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Wollondilly Recovery and Resilience Advisory Group Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 7 December 2022
Time: 4.00pm till 6.00pm
Venue: Wollondilly Shire Hall and via Microsoft Teams
Chair: Cr Judith Hannan

Present and Apologies

Present
Cr Judith Hannan, WCC
Cheryl Mitchell, South-West Sydney Local Health District
Ryan Roumieh, Lifeline, Macarthur & Western Sydney
Sandra Harlor, Warragamba / Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre
Sharon Robertson, Shining Stars Foundation & Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
Jade Weidner, South Western Sydney Primary Health Network (SWSPHN)
Rebecca Paget, Recovery Officer, NSW Department of Primary Industries
Phoebe Ward, Recovery Support Officer, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
Allan Chilcott, Community Member
Chris Keneally, Community Member
Rob Moran, Acting Manager Community Services, WSC
Natalie McMullen, Community Recovery Officer
Tracy Paul, Personal Assistant Director Shire Services
Jessyca Taylor, Trainee - Community Projects & Events

Apologies
Mayor Matt Gould, WSC
Deputy Mayor Matthew Deeth, WSC
Cr Blair Briggs, WSC
Cr Suzy Brandstater, WSC
Kristeen Chao, Habitat for Humanity
Kerrie O'Grady, One Stop Community Assistance Inc. (OSCA)
Tanya Smith, Community Links
Cally Sheehan, NSW Reconstruction Authority
David James, Service NSW
Patrick Nellestein, Community Member

Agenda Item	Discussion / Decision / Recommendation	Action / Officer
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country	Cr Hannan welcomed attendees and paid respects to traditional custodians of the lands (Gundagurra, Dharawal).	
2. Disclosure of Interests	Nil	
3. Attendance & Apologies	Apologies noted.	
4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Minutes of the previous meeting of 21 July 2022 were approved.	
5. Actions & Initiatives		
5.1	<p>Action: <i>Send out an email requesting feedback from members about the most suitable date to meet going forward.</i></p> <p>Comment: Completed.</p>	Natalie McMullen
5.2	<p>Action: <i>Invitation to be sent to Advisory Group for Council's event about the impacts of Climate Change on our health to be held on 1 September 2022.</i></p> <p>Comment: Completed.</p>	Natalie McMullen
5.3	<p>Action: <i>Advisory Group asked to assist with promoting Habitat for Humanity's bushfire resilience program as referral numbers are currently low. Priority groups are people with disability, elderly people, low income earners and people living in bushfire prone areas.</i></p> <p>Comment: Noted.</p> <p>Action: <i>Council to share the Habitat for Humanity Flyer with Group.</i></p> <p>Comment: Completed.</p> <p>Action: <i>Cr Briggs to seek to invite Kristeen Chao to a Wollondilly / Wingecarribee Bushfire Management Committee (BFMC) meeting.</i></p> <p>Comment: Noted.</p>	<p>Advisory Group</p> <p>Natalie McMullen</p> <p>Cr Briggs</p>
6. Matters Referred to the Advisory Group by Council Resolution	Nil	

7. General Business		
7.1	<p>Guest Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bec Paget - Recovery Officer, Rural Recovery Support Service- Department of Primary Industries <p>Bec Paget advised that her role is funded by Resilience NSW and she is now employed by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI). A main component of her role is to support clients when applying for grants and she is also able to assist with referrals.</p> <p>Chris Keneally advised that he has used this service for assistance with grants for their orchard at Oakdale and it has been very helpful.</p> <p>Sharon Robertson also advised that she has shared this information with the Dilly Drought Drive members.</p>	
7.2	<p>Updates from Committee Members or Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Roumieh, Lifeline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuing as normal with the crisis line. ○ The Lifeline Mobile Café (on-location crisis support including financial counselling and a range of mental health and domestic violence training) will be available up until the end of 2022 and then it will be having a break. ○ Ryan has not had great engagement with Wollondilly with this service. ○ Ryan is hearing that people are having issues getting to mental health services in Campbelltown so will continue referring this service to the community. • Sharon Robertson, Shining Stars Foundation & Mother Hubbard's Cupboard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still providing community needs in Bargo and Warragamba. ○ Sharon would like to look at services that support capacity building. ○ The community needs at the moment are mostly arising from the cost of living so financial counselling may be beneficial. • Sandra Harlor, Warragamba / Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The WSNC is currently seeing people having to move out of their houses due to mould and mildew. ○ They are receiving assistance with this issue through Shining Stars Foundation. 	

