

Strathewen Community Renewal Association Inc.

Committee Meeting No. 5

Tuesday 28 July 2009

Community Centre, Bowden Spur Road Strathewen

MINUTES

ITEM 1 ATTENDANCE – 7:40 pm

Present:

Committee Members: Mary Avola, Darren Bradshaw, David Brown (late), Malcolm Hackett, Peter Jenkinson, Peter McLennan, Georgina Robertson Stecher, Bronwyn South, Denis Spooner

Ex-officio Members: None

Apologies: Karl Apted, Steve Pascoe, Matthew Gravette, Ben Pollard (Nillumbik)

Visitors Maria Romanin Community Engagement Co-ordinator VBRRA

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Peter McLennan Seconded: Georgina Stecher Robinson

2.1 Business arising

We need to prepare a list of associated groups.

Actions:

- Bronwyn to send membership list to Denis.
- Denis will forward community contact list to Bronwyn to expand email distribution.

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Correspondence In

Email received re donations

3.2 Correspondence Out

None

ITEM 4 OFFERS OF SUPPORT AND LEADS

4.1 Definite offers

- Melissa McDonald Warringal Hospital – running Trivia night. Asked Malcolm to prepare a document or PowerPoint presentation to describe Strathewen as it was.

4.2 New offers

- Boral – offering materials at trade prices to owner builders.

4.3 Follow up

- Telstra Peter Dowling is willing to address committee to discuss issues.
- Alan Anderson District Governor Eltham Rotary
- Rob Lloyd District Governor Diamond Creek Rotary
- Alex Momcilovic Ethnic Council Australia – volunteers; projects; health issues.
- Labrynth Society - help to build a contemplative labrynth.

Actions:

- Denis will get a mobile phone
- Peter M will follow up the Labrynth Society.
- Malcolm will follow up Rotary – still away
- Denis will follow up with Alex.
- Malcolm will look into preparing a PowerPoint presentation.

ITEM 5 GOVERNANCE

There are no conflict of interest or confidentiality declarations required by the meeting's business.

ITEM 6 CALENDAR

July	Monday 27	Joint Rebuilding Groups – St Andrews
		Fundraising Sub-committee – Georgina's
	Tuesday 28	SCRA Committee Meeting – Community Centre
	Wednesday 29	Thinking About Building Forum - St Andrews Hall 7.30
		Landcare Community Centre 7:30
		Choir practice – Arthurs Creek
	Thursday 30	Resident Support Sub-committee 4PM
		Soup Night - Community Centre
		Vision workshop – Hurstbridge Hall 7.30
		Building Sub-committee – Karl's
	Friday 31	Nillumbik NRM Recovery Workgroup – St Andrews 10:00
		Letterboxes from 10.00 AM
		Footy Night - Community Centre 6:30PM
		Ben Hardman – 3:45
	Saturday 1	Sausage sizzle Diamond Creek Mitre 10
		“Six Months After” Arthurs Creek Hall 6.00pm
	Sunday 2	Vision workshop – Community Centre 3PM
	Monday 3	Vision workshop – Hurstbridge Hall 7.30
	Tuesday 4	SCRA Committee Meeting – Community Centre
	Wednesday 5	Vision workshop – Community Centre 7:30PM
	Sunday 9	Rebuilding forum “Septics and Heating” St Andrews Hall 2-4 PM

	Sunday 16	Rebuilding forum "Power" - Arthurs Creek Hall 2-4 PM
	Thursday 20	Tennis Club AGM 7:30PM
	Sunday 23	Rebuilding forum "Materials" including earth wall construction – Arthurs Creek Hall 2 – 4 PM
September		
October:	Saturday 10	Jockleberry Farm astronomy evening
	Sunday 25	Practically Green seminar

ITEM 7 TREASURER'S REPORT

Donations received \$400.

ITEM 8 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Communications and engagement

We need to send out an SMS to ask people to update their details.

Action:

- Bronwyn will organise an SMS asking people to update their details.
- Denis will provide us with a mobile phone.

