

# Community Connection and Wellbeing Work Group

1.00pm – 3.00pm, Saturday 3 September 2016

Meeting 4# Minutes

COMMUNITY  
RESILIENCE

## DRAFT SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION OF WORK GROUP

**Attendees:** Sandy Forbes, Yvonne Sheppard; Charles Le Feuvre; Christine Shaw, Carolyn Tatchell, Jay Robinson (Lorne Hospital), Het Ramp (Lorne Hospital); Sara Coward (DHHS), Clare Malone (COS); Yvette Hill (COS); Kim Stanley (DELWP) and Diane Sisley.

**Apologies:** Matthew Chamberlain (DHHS), Debra Hocking.

### 1 Welcome and Introductions

Sandy Forbes acted as Chair for this meeting. Sandy welcomed Work Group members and invited them to introduce themselves. The Group noted apologies from Debra Hocking and Matthew Chamberlain.

### 2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Review of Action Items

Sandy requested that the minutes be updated to note that she was an apology for the meeting.

Subject to this amendment, The Minutes from the previous meeting were ratified and action items reviewed.

### 3. MEETING IN MELBOURNE WITH PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR HOMES

- Charles Le Feuvre advised that Rob Gordon attended the Community Meeting in Melbourne on Thursday 1 September and spoke to the group about the expectations and emotional stages of recovery at the six month stage.
- Diane Sisley suggested that Rob Gordon attend a meeting of the CRC and the four Work Groups.
- The Work Group noted that while the availability of Health Checks at Lorne Hospital for people affected by the bushfires has been promoted, the availability of psychological support had not to date. Het noted that a flyer has been produced advising of the services available and that Clare Malone has distributed this to both this Work Group and the CRC to disseminate. She further advised that she had spoken with Jo Wade from COS in relation to further communicating this information. It was agreed that Clare would follow-up on this and advise the Work Group.
- The Work Group discussed the phrasing being used to refer to the community and decided that “*people affected by the bushfire*” is the desired messaging.
- The Work Group requested confirmation that all permanent residents who lost a home in the bushfire have been contacted individually. Sara Coward and Clare advised that DHHS follows up with these individuals on a regular basis and that Matt can provide further advice at the next meeting.
- Het advised that there is a 24 hour phone support line available (ph: 5289 4300) to link people to their local health centres for support. This was set up following a request from DHHS and began operation on June 10. To date no one has contacted the service.

#### Action / Outcome:

- Clare to follow up with Jo Wade in relation to the communications around the availability of health checks and psychological support and advise the Work Group.
- Matt to confirm that all permanent residents who lost their homes have been contacted individually to ensure they have the assistance they require.
- Jay Robinson to discuss with Rob Gordon his attendance at a meeting of the CRC and the four Work Groups about self-care and guidance around communication with the public.

### 4. WORK GROUP STATUS REPORT

- Clare and Diane advised that the Chair of each Work Group had been requested to prepare a status report detailing activities to date to inform the CRC Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for Thursday 15 September.
- The Work Groups discussed the draft status report for this group that was distributed with the meeting papers.

- It was agreed that it should also include reference to the work Jay is doing on the Barwon Great Ocean Road Resilience Strategy, the planned engagement with Rob Gordon and any other activities planned for the next 12 months.

#### **5. SHORT TERM FUNDING PROJECTS**

- The Work Group discussed the proposal to have a community day on the Melbourne Cup Weekend noting that funding has been sought by COS for this event through the Apollo Bay and District Health Foundation. Clare advised that planning for the event should proceed as COS can fund it if the funding application is not successful.
- The Work Group discussed potential projects for which to seek funding and determined that the preferred activities are:
  - Upskilling Volunteers and the Community
  - Subsidised activities and time away for permanent residents who lost their homes and subsidised accommodation for other people affected by the bushfire to assist them to visit Wye River and Separation Creek.
- Sandy Forbes asked if an Event Calendar could be produced which includes all meetings and events relevant to the Wye / Sep communities.

#### **Action / Outcome:**

- Yvette Hill to produce an Event Calendar.
- Yvette Hill to explore potential funding streams that can be applied to Volunteer Training.

