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| **Meeting Agenda – March 1st 2023** |
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| **Date**:  | 01.03.2023 |
| **Meeting** **time**  | 6pm |
| **Committee:** | D Graham, K Hodge, C Cooper, J Coates, A Brewer, D Mraz, K Pearce, S Freeman |
| **Chairperson:** | K Hodge |
| **Council Representatives**: | Eva Grunden and Julie McLeod (minutes) |
| **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country** | *I would like to acknowledge the Gunaikurnai, Monero and Bidawel people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land that encompasses East Gippsland Shire. We pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in East Gippsland, their Elders past and present and the Country we meet on today.* |
| **Standing Agenda oVERVIEW** |
| **#** | **AGENDA** | **LEAD** |
|  | **Present:** D Graham, K Hodge, C Cooper, A Brewer, D Mraz, S Freeman, E Grunden**Apologies:** K Pearce |  |
| **1.** | **Welcome and acknowledgement** | **Katie Hodge** |
| **2.**  | **Minutes from previous meeting: This did not take place as initially there was not a quorum** | **Katie Hodge** |
| **3.** | **Business & Actions Arising from Previous Meeting:*** New / existing members – Hamish & Greg – any update? **Not discussed**
* Delegation if authority for Credit card for Susan Freeman: Kirstie will distribute the delegation of authority and circulate a resolution to arrange a credit card for Susan. Email to be circulated before the next meeting to the Committee Members – **in process**
* Canoe Launch project: Susan organising photo will send to ERV - **completed**
* Rural Land Use Strategy (RLUS) - Committee members need to look at the attachment as soon as possible and get any feedback (in dot point form) to Susan and Katie before 2pm Thursday. **Completed**
* Susan to collate feedback and provide to Martin by 3 February - **Completed**
* Susan and Kate to look at dates for the AGM, options will be sent out via email to committee members before the next meeting. Kate to confirm with the Golf Club if they would like the AGM to be held there. **Completed**
* Clarification around support roles (Susan and Julie) – **to be addressed**
 | **Various** |
| **4.** | **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** **This did not take place as initially there was not a quorum** | **Kate Hodge** |
| **5.** | **TREASURER’S REPORT: This did not take place as initially there was not a quorum** | **Kirstie Pearce** |
| **6.** | **AGM Update:** * Sunday 2nd April, 12 noon at the Golf Club. CRC LGA Funding secured – catering, music and games. Great planning and hopefully will result in a lot of people attending.
* People need to complete their re-joining of the Association. Suggestion a register at the Bush Nurse in Gelantipy and Buchan, NH; more efficient way for people to register their interest to maintain membership. No concerns
* We need 50 before the AGM
* Agreed to try this approach
 | **Susan Freeman** |
| **7.** | **Community Renewal Plan Feedback Session** * A session with community leaders the other day – Anne and I had illness in our families and Susan stepped in and got good feedback which Susan has put into table format and forwarded on to consultant Eleni McIlroy (Warm Corners) so Eleni can facilitate the community feedback session tomorrow night as per her contract.
* Hoping for 50 to 70 community members, talking about how we need to move from ideas / ideals /suggestions / global statements to actionable outcomes – what we want to see on the ground in 3 to 10 years’ time – based on the resilience and recovery surveys we first sought feedback
* Using a traffic light approach with priorities. Each green light priority on a poster page - Eleni might break people into groups to work through
 | **Kate Hodge/ Susan Freeman** |
| **8.** | **Model rules** * Adapt model rules to be easier for us to meet – change them so it is easier for us to stay within the rules.
* One area is the quorum, change to a minimum number of people in attendance at a meeting for a quorum instead of a percentage
* Remove statement that says everyone ceases to be a member of the association on the 31st of December – not workable and ongoing issue
* We need to have 50 members in the association at all times. We set that number initially when we had 400 members. Things have changed and this number needs to better reflect the local permanent population
* These changes must be notified prior to AGM – is that 21 days prior? Katie will check. This is workable - can go out with the AGM notice

