strategic plan	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role out of “Safe Together” plan • Reopening of affected areas of national park. • Rehabilitation of fire containment lines • Planned burns and the importance of community preparation <p>Agency representatives present advised of upcoming priorities and it was agreed that an updated timetable of activities planned for this period be prepared by EMV.</p> <p>It was noted however, that EMV will not receive the fire season outlook until September so it will be difficult to predict where the focus will be until this time.</p> <p>EMV advised that Victoria Police would like to undertake a de-brief initially with a small community group followed by a larger community de-brief later in the year potentially in late September. It was noted that a de-brief could also be held in Melbourne.</p> <p>Andrew Morrow referred to a one pager of DEWLP activities advising that he will provide this to the CRC.</p> <p>There was discussion in relation to the need to identify short and long term actions.</p> <p>It was noted that work is underway in a number of communities to develop strategic bushfire and risk management plans which identify individual and collective actions to achieve a common set of objectives and outcomes. Deb Jepson advised that Steve Cameron, EMV Project Manager, Community Based Emergency Management, could present to the CRC on this process.</p> <p>Paul Greene advised that NBNCO gave a presentation on the roll out of NBN in Wye River and Separation Creek at the last meeting of the Business and Tourism Work Group. He advised that people can connect to the Satellite now and that information about this would be posted on WyeSep Connect in the coming week.</p> <p>The timing for the weed program of works was raised. The new playground, and the river walk, are expected to open during November.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Workshop should be held in September prior to 22 September, the date on which Colac Otway Shire goes into caretaker mode due to the upcoming election. It was also agreed that the community meeting should be brought forward a week.</p>	<p>Clare to draft project brief for Planning Day</p> <p>EMV to update Gant chart showing timetable of activities.</p> <p>Deb Jepson to arrange for Steve Cameron to present to the CRC on Strategic Bushfire and Risk Management Plans.</p> <p>Paul Greene to distribute NBNCO presentation to CRC.</p> <p>Clare Malone to provide information to the CRC on the weed program of works.</p>
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	<p>Deb Jepson indicated that the majority of property owners are planning to rebuild. The fire impacted on 179 sites overall.</p>	
<p>4 Communications</p>	<p>The CRC discussed the WyeSep Connect Activity Report noting the shift away from the website toward the Facebook page as announcements slow down and community engagement increases.</p> <p>The CRC also discussed the need to better streamline and target messaging and develop a 12 month communications plan. Joanne Tyler referred to previous discussion about approaches to communication, and re-iterated the availability of the community reps to provide feedback on key messages before they are sent out by any of the agencies.</p> <p>The CRC discussed opportunities for and the timing of positive communications about the renewal of Wye River and Separation Creek.</p>	<p>Fiona Hando to review and streamline existing messages and develop a 12 month Communications Plan.</p> <p>Fiona Hando to develop messaging on positive communications and advise on timing.</p> <p>Fiona Hando to draft a story for Wyeseep Connect on coppicing eucalypts.</p>
<p>5 Other Business</p>	<p>Lee Miezis advised that DELWP will host the CRC community discussion forum.</p> <p>The CRC ratified the appointment of Paul Clifton to the Business and Tourism Work Group.</p> <p>The CRC discussed a proposal from the Business and Tourism Work Group to seek funding for a feasibility study for a walk from Aireys Inlet to Apollo Bay. Lee Miezis advised that some work may already be underway in relation to this and undertook to investigate and advise the CRC.</p> <p>Clare Malone advised that advice in relation to the Great Ocean Road Economic and Community Recovery Fund will be provided to the Minister and decisions expected to be announced shortly.</p> <p>Diane Sisely asked about the status of the work of the Economic Committee being led by Ted Ballieu. Lee Miezis advised that he is of the understanding that the work will be concluded once the grants are decided.</p> <p>The road network will ultimately be handed back to COS and a traffic management plan is in development. Joanne Tyler suggested that prompt advice would be helpful to inform the positioning of driveways for those who are rebuilding.</p>	<p>The CRC agreed to support the proposal for a feasibility study subject to advice from Lee Miezis in relation to any work they may already be underway.</p>

6 Next Meeting	To be advised.	
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