



Coordination Group Meeting – MINUTES

Held 12.30pm 21 September 2016 at Barkly Motor Inn Ballarat

Chair: Ian Rossiter (BREAZE)

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Agenda Items	Discussion	Responsibility
<p>1. Welcome/ Apologies/ Introductions</p>	<p>Attendance: Rosemary Angus (GCWRRG), Melanie Robertson (C for B), Ross Irving (SV), Hazen Cleary (Plea Network), Ian Rossiter (BREAZE), , Cr. Belinda Coates (BCC and CVGA), Cameron Duthie (BCC) Mary Maddock (BCC Facilitator), Andrea Mason (Leigh Catchment Group & FORP), Jeff Rootes (Friends of Canadian Corridor), Andrew Lang (VBN & BCC Clean Green Committee), Ross Gillett (DELWP).</p> <p>Apologies: Peter Gell (Fed Uni), Sonny Neale (CVGA), Craig Whiteford (DELWP), Quenton Gay (BCC), Jo Cameron (Cultivate Agribusiness), Craig Hurley (Fed Uni), Brendan Clarke (CHW),Ray Draper (BEN)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p>	<p>Ian tabled the minutes of the Meeting held 19 July 2016 which were adopted with the amendment of Lauren Malins being an apology.</p>	
<p>3. Introductions – Membership Changes</p>	<p>Ian welcomed and introduced the following attendees :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary Maddock is a consultant here today to facilitate the City of Ballarat’s Workshop on the Council Plan 2017-2021. 2. Cameron Duthie is the City of Ballarat Policy and Projects Strategist who has arranged for RSAB to participate in the review of the City’s Council Plan in preparation for the incoming Council for period 2017-2021. 3. Jeff Rootes is a representative of Friends of the Canadian Corridor, Friends of Sparrowground interested in being regular member of RSAB 4. Andrea Mason is the Chair of Leigh Catchment Group Board and founding member of Friends of Royal Park. 	<p>All to note</p>

	<p>5. Andrew Lang is a member of the World Bioenergy Congress, Victorian Bioenergy Network and BCC's Clean Green Advisory Committee.</p>	
<p>4. City of Ballarat Workshop Activity</p>	<p>Ian handed over to Cameron Duthie and Mary Maddock to facilitate the workshop activity Preparing for the Council Plan 2017-2021. The findings have been formatted into a separate PDF document entitled "Council Plan Consultation 2017-2021 Waste and Environment".</p>	
<p>5. Potential RSAB Renewable Energy Forum</p>	<p>Ian presented the concept of a potential RSAB Renewable Energy Forum comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Studies – e.g. Hepburn Wind, Central Victoria Solar Cities, Renewable Newstead, Beaufort Hospital, Berrybank Farm, Social Solar by BREAZE. • Project Development – e.g. Biomass Heating, Methane capture and re-use, wind micro-turbines, biofuels <p>Members suggested it also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSIRO case study of Stockland's HVAC (Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning) system • 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. • The event could be used to develop some conceptual renewable energy projects with partners for consideration in future funding programs. 	<p>Members to liaise with Ian to determine date, scope, audience and content.</p>
<p>6. Information Sharing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew has recently visited a number of sites in Lithuania and Finland where bioenergy has been employed to provide renewable energy. (Andrew to send information for newsletter). • Belinda reported that City of Ballarat are considering a report on signing the Take2 pledge and the Clean Green Advisory Committee has been appointed and will hear a report from Andrew Lang. • Belinda reported that CVGA has developed a simplified standardised reporting framework for local government agencies to report greenhouse gas emissions and have developed a low income solar scheme potentially for state-wide application. • Jeff reported that the Canadian State Park was declared on 5th August and a Wathaurang name is being adopted "Woowookarung Regional Park" meaning "place of plenty". Parks Victoria have distributed 4,000 information kits to surrounding residents and interest groups. PV are developing a management plan trialling a model of community management group and engagement strategy. • Andrea reported that the Friends of Royal Park are focussing on the delivery of the Sustainable Living Expo in February. She reported that the Leigh Catchment Group was busy with the final stages of the Yarrowee Project and seeking support funding to continue engagement programs for the Yarrowee. Significant LCG resources have been directed to environmental recovery actions following the Scotsburn Fires and after lobbying Vic Govt. a grant has been made to 	

