

Strathewen Community Renewal Association Inc.

Committee Meeting No. 9

Tuesday 1 September 2009

Community Centre, Bowden Spur Road Strathewen

MINUTES

ITEM 1 ATTENDANCE – 8:05 pm

Present:

Committee Members: Karl Apted, Mary Avola, David Brown, Malcolm Hackett, Peter Jenkinson, Steve Pascoe, Georgina Robertson Stecher, Bronwyn South

Ex-officio Members: Ben Pollard (Nillumbik Shire Council), Maria Romani (VBRRA)

Apologies: Denis Spooner, Peter McLennan, Matthew Gravette

Visitors: 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: David Brown Seconded: Bronwyn South

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In:

- Easy Grants newsletter
- Grace Knight flyer
- Photos from members for use by the Association

Correspondence Out:

Letters of thanks need to be sent to Centre Com, the Blacksmiths Association and Diamond Creek Rotary.

ITEM 4 OFFERS OF SUPPORT AND LEADS

Definite offers:

Centre Com – Centre Com have donated a projector, 2 notebooks, colour printer and a universal card reader. They will organise an information technology display for the soup night on 17th September. The company would like to develop long-term relationship with community.

Lions Club – The Tool library will be installed on Thursday. The Lions Club of Warrandyte will look after the library for us. The tool library will be insured by Nillumbik Shire Council.

New offers

Melbourne City Rotary. David Brown will contact Bev Brock.

Follow up

VBBRA staff have not responded to Malcolm's latest enquiries about temporary housing. It is estimated there are 40 residents across St Andrews and Strathewen at \$60,000/unit. This is now an urgent matter as residents come to the end of rental agreements.

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.

ITEM 6 CALENDAR

September		
	Tuesday 1	SCRA Committee Meeting
	Thursday 3	Tool Library
	Wednesday 9	Dr Rob Gordon St Andrews
	Sunday 13	Building seminary – Energy Start Rating (Fathers Day)
	Wednesday 16	Nillumbik Planning
	Thursday 17	Proposed Technology information night in conjunction with soup
	Sunday 20	Strathewen Landcare afternoon
	Thursday 24	All Agencies Bushfire Recovery Group
October:	Saturday 10	Jockleberry Farm astronomy evening
	Sunday 25	Practically Green seminar

ITEM 7 Finances

Profit & Loss Statement		
1/07/2009 through 1/09/2009		
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Income		
Grants		
Grants Nillumbik Shire	\$10,000.00	
Grants - Dept Human Services	\$12,100.00	
Donations	\$18,713.45	
Miscellaneous Income	\$150.00	
Total Income		<u>\$40,963.45</u>
Cost of Sales		
Gross Profit		<u>\$40,963.45</u>
Expenses		
Community Centre Supplies	\$60.41	
Event catering	\$1,020.98	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$68.18	
Insurance	\$1,275.08	
Legal Fees	\$116.90	
Postage	\$254.91	
Stationery	\$42.33	
SMS service	\$97.25	
Total Expenses		<u>\$2,936.04</u>
Operating Profit		<u>\$38,027.41</u>
Other Expenses		
Net Profit / (Loss)		<u>\$38,027.41</u>

Balance Sheet

As of 1/09/2009

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Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash On Hand			
Cheque Account		\$40,060.35	
Total Cash On Hand		<u>\$40,060.35</u>	
Total Current Assets			<u>\$40,060.35</u>
Total Assets			<u>\$40,060.35</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST Liabilities			
GST Collected		\$2,225.00	
GST Paid		<u>-\$192.06</u>	
Total GST Liabilities		<u>\$2,032.94</u>	
Total Current Liabilities			<u>\$2,032.94</u>
Total Liabilities			<u>\$2,032.94</u>
Net Assets			<u>\$38,027.41</u>
Equity			
Current Year Earnings		<u>\$38,027.41</u>	
Total Equity			<u>\$38,027.41</u>

Winter warmer grants received to \$12,100 (excl GST).

It was noted that grant applications and accountability will become tighter.

ITEM 8 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Communications and engagement

We need to place an article in Nillumbik News to ensure all residents become members.

The membership form should be modified to include approval to be on the SMS tree.

8.2 Fund raising and Grants

Darley Bloodstock are assisting the bushfire communities. We are still unsure whether the type of projects they are proposing will apply to us. David Brown will follow this through.

8.3 Resident Support

Nillumbik Bushfire Social and Health Services. Georgina has attended meeting. The same group attended the Resident Support meeting and accepted delegated activities.

Aust Centre for Grief & Bereavement has set up a men's discussion group. Monday or Wednesday at the Community Centre. Will be supported by a Nillumbik staff member. Meet and greet rather than formal counselling.

8.4 Operations and Community Maintenance

Toilets are installed.

New fridge is arriving on Friday.

8.5 Building Facilitation

Refer to calendar.

8.6 Environment

There has not been a meeting of the Environment Recovery Group since the last meeting. The Dr Graeme Lorimer bush recovery session held on 29th August was attended by about 30 people despite the terrible weather.

Landcare are holding a bushwalk on Sunday 20th September.

Malcolm is purchasing the equipment for the fencing trailer.

Ben will check whether the rumour that fencing wire will be removed by Operations Crews is correct.

8.7 Disbursement of Funds

Nothing to report.

8.8 Nillumbik report (Ben Pollard)

We will involve Nillumbik Media in the tool library launch.

\$5,000 is available for group communications. The grant is still to be finalised.

33 applications for rebuilding have been approved. 60 properties have requested site inspections for land management.

Nillumbik is going to employ a volunteer development officer to ensure volunteers are well-resourced.

The Bushfire Recovery Newsletter is published fortnightly and would like a regular contribution from our Committee. Malcolm will prepare the articles.

Steve Biddulth author of 'Raising Boys' is available to assist the community.

Nillumbik is currently mapping the staffing structure across all agencies involved in the bushfire response.

ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Bushfire Recovery Plan

1. Planning Team for Sustainable Strathewen

Assistance with addressing issues relating to sustainability and rebuilding. For example, if you aren't on reticulated water you can't get a rebate for a water tank and innovative project like shared septic systems.

2. Rebuilding of Strathewen Community Hall

3. Strathewen Primary School

4. Establish a community garden and chapel

This proposal needs to be presented to the whole of the community

5. Rebuilding a co-location of cricket and tennis facilities including pavilion

\$100,000 of the grant already received needs to be spent on oval as well as structures

Need to add BBQ and playground

Australand could start community consultation. Nillumbik is currently doing the master plan for the site (flood plain mapping etc)

6. Path from school to hall

7. Childrens playground at temporary community centre

8. Communications strategy

Prepare plan for 3 years.

9. Temporary accommodation

Could work with St Andrews to give more depth to this

10. ADSL

11. Fire safety plan

This has been included to ensure that the plan is properly funded so that it will be prepared by those that are responsible for it.

12. Catchment management plan

Need to expand on the principle of the cycle of monitoring / evaluation / reporting / action

To do:

Specific events

Economic considerations – HomeBiz

Nillumbik Nursery

Safer Roads

Infrastructure

Revegetation

Keeping community connected

Resolution:

It was resolved that Malcolm be thanked for his outstanding effort in running the Vision Workshops and drafting the Bushfire Recovery Plan.

Moved Steve Pascoe Seconded: Peter Jenkinson

The meeting was closed at **10:55 pm**