



## Coordination Group Meeting – MINUTES

**Held 1.00pm 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Central Highlands Water Learmonth Road Wendouree**

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

Agenda Items	Discussion	Responsibility
<b>1. Welcome/ Apologies/ Introductions</b>	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Craig Whiteford (DELWP), Quenton Gay (BCC), Rosemary Angus (GCWWRRG), Jo Cameron (Cultivate Agribusiness), Melanie Robertson (C for B), Ross Irving (SV), Brendan Clarke(CHW), Hazen Cleary (PLEA Network), Ian Rossiter (BREAZE), Ray Draper (BEN, Craig Hurley (Fed Uni),</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Peter Gell (Fed Uni), Sonny Neale (CVGA), Cr. Belinda Coates (BCC and CVGA),</p>	
<b>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Ian tabled the minutes of the Meeting held 27 Jan 2016 and 24 May 2016 which were adopted with the amendment of Craig Whiteford’s misspelt name in the May minutes.	
<b>3. Introductions – Membership Changes</b>	Ian welcomed and introduced Melanie Robertson has been appointed CEO of the Committee for Ballarat formerly the Manager of the Waubra Wind Farm.	All to note
<b>4. Business Arising from Minutes</b>	<p>Actions Arising from Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victorian Bioenergy Network and RSAB Collaboration is to be discussed in item 5</li> <li>• DELWP Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Local Government was circulated to LGA members by Craig Whiteford</li> </ul>	For info

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCWWRG Draft Implementation Plan Consultation – To be covered in item 6</li> <li>World Environment Day Activity – Ian updated on Energyt Efficiency in the Home Workshop conducted at SLB Library facility on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Potential RSAB Renewable Energy Forum</b>	<p>Ian presented the concept of a potential RSAB Renewable Energy Forum comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case Studies – e.g. Hepburn Wind, Central Victoria Solar Cities, Renewable Newstead, Beaufort Hospital, Berrybank Farm, Social Solar by BREAZE.</li> <li>Project Development – e.g. Biomass Heating, Methane capture and re-use, wind micro-turbines, biofuels</li> </ul> <p>Members suggested it also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CSIRO case study of Stockland’s HVAC (Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning) system</li> <li>Consider running the event at Ballarat Mercure to coincide with an event being arranged by the Premiers Department and Committee for Ballarat. Date to be advised later. This would allow a community event to follow on from an invitation only high profile event.</li> <li>The event could be used to develop some conceptual renewable energy projects with partners for consideration in future funding programs.</li> </ul>	Members to liaise with Ian to determine date, scope, audience and content.
<b>6. Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Regional Draft Plan</b>	<p>Rosemary Angus presented members with an overview of the GCWWRG’s Draft Implementation Plan and encouraged members to provide feedback. There will be a workshop on 15 August for LGA’s and waste industry followed by a community consultation evening that night at Ballarat Golf Club with Rod Quantock as host. Feedback is sought on line or by written submissions from 1<sup>st</sup> August until early September.</p>	Members to provide feedback on plan.
<b>7. Federal Election Outcomes</b>	<p>Ian led a discussion on the Implications of the Federal Election outcome on policy and project funding. Policies that could have influence on our region’s sustainability are the LNP’s Smart Cities Policy, Renewable Energy Target. As Victoria Government has a high RET, the federal target is not the only incentive for investment.</p>	Members to note
<b>8. RSAB Preparing Ballarat for 100 years from Now” Forum</b>	<p>A suggestion raised by Peter Gell in the January Meeting was to conduct a community forum on what we need to do today to prepare Ballarat for 100 years from now. This item will remain on the agenda for consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target audience</li> <li>Panel members / presenters</li> <li>Venue</li> </ul>	For discussion at September Meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timing</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Information Sharing</b></p>	<p>Brendan reported that CHW is working with Victorian Government to reduce emissions as all Victorian Government authorities have to frame their plan to achieve zero emissions by 2050. Craig Whiteford and Ross commented on the good uptake of the Take2Pledge campaign. There are 2 types of operational pledges which apply to government partners. The launch of foundation members will occur next month. Committee for Ballarat are aiming to get 100 members to sign up to the pledge. Anticipating that 30 of the 79 councils will sign up.</p> <p>Quenton reported that the City of Ballarat won a Storm Water Victoria prize for the Green Blue Action Plan, with its designs for streetscape renewals in Ballarat CBD and other areas embracing best practice in urban forestry and storm water management.</p> <p>Rosemary Reported that GCWWRRG will be moving to rear of CHW offices at end of August and that GCWWRRG will be hosting the Victorian Waste Education Strategy Conference on 25 August.</p> <p>Craig reported that Federation University is now encompassing the Berwick Campus. Federation University through its implementation of the International Corporate Social Responsibility framework have won the role of hosting a conference in Melbourne in September.</p> <p>Craig Whiteford mentioned that workshops were held for local government on climate change adaptation themes in Ballarat and Horsham. Key findings were that planning officers need more authority and support and councillors need to be better educated on implications of their planning decisions. Councils recognised that they need to use alliances to engage with communities over climate change.</p> <p>Hazen flagged that ACOSS (Aust Council of Social Services) have conducted a benchmarking process for resilient organisations, indicating 25% of community organisations would fail to deliver under an extreme weather event. It was suggested that Imogen Yates at Fed Uni is conducting a post grad study on these issues. Hazen gave an update on the Brown Hill Community Fire Aware Network. With assistance from CHW and Ballarat Partnership Grants the network now has stickers on letterboxes, regular newsletters and a web and facebook presence.</p> <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.</p>	<p>All members to forward information to Ian</p>
<p><b>10. Future Meetings</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The September meeting date is 20/9/16 and a venue would be appreciated.</li> <li>2. The November meeting date is 15 /11/16 and a venue would be appreciated.</li> </ol>	