8.2 Fund raising and Grants

No meeting this week.

Georgina made contact with:

- Maria Romanin about how the Bushfire Recovery Plan will drive the grants process, and
- the YMCA – they will work with the Resident Support Sub-committee.

David has made contact with:

- the Helen McPherson Trust, and
- the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

8.3 Resident support

Janine Scott from Nillumbik Community Health gave a presentation of programs we could tap into. Their focus is on children who may fall into a homeless situation (the Reconnect program). Priority will be given to bushfire affected residents. Nillumbik is open to organising activities for us.

It is important to engage all children and the sub-committee will get the children to come and talk to them.

Rob Gordon could be approached to come and talk to the community on specific issues.

Mary tabled a lot of information aimed at youth from the football night at Whittlesea.

Susie Forbes (Nillumbik) has funds for a Children's Week activity – around October. Maria Romanin will talk to Suzie for us.

Footy night has started.

There will be an official opening for the tool library when it arrives.

Ross at Smiths Gully Store still has 3 trailers to be used by the Community.

The Sub-committee decided to keep their survey focussed on personal needs.

Maria Romanin indicated more funds will be available for communications.

Action:

- The Resident support group will finalise and post the community needs survey.

8.4 Operations and Community Maintenance

Keypad installed.

Everything shifted from White House.

We can keep one whiteboard and the other is to go to the CFA at Arthurs Creek.

Blinds are to be installed this week.

Power for laundry is to be completed this week.

There is cut dry wood in the laundry.

DHS would like a date for an official opening for the Centre. It was suggested we could combine it with a Sunday building activity. Lisa Neville wants to visit the community again.

8.5 Building Facilitation

St Andrews would like to work closely with us.

'Thinking About Building Forum' is organised for Wednesday night.

The Sub-committee is looking for assistance with materials. This includes:

- looking into industry pricing for appliances, and
- organising trade pricing for individuals (not bulk purchasing).

The content of the other building workshops will be fleshed out after the Thinking About Building Forum.

The building advisory service is being rolled out this week.

Lists of tradesmen will be created from personal testimonials and posted on the St Andrews website and link.

8.6 Environment

Strathewen Landcare will meet this Wednesday.

Bronwyn reported that the Melbourne Water Waterways Advisory Group visited Strathewen on Thursday 23rd. They visited the Nowak and Raftery/Woods properties. The visit provided a wide group of people with input into land and water management strategies an insight into the impact of the fires in Strathewen.

Ben Hardman (MP Seymour) will visit on Friday 31st. He will tour a few properties with staff from Melbourne Water and the Catchment Management Authority before meeting with the community for afternoon tea.

8.7 Disbursement of Funds

No report.

ITEM 9 RECOVERY PLANNING

9.1 Community Vision Workshops – Dates, program, attendance

Meetings planned. Bookings are fairly slow so we need to send another SMS.

Sub-committee chairpersons will provide some dot points to build up a short preface to the meetings.

9.2 Community Recovery Plans - Expectations/Timelines/Templates

Maria Romanin requested an explanation of the community vision and how we would use it as a sounding board for our proposals.

The Community Recovery Plan is a wish list for allocation of funds. VBRRRA needs communities to have some idea of what they want to achieve. The CRP should be completed by the end of August. It was noted that the template didn't encourage the user to consider a process.

Peter Kenyon is a Community Building specialist. Refer to www.bankofideas.com.au Maria will email the notice of his meeting in Healesville.

Maria can match donors with projects.

VBRRRA has appointed an environment officer. Bronwyn will make contact with her.

The \$1 million Community Recovery Fund is being disbursed soon.

Winter Events need to be run before end of September. David will talk to Adrian Cully (Nillumbik) to see if the applications can be stream-lined.

ITEM 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Darren reported that the school has appointed an architect. Preliminary discussions begin this week. Plans should be available in 12 weeks. The estimated date for completion is 2nd or 3rd term 2010. Estimated cost is \$2.083 million.

The meeting was closed at **9:50 pm**