	<p>Corangamite CMA for this purpose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazen reported that Brown Hill Fire Awareness Network has been launched through Brown Hill community newsletter. Cluster groups are now meeting through till November. • Ross Gillett (DELWP) indicated that Daylesford Neighbourhood House is seeking a facilitation agency for a climate change leadership program. Tim Hudspith will discuss with BREAZE and Committee for Ballarat. 	
<p>7. Future Meetings</p>	<p>1. The Next Meeting will be held at the Barkly Lodge Motor Inn, Main Road Ballarat from 1pm on Tuesday 15th November 2016.</p>	



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Sector Issues to address

Educate & promote a connection to neighbourhoods & the natural environment	United vision with the community	Adding another festival or event does not build resilience	Ballarat is too comfortable (Insular) a perception that negates reality of a changing world	Hidden welfare issues – a community is only as strong as its weakest link	Need for better public transport and better walking/cycling infrastructure	Need to build community and Council awareness of value of natural assets
Lobby for Federal funding for key infrastructure (ie public transport)	Encourage and activate an innovative agriculture sector	Infill development required – allow flexibility with heritage	Community understand that waste is an essential service (acceptance of waste as recycling infrastructure)	Stimulate enterprise and manufacturing (business incubator)	Redevelop public transport – routes, links, vehicle size, regularity	Complete the biodiversity audit as per 2040 plan
Need for collaboration for shared goals, vision, projects	Prepare and begin implementation of the urban forest (40% tree cover by 2040)	Identify the boundaries of the North-South BioLink	Assist the transition to a clean energy future	Natural Asset Management	Increase recycling	Population growth – increased waste
Reduce waste to landfill	Need for Ballarat to learn from overseas examples in waste, recycling, energy efficiency, renewable energy	Re-establish strong environmental sustainability team	Community awareness of energy efficiency	Work with state Govt to upgrade and extend VicRail services	Set & report on greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets	Implement bicycle strategy projects
Community empowerment	Vibrant and active CBD	Biodiversity audit and protection plan	Disaster planning and recovery – response to climate change impacts	Implement waste to energy strategy stage 1	Implement sustainable building design constraints on new subdivision	Continue restoration of Yarrowee river corridor
Increase resources into natural resources – Yarrowee Project	More pedestrian friendly CBD	Integrated public transport	Implement urban Forestry program to achieve 40% tree canopy cover in public spaces			

Sector Opportunities to pursue

Establish the recreational opportunity of the Canadian Regional Park within the Ballarat Strategy	Mandatory for footpaths to be in place around aged care, schools and childcare places	Have a storm water planning strategy to require large scale developments to capture storm water for re-use	Connect the new Canadian Regional Park to existing cycle/walk trails	Incorporate a native vegetation planting strategy into planning rules – to have natural vegetation planted on new developments near forests	Complete the City to Fed Uni cycle way along the Canadian creek
Population size provides critical mass for waste reduction initiatives and increased recycling	Strong support for waste reduction initiatives by State Govt	Increased PR about existing leadership changes and opportunities	State Govt focus/priority on climate change action	Leadership and bringing community along in reducing emissions	Promotion of local food growing, agriculture, urban food growing opportunities
Promotion of natural assets for community benefit and tourism	Renewable energy to reduce emissions – create jobs	Citizen Science for data gathering	Mobilising community members and groups	Cycling action plan - Infrastructure	Part of solving parking issues is opportunity to drive greater public transport use
Harvesting biomass for fire reduction measures - bioenergy	Ballarat to become a leader in the renewable energy sector	Extended and connected bike network	Climate – cold is good	Facilitate, promote area as renewable energy centre and promote benefits to community – jobs	Position as leader in emissions reduction using state targets as benchmark
Provide opportunity for refugees and unemployed to work in environmental restoration	Bioenergy for heating/cooling and electricity in precincts	Scope for BWEZ to incorporate reticulation of heat and cooling to all stage 2 blocks	Development of larger scale bioenergy facility at BWEZ	Anaerobic digester at BWEZ to take lake weed, sale yard manures, food supermarket waste	Institute a Ballarat scholarship program to provide seed money for innovative civic projects – incl overseas fact finding
Convert old courier building to business incubator	Community is motivated to act on climate change	Optimism in the community that this is a great place to live	Growth and policy in renewal energy	Working with state Govt on regional adaptation planning	Support existing programs with runs on the board – Brozge, Leigh Catchment , Smart Building & Living Expo
Support momentum of Yarrowee & Canadian projects with Leigh Catchment Group	Showcase at Smart Building & Living Expo	Incorporate community engagement into funding bids for infrastructure/waterway projects (Increased \$ for LCG/BCC prship)	Promote cross projects within Council – eg community engagement and waterway team		