

Boolarra Community Development Group.

Meeting held at Boolarra Memorial Hall 7th June 2012

Present:- C Brick, J Henderson, P McAlister, P Dodds, Jill Simmonds, A Mehran, S Webster, T Anderson, Cr D White, Melanie Simpson (Quantum), M Herni, S Fenton (LCC),
Apologies: C Dunkley, V Henderson, G Pither, R Herni, R Northe MLA, E Cooke, G Mills G Dunkley, L Emond, D Black, M Cooke

Minutes of Previous Meeting, and action arising:

Colin advised that the second set of minutes, sent out just prior to the meeting, had the discussion regarding the BCDG taking over running Anzac Day inadvertently left out.

Approval given for Tracy to order the calico bags. 200 with full logo.

Minutes accepted. S Webster/P Dodds

Correspondence

Accepted. C Brick/M Herni Refer attached table.

Finance

Opening balance	July 2011	\$100,219	
Opening balance	30/04/2012	\$104,245	Uncommitted \$13,796
Closing balance	31/05/2012	\$104,647	Uncommitted \$14,703

Treasurers report prepared and presented by P Dodds,
Accepted. Moved P Dodds/C Brick

Food swap proposal (Tracy Anderson)

- Proposal is to have a monthly swap meet, where people bring along surplus home produce, such as vegetable, fruit, jams, chutneys.
- It would be a non-cash arrangements based on honesty and exchange of items. Give what you can and take what you need.
- Tracy has at least 12 people interested. A friend has set up a facebook page.
- Reduces waste, brings people together in friendly atmosphere. As no money exchanges hands, no permits are required.
- Aim to have it in Railway Park. In poor weather it could be held in the verandah of the Hall.
- Aim to send out a questionnaire to gauge interest.

Youth space and place in Boolarra (M Simpson)

- The youth committee is meeting the last Monday of each month.
- Salvation Army have agreed to fund the program next year.
- Need to establish a bank sub-account for the group, under the BCDG main a/c. **Action-Melanie/Paul**
- Melanie is organising a volunteers information night. **Action-Send logo** to Melanie for inclusion on the flyer.

Latrobe City Darrell White/Sam Fenton

Community Grants are now open. Close 29th July

- Encouraging applications on-line,
- Capital works \$5k, Community \$2k, Events \$2k.

Multipurpose building

- Darrell and Colin attended a meeting earlier in the evening with the MPB committee and the LCC Project Mgr L McGrath.

- LCC has developed cost estimates of the two proposals of a new building and refurbishment. Refurbishment is around \$70k cheaper, and the MPB committee has agreed to proceed with this proposal.
- Plan incorporates a separate entrance for the doctor.
- By the time scope documents are prepared for tender, and with the hiatus caused by the council elections, work is not likely to commence until Jan/Feb 2013.
- Work is expected to take around 16 weeks.

Latrobe City budget

- Draft budget has been released.
- Looking for comments by 4th July
- LCC seeking to develop a 10 year plan.

Young St signs

- Have been installed advising that leaving the housing area towards the cemetery the limit increases to 100 kph.
- Unable to be changed as this is the legal limit for the road.

Sam Fenton advised that his role ceases from 30th June

- Deb Brown will take on the role of community liaison with Boolarra.
- The Committee thanked Sam for his contribution and for the efficient way he promptly followed up queries arising from the meetings, and his thoughtful suggestions on how to resolve issues as they arose.

BCDG Reports

- Men's Shed
 - The shed has been ordered, and delivery is expected in two weeks. Then to be erected.
 - The Folk Festival shed has been also been ordered.
- Gazebo
 - Marietta, Liz and Jeff have met AGA Group to discuss the project.
 - A change in materials led to permit/plan issues.
 - A fence has been erected around the site.
 - The site is being pegged out and will be concreted in July.
 - The BBQ hasn't been ordered yet. Aim to have installed by the suppliers.
 - Arrangements for the seating funded by Mirboo North Lions need to be made with the Wednesday Warriors.
- Community website
 - Liz and Colin to catch up with Sylvie Sauppe.
- Coffee vending trailer
 - Trailer to be picked up tomorrow. Rob will arrange painting.
 - Need a sub-committee to finalise operating arrangements
- Community art show
 - To be cancelled due to a lack of entries.
 - Marietta suggested perhaps we could have another event in place of it.
- Boolarra Open Gardens
 - Jill advised that there are currently only three gardens available. People are reluctant because of the extremely wet conditions.
 - Need at least six to go ahead.
 - Sue advised that Yinnar Community Garden is an option, and Tracy and Jill to look at Tracy's garden.
 - Sue and Colin advised that they had had a meeting with the Latrobe City Climate Change Committee who are keen to run a Community Climate Change forum in Boolarra. It was suggested that it could be run in conjunction with the Open Garden day, with stalls, presentations and speakers in the hall during the day.
- Development Group AGM
 - Wednesday 22nd August.
 - At the Bowling Club if available. Action-Colin to confirm.
 - Bowling Club to cater.
 - Sam Fenton, LCC to check with the coordinator of the Latrobe Community Health/Latrobe City Healthy Communities program if they are available as a speaker at the AGM.

General Business:

- Abbas gave an update on his proposal for a Bushfire Sculpture.
- Suggested that “Ideas for small capital grant” be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Marietta provided an update on Activities for Older People
 - Table Tennis on a Friday morning.
 - Singing workshops went well.
 - Looking to establish a Cook and Chat group for Older People.
 - Funding needs to be used by end of June.
- Colin requested that \$500 from the training funds held be allocated to subsidise Pauline Garood’s computer training at the school.
 - Her current funding has expired, and the BCDG is looking at alternative grants.
 - Pauline is proposing to charge attendees. The idea is that this money be held by the school, and paid to Pauline to reduce the amount she needs to charge attendees.
 - She gets 8-10 people regularly and it is valuable as training and as community interaction for older people and with the school. **Approved**
- Sue advised that there is a planting day at the Yinnar Community Garden in July, and that the editor of the Grass Roots magazine would attend.

Meeting Closed at 9.45 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 4th July at the Multi-Purpose Building

**Boolarra Community Development Group: Correspondence
June 2012 Meeting**

<u>Ref</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Action</u>
201206.01	BCDG	Latrobe City	Autumn 2012	Business Newsletter		Distribute to meeting
201206.02	BCDG	Fire recovery newsletter	May			Distribute to meeting
201206.03	BCDG	Latrobe City	June	June events calendar		Distribute to meeting
201206.04	BCDG ?	LCBTA	May	Certificate of recognition		
201206.05	BCDG	Dept of Health	16-May	Request for nominations for Victorian Senior of the year		
201206.06	BCDG	Gippsland Water	April	Water bill		
201206.07	BCDG	Dept of Health	May	Grant for Gazebo		Form to be completed and filled out.
201206.08	BCDG	Latrobe City	3-May	2011/12 Township Association accountability Report	Sam/Paul to clarify what is required and provide LCC with return.	
201206.09	Val Henderson	Darren Chester	8-May	Reply from Darren acknowledging the petition regarding the TV reception, and concerns re the rail trail	Darren will table the petition ASAP. The rail trail is a state matter, and Russell Northe is aware of concerns.	
201206.1	BCDG	Latrobe City	May	Info regarding an Understanding Social Media information and training forum to be held 27th June		
201206.11	BCDG	John Harris, Mirboo North Community bank	6-Jun	The bank is likely to be offering community grants, and would like to use community websites as the first point of call.	Colin replied to John suggesting it is unlikely Boolarra's website would be operational in time.	