



Coordination Group Meeting – MINUTES

Held 1.00pm Wednesday 27 January 2016 at Ballarat Town Hall

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

Agenda Items	Discussion	Responsibility
1. Welcome/ Apologies/ Introductions	<p>Attendance: Cr Belinda Coates (City of Ballarat&CVGA), Lauren Burch (City of Ballarat),Peter Gell (FedUni), Ian Rossiter (BREAZE),Ray and Cherie Draper (BEN), Hazen Cleary (PLEA Network) Brendan Clarke (CHW), Ross Gillett (DELWP), Quenton Gay (City of Ballarat), Rosemary Angus (GCWWRRG), Craig Hurley (Fed Uni) John Kilgour (Committee for Ballarat).</p> <p>Apologies: Dave Watson (DELWP)</p>	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Draft Minutes of Meeting held 20/10/15 were circulated and considered true record of that meeting. Moved Belinda Coates, Seconded John Kilgour and carried.	
3. Introductions – Membership Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Dave Watson is seconded to DELWP Bushfire Recovery duties, Ross Gillett will be the DELWP representative for RSAB for next 6 months.(Ross.gillett@delwp.vic.gov.au phone 0418 587 691) Trish Kevin (Sustainability Victoria)has been replaced by Ross Irving (phone 5336 6734 email Ross.irving@sustainability.vic.gov.au) Ian will send terms of reference to the new members 	All to note
4. City of Ballarat Environment Policies and Action Plans	Lauren reported that there hadn't been any progress yet on re-presenting the Environment Sustainability Policy to Council for adoption due to other workload priorities. After discussion on the form that the Environment Action Plan could take the group's feedback to Council is that the Policy should first be adopted before the action plan and status reporting could be framed. Ian to write to relevant GM at City of Ballarat expressing this view.	Ian

<p>5. City of Ballarat MOU with RSAB</p>	<p>Ian tabled the MOU signed between City of Ballarat and RSAB in February 2014 and asked whether there was broad support for entering into another similar MOU. The feedback from Cr Belinda Coates and Lauren Burch was that Council was likely to want the MOU reviewed and renewed. Ian to write to City of Ballarat formerly seeking this process and providing guidance on the areas within the MOU that would need amendment to reflect proposed involvement over the next 12 months.</p>	
<p>6. UN Paris Climate Talks (COP21)</p>	<p>Ian read out an email from Andrew Lang who attended the COP21 talks representing World Bioenergy Congress which raises questions about the commitments that polluting nations would need to make in coming months and the need to keep pressure on Australian Government. This led us into a discussion on the role that RSAB could play in achieving a regional reduction in GHG emissions.</p> <p>It was suggested that RSAB could present to Regional planning and coordination meetings including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Highlands Mayors and CEOs Forums (CH21) held bi-monthly with membership from Moorabool, Golden Plains, Hepburn, Pyrenees, Central Goldfields and Ballarat. 2. Regional Management Forum which includes CEO's of Regional LGA's, Regional Managers of Stat Government Departments and representatives from agencies involved in regional initiatives, projects and issues. (Coordinated by State Government) <p>Ian to liaise with Ross Gillett to find contacts and seek agenda inclusions for RSAB to present.</p>	<p>Ian and Ross</p>
<p>7. New Energy Jobs Fund Project Proposal</p>	<p>Ian mentioned that BREAZE were intending to submit an application for funding for the New Energy Jobs Grants for introduction of electric cars and recharging stations using PV panels as the energy source. BREAZE will attend the regional information sessions for the grant program to determine if the concept meets the criteria.</p> <p>No other RSAB groups were intending to make submissions in Round 1 which closes in mid-March 2016.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p>8. Planning for 100 Years from Now Discussion Follow Up</p>	<p>At our October Meeting it was agreed that a sensible approach to engage the community and decision makers in actions to respond to climate change and managing biodiversity threats would be to start a dialogue on what we need to do now for Ballarat Region's future in 100 years. Key discussion points made were:</p> <p>Craig – What do we need to do differently as a region? We need to couch actions around securing our Liveability. We need to acknowledge how the changing climate is impacting on our health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Ray – What is missing in the media and political debate is the connection between, climate change, flood, fire and drought.</p> <p>John – We need to determine how we best initiate and influence the agenda for Region's decision makers. We need approaches to get access through existing mechanisms for Local Government, Community and Federal / Regional Development Australia.</p> <p>Hazen – We need to change the language so that Climate Change is not considered an environment</p>	<p>All to note</p>

	<p>problem but a humanitarian problem.</p> <p>Planning a forum that engages with stakeholders for this will be continued at March Meeting</p>	Ian
9. RSAB Chair and Secretariat	<p>The roles of Chair and Secretariat were discussed and members were asked to nominate. As BREAZE would be willing to continue with the role under an MOU with RSAB Ian was nominated to perform these roles for 2016. As with the review of the RSAB and City of Ballarat MOU, Ian will prepare a draft MOU between BREAZE and RSAB for the provision of these services.</p>	Ian
10. Information Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee for Ballarat – John Kilgour advised that this is his last month in the role of CEO. Janet Dore the Chair will be our point of contact until a new CEO is appointed. The Committee’s Sustainability Task Team (includes Craig and Lauren) is working on a position paper for consideration by membership. A 5 year Strategy Action Plan is being prepared for the lead up to Federal Election identifying 3 key themes “Jobs and Connections”, “Sustainability and Innovation” & “Community and Health” • City of Ballarat – Clean Ballarat Committee is being formed to provide input to Council on implementation of waste strategy and waste to energy initiatives. Green/ Blue Strategy Action Plan is to be released in coming months identifying how whole of water cycle management approach can positively impact on Ballarat’s environment with specific projects described. Stormwater and Urban Flooding Task Force are identifying more storm water harvesting opportunities in Ballarat where they can impact on flooding risks or poor water quality. Council have committed to implement a kerbside greenwaste collection service. • CHW – Brendan’s role is moving back to water efficiency. • BEN – Ray reported that BEN AGM appointed Roger Thomas as Regional Reserves Manager, Gavin Cerini as Chair and Emily Noble as Administration resource. BEN and Leigh Catchment Group have a grant to conduct fungus testing on frogs in our area and map its spread. • Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GCWRRG) – Rosemary reported that the new amalgamated group has to produce a Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan for sign off by the Minister before June. She would appreciate the opportunity to present to the March Meeting on its content and feedback. • DELWP – Ross reported that the Victorian Government have launched a new website climatechange.vic.gov.au, climate service brochures, online engagement tools and the think tanks around climate change in each region. • Federation Uni – Craig reported that they are continuing to provide Responsible Management Courses in all business programs and will be hosting a Melbourne Conference on Corporate Responsibility. Peter reported he will chair a Limnology symposium in September. • PLEA network – Hazen outlined a Brown Hill Community Fire Initiative program that she has initiated in her nearby neighbourhoods with the intent of building awareness and action plans for local neighbourhoods about preparedness and responses to bushfire incidents. It is intended to be a 10 year program with 4 cluster volunteer coordinators recruited. If it gains support can be used a model for other communities. 	

11. Future Meetings

1. Agreed by delegates that meetings should continue to be held on the 3rd Tuesday afternoon of the month.
2. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 1pm

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