



Coordination Group Meeting – MINUTES

Held 1pm Tuesday 21 February 2017 at Federation University Gillies Street Campus

Chair: Ian Rossiter (BREAZE)

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Agenda Items	Discussion	Responsibility
1. Welcome/ Apologies/ Introductions	<p>Attendance: Melanie Robertson (C for B), Ross Irving (SV), Hazen Cleary (PLEA Network), Ian Rossiter (BREAZE), Cr. Belinda Coates (BCC and CVGA), Andrea Mason (Leigh Catchment Group & FORP), Andrew Lang (VBN & BCC Clean Green Committee), Quentin Gay (BCC), Craig Hurley (Fed Uni), Ray Draper (BEN) Jeff Rootes (Friends of Canadian Corridor), Lauren Malins (BCC)</p> <p>Apologies: Peter Gell (Fed Uni), Sonny Neale (CVGA), Craig Whiteford (DELWP), Jo Cameron (Cultivate Agribusiness), Tim Hudspith (DEWLP), Brendan Clarke (CHW).</p>	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Ian tabled the minutes of the Meeting held 15 November 2016, which were adopted with the amendments of Quentin Gay being present and Brendan Clarke being an apology. Ian to adjust and send final copy to Hazen for posting on website.	Ian
3. BREAZE's New Energy Jobs Funding Application	Ian reported that BREAZE, City of Ballarat, Federation University and Committee for Ballarat representatives attended the New Energy Jobs Round 2 information session held by DELWP, SV and Regional Development Victoria in January. It was evident that no other parties were working on a Biomass project. BREAZE is preparing an application for Business Case Funding of a Ballarat Biomass Briquette Supply Chain. Ian circulated the staged concept plan (attached) for the proposal that involves utilising sawdust from Ballarat Regional Industries and Fed Uni Trade Centre to create briquettes that would be used for Biomass heating at BRI, Potentially PINARC and potentially sold to retail outlets. Applications close on 1 March 2017 and BREAZE is committing \$2,500 cash and \$75,000 in kind to the project. Funds sought are \$75K to take the concept that has undergone initial feasibility plan to a business case suitable for investment. Andrew pointed out that sawdust to briquette production has been implemented at Clover Doors in the	All to note

	Bannockburn Industrial Estate and another exists at Newstead.	
4. Principles of Responsible Management Presentation Federation University	<p>Craig Hurley provided a handout and made a verbal presentation on the School of Business PRME program that applies to all undergraduate and post graduate business management courses. The presentation included information on the PRME international forum held by Fed Uni last year. The presentation included results of surveys conducted internationally of students, with key findings that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of students thought the PRME program was beneficial to their careers • Majority would want to work in organisations that demonstrated alignment with the PRME goals • Audit of courses against the 17 UN Sustainable development Goals. <p>Questions raised revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Boucher Fed Uni's Sustainability officer produces reports on operations sustainability impacts. • Fed Uni are working with Commerce Ballarat to try and bring these criteria into environmental sustainability rankings in the Ballarat Business Awards 	Craig to send link or email PDF of the presentation handout.
5. BREAZE Expressions of Interest for Project and Event Managers	Ian reported that BREAZE advertised expressions of interest in December via the Courier, Seek and Members Newsletter for suitable contractors to undertake project and event management for the next 2 years. The Board has approved a number of contractors who met the criteria to form a panel which would be approached to undertake event management and/ or project management to deliver services in response to any funded projects and programs.	
6. Proposed Bioenergy Event	<p>Ian presented a concept for RSAB to deliver a Ballarat Regional Bioenergy Event later in the first half of 2017. Given the number of events in Ballarat and Melbourne in coming days on community renewable energy and waste to energy, it was considered an event that focussed on integrating Bioenergy with other renewable energies could attract representatives of institutions from the health, education, local government water and disability services sectors to hear about how other organisations have integrated Bioenergy into their energy mix.</p> <p>Ideas suggested for tailoring the event included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the majority of energy consumed is in residential properties, then why are we putting so much effort into convincing non residential properties to convert to renewable energy? • It was suggested that in order to get commitment from organisations, that a breakfast meeting for senior decision makers would first be necessary to create the commitment to sending appropriate technical people to the whole day event. • Could we use the Hospital Precinct, Ballarat Aquatic Centre, Civic Hall Precinct as hypothetical sites to workshop solutions? • VBN and Cultivate Agribusiness could not attend today, however have conveyed that their preference would be to conduct the next Bioenergy event in northern Victoria, considering the lack of enthusiasm displayed after Liz Hamilton's presentation last year. 	Ian to liaise with Jo Cameron, Liz Hamilton and Melanie Robertson over next steps and circulate refined proposal to members.

