

Boolarra Community Development Group.

Meeting held at Boolarra Memorial Hall 11th April 2013

Present: C Brick, M Herni, Tara Donegan (LCC), A Mehran, D Black, S Webster, T Anderson, J Henderson, R Herni, P Dodds, V Henderson, Cathleen Dodds, Chelsea Stewart, Clay Cupples

Apologies: Cr D White, P McAlister, R Northe MLA, L Emond, M Cooke, G Mills, G Pither, Jill Simmonds,

Minutes of Previous Meeting, and action arising:

The issue of the lights being on in the gazebo all night is being followed up by Marietta.

Minutes accepted. Sue Webster/Tracy Anderson

Correspondence

Accepted. C Brick/A Mehran Refer attached table.

Finance

Opening balance	01/07/2012	\$112,182	
Opening balance	1/1/2013	\$ 59,328	
Closing balance	31/03/2013	\$ 34,674	Uncommitted \$12,686

A request for reimbursement of Men's Shed consumables was passed over.

We discussed paying for a bench at the skate park, but Tara was going to discuss with the La Trobe City about upkeep, etc and whether she could get it done under their maintenance budget so we don't have the on-going cost.

Accepted. Moved P Dodds/R Herni

Sustainable Boolarra- Chelsea Stewart/Clay Cupples

Chelsea set out the aim of SG to establish Boolarra as an anti-Coal seam Gas community, and the proposed strategy to achieve this.

- Poowong used a very simple survey and got a very positive response, and overwhelming public support, which they celebrated to emphasise the message. Experience has shown that communities that are very publicly against CSG tend to be avoided during the exploration phase.
- Mail out of survey across the community.
- Public meeting Sunday 21st April
- Fundraising event Saturday 18th May
- The aim is to achieve recognition of Boolarra as anti CSG by 27th May.
- SG also requested financial assistance from BCDG:
 - Petrol money. Declined
 - Hall hire \$75 Accepted
 - Burning of DVD's \$230 Declined
- Tara (LCC) suggested that SG should be focusing on social media as the most effective, and cost-effective, method to spread the message. She offered to assist the group in developing and implementing a "campaign".

TV Reception-Cathleen Dodds

Cathleen has been in close consultation with ACMA, and they have been very helpful in attempting to identify the problem and resolve the issue.

They have confirmed there is no technical problem with the signal transmitted from the tower.

Problems arise from the amplifiers on residents aeralis. Faulty equipment can impact on all TV's in an area.

Manual tuning can reduce the magnitude of the problem in some cases.

Cathleen was very disappointed at the response to a survey she had sent out to residents, as she got absolutely no response, and was unable to proceed with resolution of the problem without community support.

Cathleen to forward correspondence from ACMA outlining the situation, and potential remedial actions, to Colin. (Attached)

Latrobe City (Tara)

- Multipurpose building is near completion, with handover to occur next Wednesday. Arrangements to be made for an official opening.
- A number of community group training opportunities coming up. Flyers will be sent out as they approach:
 - 24/4 Community Business
 - 15/5 Volunteer Victoria, How to recruit volunteers
 - 29/5 Community Safety Forum. Focused on heavy vehicle transport safety.

Mirboo North Community Bank Forum

- To sessions to be held; 18/4 and 2/5.
- At the Bowling Club
- Tracy, Colin and Rob have met John Harris (MNCB) and Herb Smith (YDCA) to determine the format and purpose.
- Ian Gibson will facilitate the first session.
- Aim is to identify a broad community wish list, and then go through a prioritisation process and identify a small number of projects that teams can commence developing an implementation plan.

BCDG Reports

Gazebo

- Suggested that the Boolarra PS be involved in decoration and planting.
- Plumbing quote pf \$847 from D Grima.
- Current funding remaining is \$429. Fund the balance from Beautification –Agreed.
- TryYouth provided a quote for \$2,000 for the facings. Men's Shed asked to provide a quote, including for painting.
- Tara asked if the BBQ's are being cleaned by Latrobe City?

Boolarra Youth & Space

- Report tabled from Pat Mc.
- Still need more volunteers, and support and training for volunteers.
- Pat asked about Latrobe City youth support, and Tara has provided contact details for Andrew Legge.
- Keen to have members of Y&S undertake the Barista training, and will discuss arrangements with Tracy.
- Hall has been really good as a venue, especially with the table tennis tables. (Thank you to Boolarra Keenagers) Will revert to the MPB as the weather gets colder.

Koffee Kart

- Report tabled (Attached)
- Additional training scheduled in May.

