

MINUTES

Wollondilly Local Recovery and Resilience Committee

Date: 16 March 2020
Time: 3.00pm till 4.30pm
Venue: Board Room, Menangle Street, Picton

Present and Apologies

Attendance	Present	Apology
Sharon Robertson, Community Member	✓	
Sandra Harlor, Community Member	✓	
Catherine Stuart, Wollondilly Resilience Network	✓	
Brodie Pitt-Owen	✓	
Kerrie O'Grady, Picton CWA	✓	
Stephen Swanepoel, St Stephens Thirlmere		✓
Christine Wilesmith, Community Links Wellbeing		✓
Greg Dobson, Rotary		✓
Steve Moxon, Rotary		✓
Barry McConville, Rotary		✓
Kelli Bennett-Smith, Angus Taylor's Office	✓	
Peter McLaughlin, Nathaniel Smith's Office		✓
Ben Brungs, OEM		✓
Alison Morgan, OEM / GSC		✓
Matt McFarlane, OEM		✓
Natasha Lowe, OEM		✓
Mark McMullen, Red Cross		✓
Jessie Huard, Red Cross	✓	
Mark Pepping, Wingecarribee Shire Council		✓
Charmaine Cooper, Wingecarribee Shire Council		✓
Danielle Lidgard, Wingecarribee Shire Council		✓
Jason Mitchell, Tharawal Land Council		✓
Tim James, Acting Inspector, Camden Police	✓	
Vanessa Nievas, Regional Emergency Management Officer	✓	
Geoff O'Brien, Picton Chamber	✓	
Mayor Cr Matthew Deeth, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Cr Judith Hannan, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Cr Noel Lowry, Wollondilly Shire Council	✓	
Ben Taylor, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Ally Dench, Wollondilly Shire Council	✓	
Toni Averay, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Michael Malone, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Peter Wright, Wollondilly Shire Council	✓	
Rob Moran, Wollondilly Shire Council	✓	
Alex Stengl, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Mandy Marino, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Kevin Abey, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Kerrie Shelton, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Brianna Murray, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓

Chad Neilson, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Kerry Whitehead, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Sharon O'Regan, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Kersti Martin, Wollondilly Shire Council		✓
Kim McGuinness, Wollondilly Shire Council	✓	

Agenda Item	Discussion, Decision, Recommendation	Responsible
1. Welcome	Ally Dench welcomed attendees and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land.	
2. Present & Apologies	Attendees introduced themselves, apologies noted.	
3. Previous Minutes & Actions Arising	<p>Ally noted the Minutes as accepted. Action items were discussed and noted below.</p> <p><i>Council to speak to the Tattoo shop in regard to removing these sandbags.</i></p> <p>Sandbags are still located outside the tattoo shop and NRMA; to be followed up.</p> <p>ACTION: Council to speak to the Tattoo shop in regard to moving these sandbags.</p> <p><i>Kerrie O'Grady has not heard back from Ben Brungs regarding linkage with the CWA at the Balmoral Hub.</i></p> <p>In discussion with Office of Emergency Management, awaiting response to emails sent to Peter. There was further discussion around verifying impacted properties from residents visiting as far as Lake Conjola. Ally noted assistance can be extended to those outside of Wingecarribee and Wollondilly.</p> <p><i>Need to formalise how we communicate messages between Council, SES, RFS, Chamber in regard to emergency warnings.</i></p> <p>Currently being followed up.</p> <p><i>Ally Dench to follow-up with the BEC</i></p> <p>Ally to follow up this week.</p> <p>ACTION: Ally to follow up BEC regarding figures from last flood.</p> <p><i>Kerrie O'Grady to liaise with Michael Malone in regard to the donation for the memorial at Telopea Park.</i></p> <p>Michael Malone noted as the contact person should anyone wish to express an interest in donating towards this project.</p> <p><i>Geoff O'Brien asked if the shop local strategy could be integrated campaign across the whole of the Wollondilly.</i></p> <p>Kim provided an overview of the Love the Dilly campaign. Phase one consists of businesses in Wollondilly receiving a pack which will include stickers for shop fronts, t-shirts and digital platforms. Phase two will look a launching banners and an action plan for each community within Wollondilly. However COVID-19 could impact the roll out of each phase, meaning it could take up to 12 months.</p>	<p>Michael Malone</p> <p>Ally Dench</p>