7. General Business	Cont'd	
7.2 Cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Mitchell, South-West Sydney Local Health District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheryl advised that her position is now funded until 30 June 2023. ○ Cheryl is taking three months long service leave and an Expression of Interest will be available shortly for this position. ○ Recently attended a disaster recovery forum where the Minister for Mental Health acknowledged the importance of these positions and the positive impact that they have had on the community. ○ COVID-19 numbers are currently increasing and community are encouraged to get up to date with their vaccinations. ○ Disaster Symposium will be held in June 2023. ○ Thank you to Council for providing the Climate Disasters and Your Health workshop. • Allan Chilcott, Community Member: <p>Evacuation Routes for Silverdale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question on an evacuation route for Wollondilly as northern exits can be closed by floods or bushfires. Should we be advocating for another road out of Silverdale? ○ Natalie advised that a Council is currently preparing a Wollondilly Hazards and Emergency Management Study (HAEMS) which is looking into evacuation routes for Wollondilly. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invite a Council Officer to next Advisory Group Meeting to discuss the HAEM Study ▪ Natalie to see if the Advisory Group can review the HAEM Study? ▪ Invite a Council Officer from Assets, Transport & Engineering be invited to the next Advisory Group meeting. <p>African Olive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ African Olive is becoming an issue between The Oaks and Camden causing a bushfire risk as well as sustainability issue. ○ Some people are unable to maintain their properties due to age or disability. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invite a Council Office from the Environment Team to next Advisory Group Meeting to advise on Council's Weed Management Program. 	<p>Natalie McMullen</p> <p>Natalie McMullen</p> <p>Natalie McMullen</p> <p>Natalie McMullen</p>

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7.2 Cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jade Weidner, South Western Sydney Primary Health Network (SWSPHN): Can members promote the following to the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>NewAccess</i> – Mental health coaching: No GP referral is required. ○ <i>STAR4kids</i> – Psychological therapies for children: Has no gap and requires no GP referral. ○ <i>ReFrame</i> - Free psychological therapies for 12-25 year olds: No GP referral is required. ○ <i>Head to Health</i> - free mental health support. Can do tele-health in Wollondilly. ○ <i>Inside Out Recovery</i> - We provide a research-based, wrap-around care model to help people achieve their recovery goals, with intervention delivered in a person's home. This program has more of a focus on Camden but also looks after the broader Macarthur area. ○ <i>HeadStart</i> – This is a service navigator website which connects the community with local mental health service providers, information and resources specific to their needs. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jade will send HeadStart hard copy promotional material to Council to be used in the Wollondilly Shire. 	Jade Weidner
7.3	<p>Update from Wollondilly Shire Council's Community Recovery Officer (Natalie McMullen):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wollondilly's Mobile Recovery & Resilient Van:</i> Fit out of the van is progressing. Fit out installer has taken longer than expected. Internal fit out should be completed after the Christmas break. • <i>Maternity Leave / Introduction to Tracy Paul:</i> Natalie McMullen will be on maternity leave from 12 December 2022 until 30 June 2023. Tracy Paul will be acting in the Community Recovery Officer role from 10 January 2023 until 30 June 2023. Tracy's substantive role with Council is as PA to Director Shire Services. • <i>Community Resilience Network Sub-Committee:</i> It has been identified by members that there is a desire to re-establish the Recovery informal Sub-Committee to discuss ongoing recovery and resilience matters. Please advise if you would be interested in participating in this sub-committee. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advisory Group members are to advise if interested in participating in this sub-committee 	All Members

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7.3 Cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Recovery Hub Toolkit: This project is progressing. Final editing to content and the online training aspect is to be finalised. • Asset Mapping and Community Profiles: This project is progressing. Community engagement workshops with a consultant will be conducted in eight towns/villages early in the new year. • Person- Centred Emergency Planning Project: Person-centred emergency preparedness is a process for people with disability to create a plan for their needs in emergencies. P-CEP can also help people who are ageing at home, have a mental illness, a chronic health concern, and other support needs. Natalie McMullen attended a Building Capability in Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness webinar. The webinar discussed the development of an implementation plan on how to bring P-CEP to the community. • Black Summer Dangerous Tree Grants: This grant has been extended and will reopen on 1 February 2023 with Expression of Interest application forms to be submitted by 30 March 2023. Criteria is must be Wollondilly resident, property must be directly affected by 2019/20 Green Wattle Creek Fire and the trees are to be deemed as dangerous. • Volunteer Training: Council has various grants which will be targeting training for volunteers in the recovery space. Further details will be made available when details are confirmed. 	
8. Meeting Close	<p>Meeting Closed 5.30pm.</p> <p>The next meeting date is to be advised.</p>	