

Attending:

Peter	Ashton	Deloraine
Kim	Brundle-Laurence	Red Cross/Carrick
Malcolm	Eastley	Deloraine
Angela	Enright	Deloraine
Scott	Flude	Tas Police
Patrick	Gambles	MVC
Judy	Husband	Red Cross/Hadspen
Vicki	Jordan	MVC
Tanya	King	MVC Councillor
Michael	O'Reilly	Quamby Brook
Bev	Sweetnam	Hadspen Neighbourhood Watch
Barry	Thompson	Blaze Aid
Issy	Ulbrich	Reedy Marsh
Barry	Westwood	Western Tiers Community Club

Apologies: Gerry Bartley, Howard Colvin

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Meeting opened at 7pm. Patrick welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the functions of the Group. He then circulated the latest minutes and an attendance register.

2. POINTS RAISED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2e) The Lions Club received a \$3000 grant from Council and a heritage-style noticeboard similar to those in Westbury is to be installed.

3a) A Drug & Alcohol Forum is to be planned before Christmas in accordance with the VALLEYSAFE Action Plan

3b) Emergency Management is to be discussed at a Council Debrief this week.

4a) MVC did apply for funding to run a Traffic Management Course; however, the application was unsuccessful. Council will now look to run and fund its own program in December.

4c) The Meander Valley Gazette carries regular community safety items. It is, in itself, a most effective resource for building community connections. It was agreed that the Group should send a letter to the Gazette to show its appreciation. U3A has already sent the Gazette a letter of support. A draft will be circulated for approval. This letter can then be used by the Gazette to support its applications for grants and awards.

4m) Patrick clarified that the Gazette is delivered to all homes unless there is no mail box or there is a 'No Junk Mail' sign on display. A free weather-proof sticker, 'Please deliver the MV Gazette' is available from the Gazette office of by calling 6362 3537.

5c) Andrew Connor – CCTV Prospect Vale Park.

Clarification was sought on the use of CCTV cameras at Prospect Vale Park. Currently there is no CCTV coverage and no intention to seek it. Money was pledged by the Liberals as an election promise to support CCTV in Deloraine and Westbury. A grant application (for CCTV) made to the Safer Streets initiative by the MV Business Association was unsuccessful. Tanya King suggested the group contact Brian Mitchell to follow up the Federal pledge. **The pledge has now been confirmed and is being progressed by Council.**

5h) Peter Ashton – primary school bullying.

Peter had raised a situation where a primary school student was suffering from bullying. The Gazette recently ran an article on the approach to bullying from Deloraine Primary School. Peter reports the child is now happily enrolled in a new school.

5o) Bev Sweetnam – Hadspen bus stop

Bus stop at the junction of Scott and Bartley Street considered unsafe as traffic flows past at 100km per hour. Patrick contacted the bus driver Allan Wesley who has been driving the route for many years. He said that there has been no problem, however, he thought that moving the stop 10 metres further from the intersection could be a good move along with lowering the speed limit on the Meander Valley Road. Hadspen Neighbourhood Watch currently has a public petition underway to lower the speed limit through Hadspen.

5j) Malcolm Eastley – Letter to State Growth.

No response from State Growth to letter dated 14 July. **A response has now been received from the Manager of Road Safety who has indicated interest in attending a future meeting of the Community Safety Group to discuss the development of the new Road Safety Strategy.**

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Judy Husband delivered a presentation on the Pillowcase Project for primary school students. This is a Redi-Plan for children in case of emergency. Data shows 1 in 3 children will face an emergency. The program teaches children vital information, relaxation techniques and how to pack a pillowcase with essential items in preparation for an emergency. This is all about good choices and knowing the difference between 'want' and 'need'. The program originated with Hurricane Katrina in the USA and is sponsored by Disney. Currently the program has been presented to 4 classes at Deloraine Primary. Red Cross wants contacts for South Georgetown Primary, Mole Creek Primary and Hagley Farm Primary School. **Vicki has sent through contacts for Hagley and Mole Creek and Tanya has provided Westbury's.**

- b) Kim Brundle Lawrence spoke briefly on the Redi-Plan (emergency preparedness)
1. Know your area. – Where to find information
 2. Get connected – know your neighbours (who has: children, a disability, oxygen users etc) – be able to help. An oxygen user can be in trouble if the power goes out.
 3. Get organised – phone numbers, medication, etc. Red Cross has a form on the website that can be completed with relevant information
 4. Have a list of things to grab. Quite often only 5 mins to pack.
 5. Think about pets. Have a place organised for them to go to.
- Organised people cope better; make better decisions, have better mental health.
New Redi-plan books are available.

