

# Strathewen Community Renewal Association Inc.

## Committee Meeting No. 11

Tuesday 15 September 2009

Community Centre, Bowden Spur Road Strathewen

### MINUTES

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#### ITEM 1 ATTENDANCE – 8:05 pm

Present:

Committee Members: Karl Apted, Mary Avola, David Brown, Malcolm Hackett, Bronwyn South, Denis Spooner, Peter Jenkinson, Darren Bradshaw. Peter McLennan

Ex-officio Members: Ben Pollard (Nillumbik Shire Council), Maria Romanin (VBRA)

Apologies: Matthew Gravette, Steve Pascoe, Georgina Robertson Stecher

Visitors: None

Acronyms and terms in common use:

BRP	Bushfire Recovery Plan
FRRR	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
The Hub	The Bushfire Support Hub at the Hurstbridge Bowling Club
Nillumbik	Nillumbik Shire Council
RCC	Nillumbik's Recovery Co-ordination Centre
SCRA	Strathewen Community Renewal Association
VBRA	Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority

#### 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: Karl Apted Seconded: Peter Jenkinson

#### ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

##### Correspondence In:

- Solar Hot Water – rebate of \$1,600 for solar hot water and \$1,000 for solar pump.
- Christine Nixon (VBRA) – re Community Recovery Plan.
- Penny Cullen (Hurstbridge Bushfire Relief) – JK Rowling has forwarded 500 Harry Potter books. Undistributed books (48) will be given to Strathewen and St Andrews to be given to affected community children under strict conditions. Gifts need to be recorded in the Association's minutes. It was resolved that we would accept the offer and agree to comply with conditions.
- AFL has donated 12 tickets for finals.
- Strathewen Landcare - newsletter

##### Correspondence Out: None

- Letters to residents who have not joined the Association have not been sent.  
**ACTION:** Malcolm will write letter.

#### ITEM 4 OFFERS OF SUPPORT AND LEADS

##### Definite offers:

- **Centre Com** – Soup night on 17<sup>th</sup> September. SMS to be sent. Mary has been set up with everything she needed at a very reasonable price. Everything was set up for her in 3 days. Has wireless USB modem.

#### 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		
	Thursday 3	Tool Library delivered
	Wednesday 9	Meeting to discuss Oval Draft Master Plan. 12: - 1 at Nillumbik
		Malcolm and David meeting with FRRR re temporary housing
		Dr Rob Gordon St Andrews 6:30 PM
	Thursday 10	Environment sub-committee
	Sunday 13	Building seminar – Energy Start Rating (Fathers Day)
	Tuesday 15	SCRA Committee Meeting
	Wednesday 16	Nillumbik Planning & Building Approvals
	Thursday 17	Technology information night in conjunction with soup
	Friday 18	St Vinnies at Strathewen
	Saturday 19	Celebrating St Andrews
	Sunday 20	Strathewen Landcare afternoon
	Tuesday 22	SCRA Committee Meeting
	Thursday 24	Dr Rob Gordon at soup night
		All Agencies Bushfire Recovery Group
	Tuesday 29	SCRA Committee Meeting
	Wednesday 30	Building seminar – Engaging a builder
<b>October:</b>		
	Saturday 10	Jockleberry Farm astronomy evening
	Sunday 11	General Meeting at 4PM followed by sit down meal
	??	Hall Committee Meeting
	Sunday 25	Family Fun day – 11AM to 4PM
		Practically Green seminar
<b>November</b>	Sunday 15	Building Expo 11AM to 4PM
	??	Soup night with Kinglake NP ranger talking about

#### ITEM 7 NILLUMBIK

- Nillumbik to see how the \$70,000 can be spent effectively on administration of the St Andrews and Strathewen groups.  
**ACTION:** Meeting this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 10AM at the Hub. Malcolm will attend.
- Nillumbik would like to assist the Hall Committee if they require it. The Hall Committee has held one committee meeting and will hold another one before they hold their AGM.
- Ben needs to liaise with Karl to see if offers of help for tennis court can be followed through. It was noted that we need to keep neighbours informed about what is being discussed in the Oval Master Plan process.
- Family Fun Day – Nillumbik is concerned about running a family fun day at the oval in its current state. We are sure an alternative site can be found if necessary.

- We can invoice Nillumbik for the \$5,000 Communications Grant.

## ITEM 8 VBARRA

- VBARRA is still waiting on our recovery plan.
- Setting up fact sheets about the fire – for example, lost homes and number of residents. This will be used for allocation of State Government funds.
- VBARRA can link requirements with donors. For example, where a donor wants to donate to a specific community.
- VBARRA is also working with the benevolent funds to see how money can be channelled through to the community.