#### **6. WATER TANK CONSULTATION**

- Clare advised that the installation of the water tank is expected to commence in the next fortnight. She explained that the water tank will be located on the slope directly behind the car parking area at the east end of Harrington Park and that the works associated with the installation will include a pump and a filtration system.
- The Work Group discussed the idea of having a plaque placed on or near the tank acknowledging that it was a donation from the Lions Club of Lorne.

#### **Action / Outcome:**

- Clare/Yvette to arrange a plaque for the water tank.

#### **7. SURF COAST TREE SERVICES DONATION**

- Het advised that Surf Coast Tree Services would like to make a donation of around \$1,000 to go toward a community wellbeing project.
- The Work Group discussed that given the popularity of the Bird Box Project it would be the best and most relevant community project to be the recipient of the funds for the erection of bird boxes.
- Yvonne Sheppard noted that there have been 92 requests for bird boxes and at this stage forty have been made.

#### **Action / Outcome:**

- Het to liaise with Surf Coast Tree Services to facilitate funding contribution for the erection of bird boxes.

#### **8. ACCOMMODATION**

Yvette provided an update on accommodation as follows:

- Foreshore Caravan Park – aiming to open 31 September. 15 sites available and happy to assist with accommodation if there is availability (if there is a specific event).
- Great Ocean Road Real Estate – Apollo Bay and Lorne offices both interested. Lorne have had around 10 Wye River property owners willing to help out, but will be looked at on case by case basis. Yet to have any

solid reply from Apollo Bay.

- Holiday Great Ocean Road – have indicated interest but not firm offers. Expecting a response this week.
- Big 4 - \$100 per night minimum 3 nights / 2 pax.
- Lions Club Van – COS taking over bookings from 29 August. The van is only available until Melbourne Cup Weekend.

Caroline Tatchell suggested contacting the Kennett River Caravan Park to seek assistance in providing subsidised accommodation, for people affected by the bushfire to assist them to visit Wye River and Separation Creek. The possibility of Jayco supplying two vans for use by people who have lost a home was also discussed.

**Action/Outcome**

- Yvette to contact the Kennett River Caravan Park to discuss opportunities for subsidised accommodation.

**9. COMMUNITY EVENTS / WELLNESS PROJECTS**

- This was discussed in previous conversations relating to funding and the attendance of Rob Gordon at Community Meetings.
- Yvonne and Christine advised that there will be a Fete at the CFA on 3 January and Easter Saturday 2017.

**10. BARWON GREAT OCEAN ROAD RESILIENCE STRATEGY**

Jay Robinson advised that she is in discussions with Kate Gillan (CEO) Lorne Hospital to determine if the proposal duplicates anything DHHS is currently working on and that further advice will be provided at the next meeting.

**11. WASTE COLLECTION**

The Work Group collectively decided that this matter should be dealt with by the CRC rather than one of the Work Groups.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Jay advised that due to time commitments she will no longer attend the Work Group Meetings but will of course attend if required. Het will attend on a regular basis as a representative from Lorne Hospital.
- Carolyn and Yvonne to discuss which one of them will continue on the Work Group.
- Christine requested feedback from the Work Group in relation to her participation in the development of an Emergency Management Tool and it was agreed that she would email Work Group members individually.
- Clare asked the Work Group to consider the anniversary of the bushfire and if the community wish for this to be commemorated in any way. It was agreed that advice should be sought from Rob Gordon in relation to this.
- Jay gave an overview of the Men's Shed Bird Box event in Lorne which was attended by around 30 people. Orders for around 50 bird boxes were taken.
- The Fire Awareness Awards were discussed and it was agreed that Christine and Sandy would prepare the nominations.
- The Work Group discussed the issues raised at the Community Meeting that morning in relation to where all the wood that was being transported out was going.

**Action / Outcome:**

- Carolyn and Yvonne to discuss and advise which one of them will continue on the Work Group.
- Christine Shaw and Sandy Forbes to would prepare nominations for the Fire Awareness Awards.
- Jay to seek advice from Rob Gordon in relation to community commemorations of the 12 month anniversary of the bushfires. Work Group to then consider this advice and provide recommendations to the CRC.
- Clare to follow up with EMV in relation to issues raised at the Community Meeting regarding wood. Work Group to consider ideas for commemoration of the bushfire anniversary.



**12. NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday 1 October 11.00am – 1.00pm, Wye River SLSC.**

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