Have an emergency kit close to your front door with relevant information. Kim cited a case in Mackay where flood waters rose very quickly and someone's wallet washed off the kitchen table taking all his ID and bank details. There is no help available if you have no ID. This particular person had to send to the UK for proof of identity. Put vital info on a USB and pack it in your emergency kit or store it with friends or family or with a law firm or similar organisation.

Kim presented flyers. The Pillowcase presentation is free. Michael requested a Redi-Plan presentation for MV U3A. Patrick to advertise in Council's Community News bulletin. Contact Kim Brundle Lawrence at Red Cross in Mowbray.

Red Cross offer a meet and greet in an emergency. Volunteers have Psychological 1st Aid Training. They are trained to look after people and self. Help children cope in a crisis. See Red Cross website: www.redcross.org.au - See programs.

4. BLAZE AID PRESENTATION – Barry Thompson

Barry gave a brief overview of Blaze Aid and their work in Tasmania. This is a voluntary organisation that works across Australia primarily replacing boundary fences so flood or fire-impacted farmers can contain stock. Blaze Aid provides working equipment (chainsaws, post rammer, hammers, shovels, crowbars etc.) and farmers provide the materials. Barry left drought relief in Queensland to come and do flood relief in Tasmania and arrived on 20 June. Blaze Aid's trailers full of fencing equipment was transported from the mainland free of charge courtesy of a logistics company. Blaze Aid has been operating out of Port Sorrell, Ulverstone and Mole Creek. He will go to Ouse in late September.

Work has been difficult due to wet weather conditions and in some cases the location of the work especially those boundary fences that run alongside major roads.

Blaze Aid generally works on a community development model drawing in members of the local area to help their neighbours. This also builds a network/safety net to help with the psychological trauma that is happening. Barry felt one of his prime roles was to just listen, have a cup of tea and refer where necessary. He and many Blaze Aid coordinators have training with Beyond Blue.

To date, Blazeaid has completed kms of fencing around Mole Creek. 30 properties have been registered and currently work has started on 12 properties and 10 are completed. 31 volunteers have worked with Barry over the last few months, some for a day, and others on an ongoing basis.

Barry has recently reported that 6 fully-equipped Blazeaid trailers are to be based in Tasmania for support in future emergencies.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Peter Ashton - Youth at Risk Forum was held at the Little Theatre recently. Peter was the only member of the public present. The same low response was received in Devonport and Burnie. Drug and Alcohol was the main topic. It was organised by the Department of Health, Hobart.
- b) Peter Ashton – Peter was walking past the Deloraine Performing Arts Centre when a small girl on a bike zoomed past him and disappeared down over the bank on the path that goes under the bridge. Her Grandfather was still walking down the path behind them. Peter checked to find the little girl had failed to take the corner and had landed well out in the river with her bike. Peter felt sure she would have drowned if he had not been there. The incident was reported to Council by Peter and will be followed up by Patrick.
- c) Issy Ulbrich – reiterated his previous request for drinking fountain in Deloraine. Coming back into summer it becomes more important to stay hydrated.
- d) Malcolm Eastley – Need follow up on Ice Lights.
Conflicting advertising on roundabouts - needs clarification
Hadspen intersection near the caravan park needs a curve in the road to make it an obvious T junction. Tanya has now raised this with Council's Director of Infrastructure who will consult with State growth on the matter.

Need public toilets in Hadspen now no toilets on the river bank. Need to make arrangements for the outside toilets at the recreation ground to be open on a daily basis.

Lots of tourists on the road through to Paradise as Oliver's Road is still closed. Need for care.

Request MVC liaise with Kentish re the Motor cycle friendly region.

Invite State Growth Representative to next meeting.

e) Bev Sweetnam – Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk has purchased a Defibrillator that is located near the office of the Caravan Park at Hadspen.

Petition for reducing road speed limit on B54 at Hadspen underway by Hadspen Neighbourhood Watch – 6 weeks advertised on Facebook has gained 250 signatures. Neighbour Watch – currently researching the history of Hadspen.

f) Barry Thompson – Barry questioned the speed of some log trucks on the Union Bridge Road and the weight of their loads on the temporary bridges.

Scott Flude – Has spoken to road workers on the Union Bridge Road and they were happy with the consideration of truck drivers. The question is- should B Doubles be on this road?

g) Patrick Gambles – Please nominate volunteers for Australia Day. The celebrations will be the day before Australia Day this year.

h) A flyer was circulated re a Regional Flood Taskforce community meeting at MVC on Friday 26 August.

Patrick thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting. Meeting closed for refreshments at 8.30 pm.

5. NEXT MEETING

Thurs 1 December Golden Valley Fire Station 7pm-8.30pm