## ITEM 9 Finances

<b>Profit &amp; Loss Statement</b>		
<b>1/07/2009 through 15/09/2009</b>		
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<b>Income</b>		
Grants		
Grants Nillumbik Shire	\$10,000.00	
Grants - Dept Human Services	\$12,100.00	
Donations		\$18,763.45
Miscellaneous Income		\$150.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>\$41,013.45</u>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Freight		\$35.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>		<u>\$35.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<u>\$40,978.45</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Community Centre Supplies		\$60.41
Community equipment		\$4,200.00
Event catering		\$1,931.79
Dues & Subscriptions		\$68.18
Insurance		\$1,275.08
Legal Fees		\$116.90
Postage		\$254.91
Stationery		\$42.33
SMS service		\$880.70
Telephone		\$30.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<u>\$8,860.30</u>
<b>Operating Profit</b>		<u>\$32,118.15</u>
Other Expenses		
<b>Net Profit / (Loss)</b>		<u>\$32,118.15</u>

<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
<b>As of 15/09/2009</b>		
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<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash On Hand		
Cheque Account	\$33,608.16	
<b>Total Cash On Hand</b>	<u>\$33,608.16</u>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>\$33,608.16</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>\$33,608.16</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>GST Liabilities</b>		
GST Collected	\$2,225.00	
GST Paid	-\$734.99	
<b>Total GST Liabilities</b>	<u>\$1,490.01</u>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>\$1,490.01</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>\$1,490.01</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>\$32,118.15</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings		\$32,118.15
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>\$32,118.15</u>

## **ITEM 10 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **10.1 Communications and engagement**

Bronwyn attended a small ceremony held by Telstra to mark the completion of the installation of the new mobile phone transmitter and the new mini-exchange at the Community Centre. Both systems will be operational within the month.

### **10.2 Fund raising and Grants**

David and Malcolm met with the Bendigo Bank and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Recovery. The problem of helping individuals directly is difficult under our taxation laws. The Foundation is preparing a written submission to Tax Office.

### **10.3 Resident Support**

Feedback from mailout has been limited.

The Royal Melbourne Show trip will go ahead. Probably not the snow trip. The 12 football finals tickets are still not taken.

Youth support, men's support. Peter M is co-ordinating with Rob Gordon. He will bring a number of representatives from the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement.

Diana and Barb made a presentation to the Eltham Rural Womens Group. It is still unclear how they will be able to help us.

### **10.4 Operations and Community Maintenance**

Toilet doors are hard to close. Denis will look into it.

Don't have a cleaner as yet.

Rudi Liebl from Pro-Bit Computers Diamond Creek has repaired the DVD drive and donated and installed a printer.

**ACTION:** Mary will write a thank you letter to Rudi Liebl Pro-Bit Computers.

### **10.5 Building Facilitation**

Nillumbik Planning forum is on tomorrow night (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>).

A Suppliers forum is planned.

Daveys Pumps have made an offer of \$50 to \$100 of a pump. Peter J. will firm up offer for publicising.

### **10.6 Environment**

A Gardening Group will be formed and facilitated by Donna Stoddart from Nillumbik. They hope to work closely with Sustainable Gardening Australia. We are still looking for residents to represent Strathewen on the group.

Strathewen, St Andrews and Christmas Hills Landcare groups are looking into applying for Community Group Support grants for a seed collection and an indigenous nursery.

Nillumbik will present the new vegetation laws to the public via newsletter and updated fact sheets once they have been gazetted in Parliament.

### **10.7 Disbursement of Funds**

Nothing to report.

## ITEM 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 Bushfire Recovery Plan

#### Economic

Malcolm has met with Darryl Brook to discuss the economic proposal. More small business than people recognise. Written proposals for:

- A Strathewen Business Association to help get their businesses running again.
- Prepare a local business / contractor directory.
- Community supported agriculture.
- Community renewal executive group (project management team).

#### Other

- Nillumbik Nursery
- Video record and photo library

**ACTION:** Malcolm will send final draft around for comment and lodge the plans with VBRRA on Friday.

### 11.2 Community Meeting

Issues that need to be covered are:

- Feed back from Vision Workshops. **ACTION:** Malcolm
- A presentation of the Bushfire Recovery Plan. **ACTION:** Malcolm
- A process for community consultation on memorials, including a timeline. **ACTION:** Steve
- A process for planning the anniversary commemoration. **ACTION:** Resident Support Sub-committee
- A report from the Hall Committee
- Give overview of issues like:
  - temporary housing
  - vegetation control laws
  - fencing
  - funding and the restrictions placed on us by the tax laws  
**ACTION:** Maria will prepare an article
  - the Nillumbik Site Master Plan for the oval and the Australand proposal.

Approach:

- Emphasis on distributing information based on what we've gathered to date - not on gathering new information although the process should raise unresolved issues.
- Sub-committees – limit to one power point slide per committee
- Advertising – 4 signs, our newsletter, Nillumbik Newsletter, SMS, email **ACTION:** Bronwyn to send SMS immediately notifying date
- Use a newsletter to float the issues. **ACTION:** All articles to David B by this Sunday 5PM
- Community groups and sub-committees set up information 'booths'.
- Questions at end of each segment OR to the special interest tables. To be resolved.
- The Diamond Creek Baptist Church will cater for hot meal for \$2,000.

The meeting was closed at **10:05 pm**