<p>7. Community Energy Forums</p>	<p>Melanie outlined the program of events made possible this week through sponsorship by Committee for Ballarat and the Coalition for Renewable Energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Wednesday evening C for B members dinner with Soren Hermanson presenting on island in Denmark's ten year program to create a zero emissions community. ❖ Thursday morning at Tech Park Central Soren Hermanson public presentation on the mechanisms used to bring the community along the zero emissions journey. ❖ Thursday morning following public presentation, a Community Pioneers workshop with Soren to invited participants. The workshop aims to build networks and commitment to establish a zero emissions community. <p>The Coalition for Renewable Energy is running the Community Renewable Energy Congress at Melbourne Town Hall on Monday and Tuesday and Melanie will present at Monday's session.</p>	<p>All to Note</p> <p>Ian and Melanie to share outcomes with members</p>
<p>8. Climate Change Framework</p>	<p>Ross Gillet reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ the Victoria Climate Change Framework can be viewed on line at http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/climate-change/climate-change-framework ❖ The Central Highlands Regional Partnerships will drive the actions and implementation. ❖ The CHRP contact is Jennifer Gantsche and there needs to be a connection with RSAB <p>Discussion lead to concerns that many different bioenergy and waste to energy dicussions are happening at various levels within State and Local government and there is potentially a lack of collaboration and coordination. Examples of the projects between Hepburn Shire, CVGA and City of Ballarat and Pyrenees Shire (straw/agricultural waste) were discussed and RSAB needs to be a central information sharing network to support these initiatives.</p>	<p>RSAB chair to seek meeting with Committee for Ballarat and CH Regional Forum.</p>
<p>9. Information Sharing</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrew Lang pointed out that he had attended the Austrian Bioenergy Congress and was disappointed that no Australian representatives from government were in attendance, as it gave clear examples of how Spain and other nations are to implement 100% renewable energy by 2030. 2. Hazen Cleary spoke of her recent trip to Antarctica and how the loss of ice is leading to the rapid retreat of algal colonies that are at the bottom of the food chain and the implications. Hazen would be happy to provide a presentation with her pictures and observations. 3. Ross Gillet pointed out that the Australian Psychological Society have released a Climate Change Empowerment Manual which can be seen at http://www.psychology.org.au/Assets/Files/The%20Climate%20Change%20Empowerment%20Handbook%20(Extended).pdf 4. Belinda Coates reported that she has been elected back onto the Grampians Central West 	<p>All to note</p>

	<p>Waste and Resource Recovery Forum. The appointment of the GCWWRRG's Board will occur soon by the Minister for the Environment from nominated Forum members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Craig Whiteford had asked if any RSAB members would likely to be available on Wednesday 1/3/17 to meet Simon Corbell, the Victorian Renewable Energy Advocate in Ballarat. The majority of members were likely to be able to attend.6. Any information members wish to share with other members can be emailed to ian@breaze.org.au and Ian can compile members newsletters and circulate.	
10. Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 18th (after Easter Monday) We would appreciate a member providing a meeting venue.</p>	All to note.

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