

# Strathewen Community Renewal Association Inc.

## Committee Meeting No. 18

*Tuesday 24 November 2009*

Community Centre, Bowden Spur Road Strathewen

### MINUTES

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#### ITEM 1 ATTENDANCE – 7:45 pm

Present:

Committee Members: Karl Apted, Mary Avola, David Brown, Matthew Gravette, Peter Jenkinson, Steve Pascoe, Malcolm Hackett (Chair), Peter McLennan, Bronwyn South, Denis Spooner. Georgina Robertson Stecher

Ex-officio Members: Maria Romanin (VBRA)

Apologies: Darren Bradshaw

Visitors: Celeste Geer (Member)

#### ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Peter McLennan Seconded: Denis Spooner

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Steve Pascoe Seconded: Mary Avola

Refer to the ACTIONS LIST for a review of progress on outstanding actions.

#### ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

##### Correspondence In:

- Belinda Adams – Request to advertise Christmas Party. We will put up a board at the Hall for people to put notices on.

##### Correspondence Out:

- David Brown has written to Ben Hubbard.
- Malcolm has written a letter of thanks to John Farnham.

#### ITEM 4 OFFERS OF SUPPORT AND LEADS

##### Definite offers

No new ones confirmed.

##### New offers

CWA Christmas pudding offer

Nilumbik Arts - After School Arts Club

Nilumbik Arts – Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Swinburne University – second hand computers available (with Windows XP)

Helping Hand - Lawrence Webb (Telstra) - are offering crews. Bronwyn will email request for more information.

## 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

	Mondays	Sub-committees / Community Groups
	Tuesdays	SCRA Committee Meetings
	Thursdays	BBQ nights
	Fridays	Mens nights
<b>November</b>	Wednesday 25	Fire Smart Garden Design 6:30PM to 8:30PM Yarra Glen
		Dr Rob Gordon Christmas Hills
	Thursday 26	Spotlight night
		Hall Committee
	Friday 27	Blokes night
	Saturday 28	Building Expo 11AM to 4PM
	Sunday 29	Fire Smart Garden Design 10AM to 12 NOON Yarra Glen
		CFA awards presentation
<b>December</b>	Tuesday 1	Pudding 10
	Wednesday 2	Pudding 7PM
	Saturday 5	Pasture Field Day Eagles Nest Road Strathewen
	Tuesday 8	Committee Meeting
	<b>TBC</b>	<b>BAL and fire levels St Andrews</b>
	Saturday 12	Surf trip
	Tuesday 15	Chook presentation
		Committee Meeting
	Thursday 17	Christmas BBQ
	Saturday 19	Santa at Whittlesea 4 – 7:30PM
	Saturday 20	Carols by Candlelight Arthurs Creek
<b>January</b>	Thursday 7	BBQ
	Tuesday 12	Committee

It was noted that we need to publish the calendar on the website before the minutes are accepted.

## ITEM 7 NILLUMBIK SHIRE COUNCIL

No report

## ITEM 8 VBRRA

- Non-construction projects need to be scoped.
- Memorial Garden site – is to be considered separately to the blacksmith tree. Needs to be scoped as a construction project.
- Sustainable Community – combine with Building forums.
- Community Strengthening – needs to be scoped.
- Business Association / mobile business / supported agriculture – Ben is approaching Small Business Victoria to talk to us. Difficult to include because it is economic
- We should be able to progress the Catchment Management Plan but should call it a Land Management Plan.

- Telling Stories needs to be scoped.

## **ITEM 9 CELESTE GEER – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR DOCUMENTARY FILM**

Celeste has documented the recovery from Day 1. Her project is not about individuals but more about community and individuals' reflections. It would include observational footage of community events. The aim is to film until 2011.

The film will have an educational purpose. It could be accompanied by a study guide so that it can be used in schools. Screening could be organised for fire affected communities, emergency services, film festivals.

This is not a commercial venture for Celeste.

