

Those items in purple are decisions made

Those items in red are action items

Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association (Incorporated)

Executive meeting

Venue: telephone

Date: 31.03.20

Meeting opened 5.30 pm

Present:

Committee: A Brewer, D Graham, K Hodge, K Pearce

Apologies: Nil

Business:

What is the plan moving forward in view of covid 19?

What are the platform options to enable us to continue to work?

Communication- letter of communication to ask authorities for clarification and clear direction moving forward in the current environment re organisations working in Buchan Gelantipy and Districts. Safety and health of both the community and visiting workers and volunteers is paramount. **Copy of letter to go to all members of committee.** Both Bush Nursing Centres and Vic Police had approved the letter prior to sending. The capacity of these two organisations had been reached and still no clarity around required actions was sort to support our Nurses and Police Officer.

There was a lot of discussion around who should be leading the required discussion. Primarily it is a health lead state emergency and Vicpol is the enforcing agency but all is not as clear as it should be. Lack of clarity and clear procedures in the recovery space during a period where there is a sense of urgency has created public frustrations. Many people are concerned about the physical and financial resourcing being taken away from the devastated community landscape. This has created increased pressure and a feeling of helplessness in an already stressed recovery space.

A large volume of public enquiry and concern has been noted. The nurses and police are at the cold face and have experienced pressured, outbursts and in some cases felt threatened in their positions as a result of personalised recriminations directed at them for doing the jobs within the combined recovery and Covid-19 areas.

In response a letter was drafted, approved by the committee executive and those key agencies, before being directed to Vicpol upline and Bush Nursing Centres uplines along with the other key recovery stakeholders as part of the communication process seeking clarity and leadership in the recovery space.

The letter has, so far, been well received but there has been limited response though there has been many questions asked amongst the managing agencies about the how the community recovery and Covid-19 guidelines can be managed. It is acknowledged that it

the situation is very complex. The response, or lack of response, of the leading agencies highlights the plight of not just our frontline workers but the issues that will be similar in some of the other fire effected spaces. This is not the first time where the valley has been the first to raise concerns and seek to address complex issues that have turned out to be issues that are commonly shared across the whole valley.

Unfortunately there are still many people who are not taking the newer threat as seriously as it should be and this is where enforcement is going to be required. Examples of additional measures that could be taken are- food deliveries and orders from the General Store, Bairnsdale Fruit supplies, meat. **Maybe need to develop a flyer** to state the items and procedures that are available locally to minimise traffic in and out of the community. Need to take advantage of the Bus delivery services.

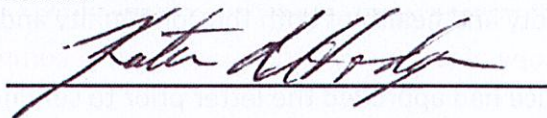
Plan Zoom trial for tomorrow night 5 pm

Gather issues to write letter for IGEM

Next meeting: 1.04.20 5pm

Meeting closed 6pm

Minutes written by: A Brewer



Chairperson: K Hodge

Signed:

Date: 21.04.20