**Motion:** Establish small group to suggest changes to model rules: Anne, Katie, Susan– all in favour | **Anne Brewer** |
| **9.** | **Rec Reserve Redevelopment:*** Received email from member of recreation reserve redevelopment sub-committee requesting support to access the remaining funds needed for project: Initial scope $7.6 m – will be more now with increases – may be a larger gap between what is needed; need to start now accessing these funds needed for the next stages
* We have received just under $5m
* Katie had conversation with Stuart McConnell (General Manager in Council) to identify funding and support – Eva as acting PM was to advise
* Eva suggested ERV Catalogue and / or CRC – LGA for a grant writer
* Previous advice to SCA has been around identifying ethically appropriate grants. We want to be strategic and efficient in our approach around how we access this large amount of funds. Want to be strategic and have a more managed approach. May require think tank with the likes of Stuart McConnell – lobbying to parliament around what funding might arise. The larger funds we need sit with Government – need government supports in place and prioritise these larger amounts
* Question: are we going ahead with works with the funds we already have? Planner is staging around what the current funds can cover. This includes lighting, netball courts, football club rooms pavilion. It won’t move the oval or re-build the Pony club facilities
* Concerns around removing Pony Club facility without a plan / funds to rebuild it – leaves them without a facility
* Can we leave the pavilion and do the pony club facility to everyone gets a bite of the cherry
* The planning seems to be to do the big picture planning then indicate which elements can be
* Lot of broken promises – better to do what we can with what we have strategically; set it up to be in a state that we can carry on when we have more funding; so we don’t have lack of important facilities
* We have design consultant – they should be able to give us an idea / advice around what we can do with what we have; We don’t know what the $5m will build – need that question answered
* That’s been taken out of our hands and run by Shire; Council is taking their cut out first and that’s not going to community

**Rec Reserve Redevelopment *(continued):**** Can we have a conversation with project manager – get the best we can in the first instance
* Design looks like pavilion and change rooms in one; can we do parts – stage this
* It is still being planned and we can still have input – ensure needs and concerns are being considered
* Strategic / Control Group and local Project Reference group. The reference group consists of representatives from key users of reserve. Upgrade is about creating a resilient facility moving forward. Current facility sub – par in (fire) event we had - Club rooms needs upgrade or replacement
* Who is on Strategic control group – government; we have access to strategic conversation
* Conversation about being able to push out onto road reserve – that is not an option now? We don’t know enough about it – make sure it is going to meet the needs of everyone
* Resurfacing of netball courts? Discussed at last meeting – not able to do in timeframe – had State Netball Assoc. provide advice. EGCF not wanting to fund something that will be later pulled up; Vic Netball Assoc: agreed not to build something that will be taken down. Netball Club following through in professional way
* Frustrated; longer it takes more it will costs. Need to get something on the ground with the $ we have – others agree. Only push we have it to get into strategic meeting and advocate –
* I had assumed Rec Reserve is doing everything in their power to make it happen; what can we do to support?
* In 2 weeks there is a site meeting – this is a closed meeting? Why can’t community attend?
* Invite someone to attend this meeting to update us and advise how we can advocate
* Our relationship has started to wain with Council and management. We are not the ones managing this project. Since we lost BRV there hasn’t been the same level of connectedness and flow through of activity. I raised it with Stuart and at CRC Link Up – may need to raise more formally - write a letter; We can’t influence if we can’t attend the meetings; those who do attend don’t have much influence either
* Would be good to have Project Managers provide us with information – explain to us what is happening; may be shooting messenger – it is responsibility at a higher governance level – doing as they are told by General Managers – project officers will be feeding back to Stuart and Fiona – we need regular updates – from all levels
* Project managers being funded out of this grant - 2 people over 18months – it’s a fair whack out of the grant – reducing the funds we do have – nothing on the ground yet - change the scope – staged approach and get something happening on the ground
* Communications issue – need update on regular basis
* We brokered original arrangements to seek total project costs – we were always working to full amount – Rec Reserve were led to believe yesterday that the funds we have is all that is available; were always of the understanding that we needed to seek additional funding; these details get lost with lack of continuity on this project – results in shoddy end project and inefficiencies
* If $5m is all there is change the scope and build what you can with that – we don’t need Taj Mahal
* There were things in concept plan that indicated the designer may not have read the brief – should know what community wants before drawing up concept plan
* If we get this right now it will stop further frustration from community later – we don’t want it to turn into toxicity – we want to sort it out and improve it

