

# Strathewen Community Renewal Association Inc.

## Committee Meeting No. 6 Tuesday 4 August 2009 Community Centre, Bowden Spur Road Strathewen

### MINUTES

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#### ITEM 1 ATTENDANCE – 7:40 pm

Present:

Committee Members: Karl Apted, Matthew Gravette, Malcolm Hackett, Peter Jenkinson, Peter McLennan, Georgina Robertson Stecher, Bronwyn South, Dennis Spooner, Darren Bradshaw, Ben Pollard, Steve Pascoe, David Brown

Ex-officio Members: Ben Pollard (Community Development Officer -Nillumbik Shire)

Apologies: Mary Avola

Visitor: None

#### 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: Darren Bradshaw Seconded: Denis Spooner

#### ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

##### Correspondence In:

- Suzi Kerr – A regional tourism group is printing T-shirts. Proceeds from the sales coming to each bushfire community.
- Resident support sub-committee minutes.

##### Correspondence Out:

- Letter of thanks for piano
- Email to thank Orfords for donation

#### ITEM 4 OFFERS OF SUPPORT AND LEADS

##### New offers

Eltham HS – Advanced Working Communities program – Malcolm suggested digital imaging.

Typo Evolve students group (Diamond Valley, Eltham. Montmerency

John Faine 774 – looking to do an outside broadcast from the Community Centre. Looking towards the 17<sup>th</sup> August. 774 is interested in helping with problems.

Australian Institute of Company Directors – the Board would like to help people in fire-affected communities.

Baptist Church at Diamond Creek Road Plenty are providing material aid and a cup of coffee. They are trying to organise a community meal to be served at a cost of \$5/head.

### **Definite offers**

### **Follow up**

- Alex Momcilovic – re brain storming ideas. Handed to Resident Support Group.

## **ITEM 5 GOVERNANCE**

### **5.1 Conflict of interest and confidentiality declarations**

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

### **5.2 Community employment policy**

It was decided we should develop a formal policy covering the employment of members of the Strathewen community.

Individuals can put up grant proposals themselves and seek endorsement from the Association.

## **ITEM 6 CALENDAR**

<b>JULY</b>	Tuesday 28	SCRA Committee Meeting – Community Centre 7:30
	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	Letterboxes from 10.00 AM
		Footy Night - Community Centre 6:30PM
		Ben Hardman – 3:45
<b>AUGUST</b>	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	Nillumbik Bushfire Social, Community and Health Working Group
		Volunteer BAL Assessment Team
		CFA Early Warning system demonstration
		SCRA Committee Meeting – Community Centre
	Wednesday 5	Vision workshop – Community Centre 7:30PM
	Thursday 6	Letterbox day

	Sunday 9	Rebuilding forum "Septics and Heating" St Andrews Hall 2-4 PM
	Monday 10	Building Sub-committee
	Wednesday 12	Rob Gordon - Whittlesea
	Thursday 13	Nillumbik NRM Recovery Workgroup – St Andrews 10:00
	Sunday 16	Rebuilding forum "Power" - Arthurs Creek Hall 2-4 PM
	Monday 17	Building Sub-committee
	Thursday 20	Tennis Club AGM 7:30PM
	Sunday 23	Rebuilding forum "Materials" including earth wall construction – Arthurs Creek Hall 2 – 4 PM
<b>September</b>		
<b>October:</b>	Saturday 10	Jockleberry Farm astronomy evening
	Sunday 25	Practically Green seminar

**ITEM 7 Finances**

<b>Profit &amp; Loss Statement</b>		
<b>July 2009 through August 2009</b>		
Income		
Grants		
Grants Nillumbik Shire	\$10,000.00	
Donations		\$1,032.45
Miscellaneous Income		\$150.00
Total Income		<u>\$11,182.45</u>
Cost of Sales		
Gross Profit		<u>\$11,182.45</u>
Expenses		
Dues & Subscriptions		\$68.18
Insurance		\$1,391.24
Legal Fees		\$116.90
Postage		\$60.91
Total Expenses		<u>\$1,637.23</u>
Operating Profit		<u>\$9,545.22</u>
Other Expenses		
Net Profit / (Loss)		<u><u>\$9,545.22</u></u>

## Balance Sheet As of August 2009

Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Cheque Account	\$12,032.45	
Total Cash On Hand	\$12,032.45	
Trade Debtors	\$165.00	
Total Current Assets	\$12,197.45	
Total Assets		\$12,197.45
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors		\$1,650.14
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$1,015.00	
GST Paid	-\$12.91	
Total GST Liabilities	\$1,002.09	
Total Current Liabilities		\$2,652.23
Total Liabilities		\$2,652.23
Net Assets		\$9,545.22
Equity		
Current Year Earnings		\$9,545.22
Total Equity		\$9,545.22

\*\* Trade creditors of \$1,650.14 represents amounts owed to Committee members.

Expenses tabled from Malcolm & Georgina.