	<p><i>Kerrie O’Grady to contact Rob Moran in regard to possibly waiving the fee.</i></p> <p>Rob Moran noted this has been discussed amongst his team, but in light of the current circumstances, Illuminate has been postponed until 19 September.</p> <p><i>Ally Dench and Kerrie O’Grady to meet to discuss support from Campbelltown City Council.</i></p> <p>Actioned by Ally Dench and Kerrie O’Grady.</p> <p><i>Rob Moran to circulate the webpage, contact number and phone number.</i></p> <p>Complete.</p> <p><i>Ally Dench to feed back to the Committee.</i></p> <p>Complete.</p> <p><i>Rob Moran to organise an updated Media Release in regard to the Mayor’s Relief Fund.</i></p> <p>Rob noted applications have not yet closed. He added 100% has been distributed with the amount remaining is what was initially in the fund.</p> <p><i>Ally Dench to link with the Library – Storytime about the bushfires.</i></p> <p>Ally noted discussions with library have been held.</p>	
<p>4. Update – Grant opportunities</p>	<p>An overview was provided of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grants – Stream 1 and 2. Stream 1 is for community related events, which would be used for Illuminate. • Also considering grant opportunities for infrastructure based initiatives for Wollondilly Short Walks such as the Mermaids Walking Trails • Grant opportunities looking at projects or programs that come out of workshops and forums, developing a long term recovery and resilience plans. <p>A report will be going up to the Ordinary Council meeting in April 2020 outlining the specific details.</p> <p>There was discussion around grants available for small businesses including \$10,000 for those who have experienced significant financial loss as a result of the bushfire.</p> <p>ACTION: Kim O’Grady to distribution information of grant for small businesses to Committee which opens for applications today.</p> <p>Concerns was raised amongst the Committee around the perception of money, whether it’s seen as income or charitable and how loss of income is demonstrated.</p> <p>ACTION: Kim McGuinness noted she will follow up and will send an email to everyone on the Committee about the outcome of this.</p> <p>Ally went on to provide an overview of accommodation pods and temporary accommodation options in bushfire</p>	<p>Kim McGuinness</p> <p>Kim McGuinness</p>

	affected communities. Currently there is no eligibility criteria.	
5. Update – Greater Sydney Region Recovery Committee	Ally noted no further information could be provided in relation to this Committee. However Council continues to be represented on the Committees that coincide with this.	
6. Wollondilly Council Updates a. Mayor’s Relief Fund b. Waste/ clean up issues & updates c. Future recovery workshops / recovery plan	<p>a. Mayor’s Relief Fund</p> <p>The Mayor’s Relief fund has assisted 183 individuals and families to date. However funding may cease after this round six. Ally thanked the Events team for their commitment to assisting the community during this period.</p> <p>b. Waste / Clean up issues & updates</p> <p>Ally discussed the NSW Government clean-up initiative, reminding those who needed clean-up assistance to register with Services NSW.</p> <p>c. Future recovery Workshops /recovery plan</p> <p>Ally noted an EOI has been drafted, with a possibility of running workshops online.</p>	
7. Community agency updates as required	<p>An update was provided on which fees were waived for bushfire impacted properties in addition to concierge services for bushfire affected residents. It was suggested this information be posted on Facebook and furthermore, be created into a flyer for display at the Recovery Hub in Balmoral.</p> <p>On the back of this, Vanesa Nievas wanted to reiterate there was no waitlist for clean-up services through ServiceNSW. Rob Moran noted Council have been actively referring people to 13 number, but a Facebook post could be made encouraging the community to Services NSW.</p> <p>Kerrie O’Grady noted there were no longer any groceries in the hub with bedding including sleeping bags sent offsite, including donations to WIRES which was gratefully accepted. She added the Recovery Hub will be closed over Easter.</p> <p>Kerrie noted a Committee has been formed at the Recovery Hub to assist with the distribution of goods which provides governance framework for CWA.</p> <p>ACTION: Council to post information about fees waived for bushfire affected residents and the clean-up services provided by ServicesNSW. A poster will also be provided for the Recovery Hub outlining the same information.</p>	Peter Wright Toni Averay

	ACTION: Jessie Huard to provide information on services available for bushfire affected residents to be distributed to the Committee.	Jessie Huard
8. General Business	Nil.	
9. Next Meeting	Meeting Closed 3.56pm Ally thanked everyone for their participation. Next meeting to be advised.	