**ACTIONS:** * Eva to get back to SCA regarding Council’s support / advice for
* Eva to find someone to come to committee to provide update – most appropriate person (through Stuart / Fiona);
* Clarity around input into the governance and make sure we are taking advantage of those
* Eva to facilitate improved information and communication around this and other key projects; updates into the Phoenix each month
* Susan can share concept plan
 | **Kate Hodge** |
| **10.** | **PV – Next Steps**Low water flow so can’t open pool according to regulations under the in Health Dept |  |
| **11.** | **Other Updates / General Business:****Canoe Launch Project** – covered in previous minutes**LER 1 Project:** * Project plan completed; can expect funds in our bank account in 28 days
* Re-stumping has started on Buchan Hall, but $4,000 of drainage works needs funds; replacement of floor in hall wasn’t quoted for – need funds for new vinyl; quote from High Profile Kitchen has come in – we think we have that covered; a couple of gaps that need funding. Susan was told we can continue with other works while we deal with drainage – it has been an issues for a number of years. Drainage repair happened in early 2000 to stop further erosion. Will DEECD insurance cover the drainage issues? Susan to explore. End of financial year approaching so State budgets need to be finalised by April so may be some funding from DEECD for that work
* Wulgulmerang: the vinyl right to go in April once contractors secured
* Gelantipy: Advised by Mark Sykes not to do work on toilets until roof is replaced – don’t have funds for the roof
* Need further funding – waiting on quotes
* Can we use some of our own funds? We have discussed – up to $10k – if excessive we may need to find other e.g. philanthropic
* Access support through catalogue to help us
* What are we doing with our funds? Where we can get things funded use that – hold onto our funds donated directly to us to use for things we can’t get any other funding for. This is the advice we received from the Strathewen experience

**Streetscape:** * Update from Council: Design works progressing with Streetscape works, Geotech are imminent in commencing and Path Linkages Project progressing well, John Flynn Reserve nearly complete.
* Eva to ensure updates into Phoenix each month
* People frustrated because seeing Bruthen start and nothing happening in
* Hasn’t been a streetscape meeting for ages – not since the last one that wasn’t great. Eva please follow up

 **Playspace:** * We need a next step – seems to have been dropped
* What about Bairnsdale and other playgrounds and skate parks where it floods – Bairnsdale was raised – we were told we can’t raise ours
* Lochiel Park and Livingston park in Omeo - all flood. Costs Council a lot of money when these do flood. Recent flood history around Australia – move to mitigate risks. New policy of Council not to build in flood zones (Vic roads purchased old pub and that is where new highway will come through – from back of Patties over river and back there)
* We don’t have resources to do anything with the windmill paddock – need to look at other options – owned by public land managers (DECCCA / Council\_ there may be some other land / spaces
* Old sale yards – privately owned - not for sale
* Suggest a working group meeting

**Place Manager:** * A contract has been issued today, waiting on signing. Very happy with appointment – will inform as soon as contract is signed and introduce new officer soon
* Transition period where I work alongside them and support them to settle in and get across the work
* Would like to facilitate a social meeting / dinner between SCA and new Council staff – Julie McLeod and new PM soon

**Rural Land Use Strategy (RLUS):*** Submission in – wait for feedback
* Eva please thank Martin Richards and provide feedback: productive meeting; good example of expert coming into community to provide information, structure and thinking; hear our feedback and go through that with us – helped people in the room understand and good sharing on both sides – toss around barriers and concerns with community

**CRC-LGA Event Application for Gelantipy*** Application in and successful – has all been planned – Raven and the Dove Sunday 29th 7pm with supper April at Gelantipy hall

**Good news:*** Wellbeing Worker has been employed! Starts Monday – on the ground by latter half of March; currently looking at the evaluation of the project
* Dante Demilio – has worked with Rural Financial Service; he is from Paynesville – familiar with area - will work right through to the border / entire district
* Responsible for the wellbeing of this group too

**Extension of Susan’s Role:*** Do we need to write to team at Shire to extend Susan’s role? She is only recently on the ground - We wanted a 2 year position, but it took 6 months to get Susan in place. On As we progressed this role Alistair indicated that if the programs funding was extended we could then apply for another 12 months – the funding has been extended as I understand - Eva follow up with Janette and Kate

**ACTIONS:** * Susan to explore if DEECD insurance will cover the drainage issues at the Buchan Hall
* Eva to follow up update on Streetscape - another community meeting?
* Eva to ensure updates in Phoenix each month
* Eva to follow up policy around not building in flood zones
* Eva & Donna to plan and set agenda for Playspace committee meeting – re-generate group / project
* Eva to follow up opportunity extending Susan’s role
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| **12.** | **Next meeting: THURSDAY** 28th March (change of day as Wednesday doesn’t work for a few), 6pm, online**AGM Sunday 2nd April, Buchan Valley Golf Club, 12 noon: lunch, music games, massage, fun** |  |