Celeste has \$150,000 from Screening Australia but this is only half of what is required.

Donors can donate to the Australian Documentary Foundation (DGR status) and tag the funds to the documentary.

The Committee felt can give an endorsement based on the fact that this is a record of the recovery of a community that has almost been wiped out.

### **Resolution**

The Committee resolved to endorse the project and will provide a letter of endorsement for each separate application provided there is no conflict with our funding sources.

## **ITEM 10 FUNDRAISING AND GRANTS**

We need to make one change to our rules to remove the term 'and businesses'. The Tax Office will then endorse for charitable status. This moves us one step closer to DGR status so that we can attract funds from charitable organisations.

We need to establish a separate Bushfire Relief Fund that can attract Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. The fund can only receive funds for 2 years after disaster was declared – that is, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2011.

We can approach membership with 2 special resolutions via post. Membership has 21 days to respond and we need a Yes vote of 75% of the respondents.

See attached Special Resolutions.

### **Resolution**

It was resolved that we seek support from the membership for the 2 special resolutions – firstly to amend our rules and secondly to establish a relief fund.

## **ITEM 11 MEMORIALS**

Steve and Malcolm attended a Memorials Working Group last Thursday. Membership is as per the discussion paper circulated with the last minutes and the group is only a working group answerable to the Committee.

John Richardson & Andrew Coughlin from Red Cross have been appointed to group as recovery facilitators.

We need to hold a community meeting to appoint 2 more community members to the working group and to provide some information on the process.

It was resolved that we proceed with organising a community meeting at the Arthurs Creek Hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM to engage community. John Richardson will make a presentation.

## **ITEM 7 SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **7.1 RESIDENTS SUPPORT**

More sessions available from Beyond Blue. Georgina will circulate information.

The Residents Support Group meeting will consider a proposal for the anniversary service at their meeting tomorrow night.

## 7.2 BUILDING

Building expo coming together well.

## 7.3 OPERATIONS

Toilets have been fixed.

Denis will get quote to install a gas-fired hot water service.

We need to continue the post & rail fencing to create a child-proof yard. We will approach Mal and Faye before proceeding.

**Next meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Meeting closed at 10:15 PM**

## ACTIONS LIST

No.	DATE	ACTION	REFER	PROGRESS
6	15/9/09	Write letter to residents who are not members of SCRA	Malcolm / Bronwyn	24/11 Ongoing by personal contact
10	22/9/09	Invite suggestions for equipment for tool library	All residents (to Malcolm)	4/11 Push slasher – suggested 24/11 Chainsaw sharpening service - Suggested
22	29/9/09	Provide feedback to consultants on oval master plan.	Malcolm	24/11 Malcolm will ring Kate
23	6/10/09	Application for charitable status with the Tax Office	David	24/11 Refer to David's report
27	20/10/09	Christmas decorations for the Centre	Maria / Mary	None forthcoming. Mary will follow up with the Hurstbridge Hub
29	20/10/09	Request VBRRRA to give priority to a playground for the Centre	Steve Maria	4/11 The playground will be included in the next round of funding. Advice is to keep funding in the current round of scoping documents
32	4/11/09	Contact Ramsay Health to formalise a donor relationship	David	Bronwyn to send Malcolm and David contact details
33	10/11/09	Finalise lease for Community Centre	Nillumbik	Ongoing
34	10/11/09	Enter into Service Agreement for upkeep of Centre	Nillumbik	Ongoing
35	10/11/09	Organise introductory session on memorials for community	Steve	In planning
37	24/11/09	Board to be placed outside hall for notices	Karl	

38	24/11/09	Contact Lawrence Webb for more info on Helping Hand volunteers	Bronwyn	
39	24/11/09	Postal vote to membership	David	
40	24/11/09	Community engagement meeting on memorials 6/12	Steve	
41	24/11/09	Get quote to install a gas-fired hot water service	Denis	
42	24/11/09	Construct a child-proof fence at front of Centre.	Denis / Georgina	