Community Art show

- To be held 27-30 June
- Hall has been booked.
- Abbas will contact participants.
- An EOI will go out soon, requesting a response by 30/4

General Business:

- Cook and Chat Group, Boolarra Hall Kitchen 8th May.
- Healthy Eating Options will be held every fortnight for five sessions.
- Biggest Morning Tea, 15th May.
- Men's Shed have a face book page.
- Sue advised the opening of the falls went very well, and the site has been attracting a lot of visitors.
- On election day the PS is holding a sausage sizzle. May be an appropriate day for a garage sale day.
- A school holiday program should be investigated. Disco, movie day, sports clinic. Perhaps discuss with the Salvo's.
- There is an issue with parking of the Koffee Kart and Cool Room which makes it difficult to access them. Doug and Jeff to present a proposal to the next meeting.
- Agreed we would move the meetings to the MPB for the colder months.

Outstanding actions:

- Need to have a Christmas Carols coordinator.
- ANZAC Day. Roz requested BCDG take over the running of the event.
- BCDG run event-Murder Mystery, Film Night, etc.
- Rob suggested a Boolarra Garage sale day. People register, the event is advertised in the Express, and a map is provided in town. Perhaps April.

Meeting Closed at 9.30 PM

Next Meeting: At the Multi-purpose Building 14th May, at 7.00PM

Boolarra Community Development Group: Correspondence April 2013 Meeting

Ref	To	From	Date	Subject	Comment	Action
201304.01	Media Release	Russell Northe, MLA	8-Apr	\$10,000 for Crime Prevention Grants		Distributed. May be suitable for Men's Shed & football Oval
201304.02	BCDG	Pauline Garood	9-Apr	Computer classes. Community computer facility		Raise at Community Forum
201304.03	BCDG	Tara, Latrobe City	2-Apr	Latrobe Public Health & Wellbeing Plan	Tara to provide some background?	Colin to contact.
201304.04	BCDG	Fire recovery Unit update	April			
201304.05	Media Release	Neil cartwright	4-Apr	Photos on a site call Trip Advisor		We can insert additional content/photos.
201304.06	Media Release	Service at our community	4-Apr	Sports without borders conference, 3rd May		Sent out to some groups
201304.07	Bryan Lee	Colin Brick	13-Mar	New pharmacy in town	Response to a request for information.	My response forwarded to committee for info.
201304.08	BCDG	South Gippsland Shire	10-Apr	Turf Management session to be held at Mirboo North		Forwarded to Parks Committee and Bowling Club

Cathleen Dodds

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ray Contreras" <Ray.Contreras@acma.gov.au>

Date: 11 April 2013 2:46:11 PM AEST

To: "Cathleen" <boolarra_heights@bigpond.com>

Cc: "IES" <IES@acma.gov.au>, "Ross Davis" <Ross.Davis@acma.gov.au>, "Zarko Krusevac" <Zarko.Krusevac@acma.gov.au>

Subject: Digital television reception problems at Boolarra [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Cathleen,

We appreciate your assistance in trying to resolve the reception issues in Boolarra and your efforts to comprehensively canvass the community for assistance.

Based on how events have progressed no conclusions can be drawn at this time. From our combined investigations, the indications are that some form of intermittent localised interference may be occurring which sometimes affects viewers such as yourself.

To track down the interference the ACMA needs to be present when the problem is occurring and with intermittent sources it is very difficult to predict when that may occur. Unfortunately until the reception problems become more frequent we will not have the opportunity to track these problems down.

From our experience, devices that can cause these types of problems, such as a mast head amplifier, start to become faulty and can remain intermittently faulty for a period of time. Often the interference they cause becomes more frequent as they degrade further. What we cannot predict is how long it will take for the faulty device to degrade to the point that makes it possible to track it down.

A faulty mast head amplifier is a source of localised interference that can impact the surrounding houses and sometimes even more broadly into the community. The household with the faulty masthead amplifier will often be experiencing more severe reception issues (typically they are not able to receive any services).

At this stage we recommend that residents in Boolarra who are experiencing consistent disruptions to reception of television from the local Boolarra transmitter, submit a request to the ACMA for assistance to resolve a community interference problem (ACMA form R202). The form for this request prescribes the information to be submitted and can be found using the link below. The ACMA Field Operations group will assess the request and respond.

http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_310202

This website also contains other useful information regarding a range of potential sources of interference and ways of resolving related problems.

Regards,

Ray Contreras
A/g Principal Engineer

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