



Coordination Group Meeting – MINUTES

Held 1.00pm 24th May 2016 at State Government Offices Cnr. Mair and Doveton Streets Ballarat

Chair:Ian Rossiter (BREAZE) **Minutes:**Ian Rossiter (BREAZE)

Agenda Items	Discussion	Responsibility
1. Welcome/ Apologies/ Introductions	<p>Attendance: Craig Whitefield (DELWP), Rosemary Angus (GCWWRRG), Lauren Malins (BCC), Jo Cameron (Cultivate Agribusiness), Ross Irving (SV). Laurel Freeland (Fed Uni), Cr. Belinda Coates (BCC and CVGA), Brendan Clarke(CHW), Hazen Cleary (PLEA Network), Ian Rossiter (BREAZE), Liz Hamilton (VBN).</p> <p>Apologies: Janet Dore (C for B), Peter Gell (Fed Uni), Ross Gillett (DELWP), Craig Hurley (Fed Uni), Sonny Neale (CVGA)</p>	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Ian tabled the minutes of the Meeting held 27 Jan 2016, however members indicated they did not receive them previously by email. Minutes will need to be circulated and ratified at the July Meeting.	Ian R to circulate minutes of 27 Jan 2016.
3. Introductions – Membership Changes	<p>Ian welcomed and introduced the following new attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo Cameron the Executive Officer of Cultivate Agribusiness (formerly Central Highlands Agribusiness Forum). • Craig Whitefield DELWP Regional Manager Community Programs Engagement • Liz Hamilton Dept of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and Victorian Bioenergy Network. <p>Sonny Neale has resumed his role as CEO of Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance and wishes to remain involved, although is unlikely to attend all meetings as Belinda Coates is a fellow board member and the Alliance covers a third of the state.</p>	All to note

	Melanie Robertson has been appointed CEO of the Committee for Ballarat, formerly the Manager of the Waubra Wind Farm.	
4. State Government Engagement	<p>Craig Whitefield, Regional Manager Community Programs Engagement reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial changes: Lily Ambrosio has now been appointed Minister for Environment and Climate Change. Water stays with Lisa Neville together with Police portfolio. Renewable Energy will come across from energy and minerals to environment. • Second iteration of the Vic.Climate Change Adaptation Plan is being engaged with local government. First local government adaptation plan was developed in-house and this version will involve local government input. • The document has been sent out to Local Government CEOs and comments are required by 6 July. The document will then be finalised and then rolled out to broader public over next 2 years. • Topics in the document are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o climate change adaptation and land use planning o Climate change adaptation o infrastructure and assets management • Includes information the Victorian Government can provide to assist Local Government supporting adaptation work. • Governance arrangements for an Implementation Paper will be sent out to CEO of councils. Thereafter Craig to send out to us and receive comments back which will be expressed at workshops. • Includes initiative of pledges for greenhouse gas reduction for local government authorities and businesses that can be posted to promote organisational credentials. • Ross Gillett has been allocated a couple days a week since Dave Watson has been appointed to restoration and recovery program for Lancefield. • Canadian Forest has been designated a Regional Park. Potential for a Wathaurong name for the site. Announcement is planned for late June. The responsible management authority proposed is Parks Victoria. <p>Ross Irving (Sustainability Victoria) reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SV is about to embark on community group master classes, 5 across the state including Horsham in our region. This is an outcome from the Community Conversations forums held in June/July 2015. • Premiers Sustainability Awards nominations coming up in June 	Ian

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for local government local law enforcement officers to enforce litter is being provided • Strategic plan to 2020 released on line and hard copy. • Priorities to work with businesses in energy efficiency, engage with landlords, community engagement and product stewardship programs e.g. paints tyres. 	
5. Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Regional Draft Plan	<p>Rosemary Angus reported that the Draft Consultation Plan is with the Minister for Environment approval by 14 June before it can be released.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus on what we manage in the region, as distinct from what leaves the region. How can we manage what comes into the region?. There will probably only be a 4 week window for feedback. Consultation sessions will be conducted in Ballarat, Ararat and Horsham with CEOs of local government and evening session with Rod Quantock. • Office is to move to Central Highlands Water's Wendouree complex. 	Rosemary to advise Ian when consultation can be undertaken.
6. World Environment Day Activities	<p>Ian asked what activities the groups had arranged for World Environment Day Sunday 5th June, as BREAZE would run an event if no other competing activities were planned.</p> <p>As no other activities were identified BREAZE would run an afternoon interactive forum on household energy efficiency for winter. The event will consist of an expert panel providing presentations and responding to queries from the public. The event will be held at the Smart Living Ballarat Kiosk in the Ballarat Central Library for 2pm till 4pm, and will mark the first anniversary of establishing the Smart Living program at the Library.</p>	Ian to advise City of Ballarat Media Unit for promotion.
7. PLEA Network Update	<p>Hazen reported that the PLEA Network website has now 38 Pages with a new feature on the Federal Election highlighting what parties are not saying, and features on a steady state economy and universal basic income concepts .Contains information on all things Carbon, Bureau of Meteorology updates, and Antarctica data. There is a communications section highlighting that climate change is not an environmental issue. Who can help Hazen with AWS website stats and interpreting them? Site contains a links for teachers area.</p> <p>Hazen provided an update on her Brown Hill Fire Awareness Network with interface between rural and urban areas. Penny Platypus now with Hazen happy to lend out. Letterbox stickers with Progress Association being developed. Seeking businesses to adopt a cluster to run photocopying for letter box drops 3 per year.</p>	All to note
8. Victorian Bioenergy Network	<p>Liz Hamilton outlined the history and role of the VBN, which was originally funded through the Brumby government's Dept. Primary Industries and Regional Development Victoria. The network involves a wide range of members from government agencies, agribusiness and climate action groups. Liz's new role with Dept of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources allows some time to support the VBN.</p>	

	<p>Liz and other VBN members were interested in what RSAB might do as the region had a history of conducting events and supporting projects relating to bioenergy.</p> <p>The group discussed the potential projects and roles that VBN and RSAB could play. The conclusion was that a forum presenting a hypothetical future project with a number of renewable energy inputs could yield interest from Ballarat institutions. Suggested that Ian liaises with Committee for Ballarat, Federation University, City of Ballarat and Ballarat Health Services to consider precinct wide projects such as the Hospital Precinct, Lydiard Street Sth Precinct, Mt Helen Campus and Prince of Wales Park / Ballarat High School Precinct.</p>	
9. Information Sharing	<p>Ian suggested that rather than each group reporting verbally on their organisation's projects, strategies, structures and activities; it would be more beneficial for this information to be circulated via the newly created RSAB E-news. Ian asked that all members send relevant information for inclusion. The first edition was circulated last month and the intent is to use this as a means of communication between meetings.</p>	<p>All members to forward information to Ian</p>
10. Future Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brendon offered to provide a venue at Central Highlands Water in Learmonth Road Wendouree for the next meeting, if his diary allowed him to attend. The date is Tuesday 19 July 2016 (1pm till 3pm) 2. The September meeting date is 20/9/16 and a venue would be appreciated. 3. The November meeting date is 15 /11/16 and a venue would be appreciated. 	