



Coordination Group Meeting – MINUTES

Held 1.00pm 16/6/15 at City of Ballarat Operations Depot Meeting Room Cnr Ring Road and Trewin Streets Wendouree

Chair: Ian Rossiter (BREAZE)

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Agenda Items	Discussion	Responsibility
1. Welcome/ Apologies/ Introductions	<p>Attendance: Trish Kevin (Sustainability Victoria), Dave Watson (DELWP) Quenton Gay (City of Ballarat), Peter Gell (Federation University), Brendan Clarke (CHW), Hazen Cleary & Ian Rossiter (BREAZE).</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Belinda Coates (City of Ballarat), John Kilgour (Committee for Ballarat), Lisa Kendal (Cultivate Agribusiness CH), Lauren Burch (City of Ballarat), Philip Clingin (GCWRRG), Melanie Tranter (CVGA), Craig Hurley (Fed Uni) & Ray and Cherie Draper (BEN),</p>	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	<p>Minutes of Meeting held 16th June were read and accepted</p> <p>Moved Ian, seconded Hazen.</p>	
3. RSAB Membership and Communication	<p>Invitations to join the RSAB have been sent to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Peter Gell – Federation University Science Faculty • Philip Clingin – Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group • Sebastian Kline – Hepburn Shire and CVGA • Dale Smithyman – Golden Plains Shire • Melanie Tranter – Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance <p>Responses received were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Gell keen to participate in coordination group meetings and is attending today. • Phil Clingin an apology today due to illness. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Smithman keen to be involved in biodiversity discussions and programs. • Melanie Tranter keen for CVGA to be a member, but will not be able to attend all meetings. <p>Website – offered to host a website page on her PLEA Network Website (see below)</p> <p>Facebook – Ian to set up a facebook group and send invites to members</p>	<p>Ian and Hazen Ian</p>
<p>4. Feedback and Update on PLEA Network Website (www.pleanetwork.com.au)</p>	<p>Following the extra ordinary meeting in which Hazen presented her website to interested members, Hazen today handed out a 3 page Site Topics Index and stepped us through its uses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deals with climate change its global implications and local actions. • Includes international future directions - Major General Jeffrey's (based in Perth) research and a analysis think tank which includes food and water crisis and localising food production. • Has countering arguments within both sides of the debate for issues. • 140 topics 1100 external links and 28 pages planned to finish by end of June. <p>Once site is finished Hazen will notify us and the resource can be used by us and access provided to other users. Green drinks and the Smart Living Ballarat Information Kiosk at the library will be vehicles for for spreading awareness.</p> <p>Peter Gell suggested additional links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Science Council has brought together environmental change program under Future Earth international Panel on Biodiversity and Environmental services • Narmboolville Carbon balance game on federation university website free access and can be imbedded in Hazen's website 	<p>All to note</p>
<p>5. RSA and BREAZE Coordinated Workshops and Forums</p>	<p>Ian reported that discussions with John Kilgour indicated that the Ballarat Tech Park Central at Fed Uni's Lydiard Street Campus could be a perfect venue for RSAB forums as there are meeting facilities, break our areas including outside.</p> <p>Ian outlined the proposal to run a Community Renewable Energy Forum later in the year which could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Township scale projects (e.g. Hepburn Wind Farm, Newstead) • Medium scale installations (e.g. Bendigo Library – Bendigo Sustainability Group Project and Beaufort Hospital Woodchip Heating) • Home scale subsidised programs for PV, SHW and Heat pumps for low income residents (e.g. CVGA's Home Energy and Thermal Relief initiative) <p>It was identified at the last meeting that there is a need to raise awareness and action to protect biodiversity. Discussion included how the Canadian Forest State Park could be the catalyst as it's topical now. Perhaps inclusion of an Urban Forest management approach. How do we get people using the natural environment and appreciate our environmental services? A workshop could share experiences of Ballan Nectar project (sign up a get given 5 nectar bearing species for you to plant in your garden). Ballarat Naturally group have identified the lack of appreciation of biodiversity. Opportunity to get the message out. Could be part of the forum. Could be community reporting mechanism</p>	<p>All to bring ideas to next meeting</p>

	Agreed we should focus efforts for rest f year to these two forums	
6. Ballarat Naturally (Nature Plan)	<p>Peter Gell explained Cherie came to Peter with the Ballarat Nature Plan which resulted in the concept of a charter that can be endorsed called Ballarat Naturally. It is intended to depoliticise what we should do to make Ballarat sustainable through a Wentworth group that endorses the charter.</p> <p>Peter has drafted a charter and sought comment and try to get funds to host a Ballarat Naturally event. Cr. Vicki Coltman (BCC), Stewart Benjamin (C for B), Richard Nicholson (CHW) and Anthony Schinck (BCC) are providing feedback on the draft accord. Paul O'Donohue (CHW) is a signatory. The intention is that the Ballarat Naturally stays independent and has academic and institutional membership.</p>	All to note
7. Information Sharing	<p>Ian reported that the Smart Living Ballarat Information Kiosk was launched by BREAZE at the Ballarat Central Library of World Environment Day. Joe Boin is the SLB information kiosk Convenor and BREAZE volunteers are currently being recruited and trained to have a presence on different days throughout the week. Information see www.smartlivingballarat.org.au</p> <p>Trish reported that Sustainability Victoria and DELWP are conducting a review of Climate Change Act and relevant planning and policy over next 8 months. A planning event across the state will involve regional networks later in the year. Please consider nominations for the Premiers sustainability awards.</p> <p>Dave (DELWP) commented that the Victorian 2015 budget was largely about family and health and about \$2 million left for climate change and environment this year. Although it's a lean year for funded programs now is the time to work on tangible initiatives for future years. He reported that the 2008 regional climate profiles likely to be updated and released later in the year. The revised Climate Change Act will require a plan. Minister Neville chairs a group of interstate ministers and has convened a group for senior officers.</p> <p>Peter Gell reported that the Assessment Report 5 of the IPCC includes paleo- climate records which have confirmed the movement of western high pressure systems moving south.</p> <p>Peter and Quenton commented that the Living Ballarat PCG identified strategies required from its whole of water cycle to create a green infrastructure strategy. Within the former OLV, focus was on water resource but now not just focused on flood mitigation but has commitment to Ballarat Water Future with City if Ballarat having a flood and storm water working party and the green infrastructure strategy will identify how an urban forestry approach to the urban catchment can deliver climate change adaptation benefits and enhance environmental services. There is a workshop this week to explore ideas and priorities.</p>	All to note
8. Next Meeting	1.00pm to 3.00pm Tuesday 18 August 2015 at State Government Offices (report to reception level 1 ask for Trish Kevin)	