

# Community Connection and Wellbeing Work Group

11.00pm – 1.00pm, Saturday 4 March 2017

Meeting 9# Minutes

COMMUNITY  
RESILIENCE

## DRAFT SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION OF WORK GROUP

**Attendees:** Debra Hocking, Christine Shaw, Carolyn Tatchell, Karen Hogg, Yvonne Sheppard, Charles Le Feuvre (by phone), Peter Galvin (DELWP), Het Ramp (Lorne Hospital), Clare Malone (COS), Yvette Hill (COS)

**Apologies:** Sandy Forbes, Matthew Chamberlain

### 1 Welcome and Introductions

Debra Hocking welcomed Work Group members and noted apologies from Sandy Forbes and Matthew Chamberlain.

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

The Minutes from the previous meeting were ratified and action items reviewed. The Work Group noted the following:

- The condition of Stanway Drive has been dramatically improved with asphaltting. Clarification is sought in regard to vehicle access.
- Advice was received that Richard Curwell from VicRoads will ensure that traffic management points are managed as effectively as possible. The Work Group advised that there had been no improvement and that traffic was still banked up during peak times.
- The Work Group agreed to produce a Visitor Information Sheet for distribution by end March 2016. The content will be finalised by 17 March and draft distributed for approval.
- The Work Group discussed the GOR Landslides Matrix in conjunction with current community needs and expectations and decided that there was no longer a need for this information to be produced given that rectification works are well underway.
- The Work Group decided to send Rex Brown a card to thank him for his individual contribution to the community and organising the shuttle service.
- Het Ramp discussed community wellbeing and perceptions in regard to the progression of the retaining wall and suggested that some communication be distributed.
- Charles Le Feuvre mentioned that a track has been formed from Wallace Avenue to Iluka Avenue which wasn't there prior to the bushfires.
- Debra Hocking said she was advised that a property owner who should have been contacted to participate in the Intentions Survey, had not been.
- Access to Harrington Park is currently unrestricted apart from the area around the damaged path at the top end of the park. Funding for works to reinstate the damaged path is through the Commonwealth Government.
- Clare Malone advised that the issue of Harrington Park crosses various COS departments.
- Debra advised that she has concerns about the future development of the park and would like community consultation to occur for long term planning.
- Debra expressed the importance to the community for wellbeing and connection of WyeSep Connect and requested that it be funded until the end of 2017. Clare advised that the cost to run WyeSep is approximately \$20,000 for six months and that discussions are currently underway with EMV as to the future provision of the website.
- The Water Tank was discussed and Clare advised that the cost of the plumbing works was paid for by the Colac Otway Shire. The Shire is seeking reimbursement from the Lions Club for these costs as this work was necessary to provide a serviceable water tank.

### Actions / Outcomes

- Yvette Hill to follow up on any restrictions on vehicle access to Stanway Drive.
- Yvette to follow up with Stephen Wright / Richard Curwell (VicRoads) to see if traffic controllers can override the signs.
- Yvette to email Work Group members the earlier version of the Information Sheet and seek input from members by Friday 17 March.
- Yvette to organise a card and send to Rex.
- Het Ramp to draft communication in relation to community wellbeing with regard to the development of the retaining wall.
- Yvette to investigate and advise on the track between Wallace Avenue and Iluka Avenue.
- Yvette to follow up on the property owners who advised they had not been contacted in relation to the Intentions Survey.
- Clare to follow up with relevant Council departments to find out if community consultation on Harrington Park is a possibility.
- Debra to investigate if the Renewal Plan contains reference to the future of Harrington Park.
- Clare / Yvette to draft a letter to EMV on behalf of the Work Group requesting that they maintain the site until January 2017.
- Clare to provide statistics on usage metrics for the WyeSep Website.
- Yvette to investigate funding potential to continue the website.

### **3. PLANNED BURNS – PETER GALVIN DELWP**

Peter Galvin from DEWLP provided an overview of the planned burn in the Kennett River area which is likely to commence at any time in the next fortnight, depending on favourable weather conditions.

The Work Group discussed how best to communicate information on the planned burns. It was noted that a newsletter has been distributed to properties in Kennett River and there has been a presence of DELWP staff at Kennett River and Wye River to help address community concern.

The Work Group felt the Newsletter was broad and didn't address specific issues which would be of concern to the community. Peter advised that a tailored message would be created and distributed through Bushfire Recovery communication channels.

#### **Actions / Outcomes**

- Peter to create a tailored message for distribution to the Wye / Sep / Kennett communities.

### **4. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS**

#### **ARTS WORKSHOP**

Yvette advised that she had met with Skotia Monkivitch in February and that she would be interested in facilitating a workshop to agree on a community arts project. A meeting time with the Work Group will be organised to discuss the next stage of this.

#### **Actions / Outcomes**

- Yvette to liaise with Scotia and Work Group to arrange a time to meet (phone-in).

## **SHOWCASING LOCAL TRADES AND SERVICES EVENT**

Clare and Yvette discussed the Trades and Services Event. This has been slightly reworked as a result of discussions and will entail the development and delivery of a Trades and Services Directory and product launch event.

Work is currently underway and the project is anticipated to be delivered in July 2017.

### **Actions / Outcomes**

- Yvette to distribute the Trades and Services Project Plan to the Work Group for input.

## **5. WYE I LOVE**

The Work Group will exhibit a range photos from the Wye I Love Competition over the first term holidays at the Wye General Store and Wye Beach Hotel.

Wye Winter will be launched as part of this exhibition to attract entrants with a focus on the region over the Winter months.

### **Actions / Outcomes**

- Yvette will create a poster collage of photos and organise printing on core flute.

## **6. UPDATE ON LORNE HOSPITAL SERVICES**

Het Ramp advised the Work Group that Lorne Community Hospital distributed a promotional flyer to properties in Wye River and Separation Creek. The flyer advised of health services available at the Hospital and pathways for people who live in Melbourne to access help.

## **7. REVIEW OF SUPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT LIVING LOCALLY – FOLLOW UP FROM DECEMBER MEETING IN MELBOURNE**

Charles Le Feuvre noted there were approximately 30 people at the last Community Meeting in Melbourne and that the meetings have been an important tool in providing an opportunity for people in the community to connect.

The Work Group discussed the content for the next Community Meeting in Melbourne and suggested that an item be included on health and wellbeing.

### **Actions / Outcomes**

- Clare will investigate if an item on health and wellbeing can be listed for the agenda of the next Community Meeting in Melbourne. Potentially this item could be included in the Work Group report to the meeting.

## **8. WYE RIVER / SEPARATION CREEK FIRE RECOVERY EVALUATION**

Debra advised that she had participated in the evaluation process with Nous Group. The results from this evaluation will be incorporated in a draft report and people will have the opportunity to provide feedback.

Clare advised that Colac Otway Shire is in the process of undertaking an internal review of the Bushfire Recovery effort to inform future responses to emergencies.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Work Group would like to discuss the delivery of a Mid Winter Event. The date proposed was 24 July but the item is to be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.



**10. NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday 29 April 2017 10am.**

Draft Subject to Ratification