Nillumbik will insure our assets. We just need to send Nillumbik the details as we acquire the assets so that they can be registered.

### ITEM 8 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 8.1 Communications and engagement

Our first mailout to all 189 members (the Resident Support survey) has been completed.

Telstra no longer able to provide free SMS service so the SMS service has shifted to MessageMedia, the company that helped us out in June. The cost of texting and other communications needs to be built into our grant applications.

The question was asked; Should we just meet with people instead of sending information via mail/email and SMS? It was felt this could happen every 2 months.

We need to send out another newsletter.

#### 8.2 Fund raising and Grants

Fund applications will be expanded to include communications, assets etc – see item 9.1

Georgina has contacted Warringal Hospital to provide our bank details.

Applications for Winter Warmer funds totalling \$6,500 have been lodged with Nillumbik.

David Brown has contacted the Helen McPherson Trust and has set up a meeting with VBRRA.

Winter Warmer application

### **8.3 Resident Support**

Barbara Joyce has joined the Sub-committee and will be concentrating on art projects.

Letter and survey have been printed.

Winter Warmers events – suggested a fishing trip with fathers and sons. Also following up on snow trip.

YMCA has surveyed school and will provide results to the Sub-committee.

The Sub-committee is aiming to set up a meeting with Rob Gordon.

Maria is contacting the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement to see if they can help set up a support group.

Mal Park will be happy to have the tool library on his property. No date for delivery as yet. Lions Club will maintain the tool library. 2-year contract has been set up.

### **8.4 Operations and Community Maintenance**

Blinds have been fitted.

We now have key for the gas bottles.

We now have pool table courtesy of St Vinnies.

Lyn and Janine from Hurstbridge Hub and Glenda from Centrelink will come to soup on Thursday. We will hold a ceremonial handing over of the keys.

### **8.5 Building Facilitation**

Thinking About Building Forum - 45 attended.

St Andrews is maintaining a list of tradespeople and local testimonials. We will link to it from our website.

Had combined meeting with St Andrews. This is working well.

5 more building information sessions have been planned. They are getting good support from local businesses. It was suggested a summary of each meeting should be recorded.

Karl trying to contact the Building Commission to see if we can get them to host meetings for St Andrews and Strathewen.

Jeremy Livingstone Senior Planner Nillumbik will attend the Sub-committee next Monday.

### **8.6 Environment**

The Landcare group held their meeting last Wednesday. The focus is on providing information.

- A Property Management Plan folder has been left at the Community Centre. It includes details about how residents can get a copy and organise property visits with Nillumbik.
- A general Landcare information folder is being prepared for the Centre.
- Landcare will send a newsletter out to the whole of the community.
- A local species plant list is currently being prepared.
- Landcare will resume their roadside weed spraying program.

The message taken away by Melbourne Water and the CMA from their tour last Friday was that people have questions and are looking for guidance and support in terms of property recovery.

The Nillumbik Natural Environment Recovery Group is looking into what type of forums are best to provide/share information. A Department of Sustainability & Environment proposal - 'Strategic conversations about fire' was tabled and will be circulated to Committee members.

### **8.7 Disbursement of Funds**

Nothing to report.

### **8.8 Nillumbik (Ben Pollard)**

VBRRA is offering the 1000 points grant system. This should be explained in more detail in our next newsletter.

Arts team has come up with some ideas. They can forward a template proposal to the Resident Support Sub-committee.

Christmas Hills recovery meeting has been cancelled.

Changes to the delivery of Case Management are occurring as some providers complete their 6 month contracts. Fewer staff will be available to get the support messages out.

Insurance companies are not covering containers on land. Whittlesea Council is following this up with the Insurance Council of Australia.

Holly Teagle has made contact with Peter M to see how she can assist the Resident Support Sub-committee.

Nillumbik Bushfire Social, Community and Health Working Group has had its first meeting where Strathewen and St Andrews were invited to attend. Malcolm attended. They will be meeting monthly.

## **ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Community Vision - plan for Special Committee Meeting tomorrow night**

40 to 50 will have attended to date. These sessions have been positive and supportive. Should hold another one after this Wednesday's

Hold one at the school.

#### **Winter warmers brainstorm**

Infrastructure to support winter warmers (to Steve for costing)

- Fenced play area.
- Play equipment.
- Projector
- Audio equipment
- Patio heaters
- Toilets
- Permanent outside lights
- Lighting in toilet
- Hot water service
- Dish washer
- Notice boards

Community events (to Peter M for the Resident Support Sub-committee)

- Catering

- Venue
- Guest speakers
- Local variety nights
- Thank you board
- History & stories
  - Jim Usher & ? are writing a book
  - Celeste is creating a documentary
  - ABC preparing an internet documentary
  - Fire stories
  - Establish the Strathewen Historical Society
- Help to run activities for other groups
- Gathering of elders

The meeting was closed at **10:40 pm**