Sorell Tasman Affected Area Recovery Committee (STAARC)

Community Update 1

Information from the STAARC meeting held on the 12th September 2013

Attendees:
Kerry Vincent (Chair), Carolyn Daly, Kevin Daly, Tony Ryan, Fiona Jennings, Robert Higgins, Geoff Martin, Roseanne Heyward, Graham Millar, Elizabeth Knox, Joanne Curran, Mathew Healey, John Harkin, Caroline Bignell

Notes:

STAARC Terms of Reference:
- The role of STAARC has been clarified and new Terms of Reference have been written. These will be made available once they have been signed off
- The Committee will be providing advice, coordinating, acting on issues where appropriate and actively communicating with the community

Communique:
- A Communique will be provided to the community in the form of a regular Community Update – this is the first of these
- We will be looking for ways of making this update readily available to the local communities

‘Community Groups and Projects’ list:
- A document is being compiled which will pull together a list of local groups and projects that are happening. This list will provide updates to the community of what’s happening and where community projects are at
- If you have any feedback on community projects or local groups, please send them through to Carolyn.Daly@dpac.tas.gov.au

Red Cross funded Community Grants projects:
- There has been a good deal of interest within the local community around the proposed projects
- The applications for community grants have been summarised and a more comprehensive précis of the applications will be available on the Bushfire Recovery website
- All ineligible projects are also available on the website

Economic Development:
- A feasibility study will be done into a possible marina for the Dunalley waterfront area
- Bushfire recovery efforts are almost complete in the business area, and the focus is now moving towards normal economic development opportunities
**Working Groups and community involvement:**
- The Sorell Council will be working with the broader community on large infrastructure projects for the Dunalley area.
- There will be working parties formed for the marina, walkways and tracks and community spaces, with broad community involvement.
- There was discussion on a precinct area to link projects together into an overall plan for the area.
- Along with broader community involvement, there will be an allocated STAARC member on working groups, so that information can be fed back to the community via STAARC updates.

**Walkways, parks, and community spaces:**
- Preliminary work has been done on looming at the existing Imlay Street playground and possible walkways in the area.
- The trail and its links to possible tourism ventures and community spaces will be considered.
- Preliminary work has been done on the re-build of community spaces.
- The STAARC committee reviewed what has happened to date, what consultation has taken place and how things might progress moving forward.
- The next STAARC meeting will look more deeply at the re-build of community spaces, the formation of working groups and the future role of the DISH.
- The need for a public viewing of plans, a discussion of ideas for the future, and consideration of how the whole precinct might look has been identified and will be progressed.
- We now have a good opportunity to pull everything together and consider the township of Dunalley and how it all interconnects.

**Community updates and issues register:**
- Round 4 Part B (ongoing financial assistance) of the Red Cross funds distribution to individuals will be completed within the next couple of weeks.
- An article will be produced informing the local community of safety into the next fire season, and work will be done with the school alleviating the fears that young people may have.
- The re-building of the recycling centre at Dunalley is being investigated.
- A thankyou was tabled to all the volunteers and paid staff who have done so much work assisting the community in recovery to date.
- Lions have kindly donated money towards the footbridge at Murdunna.
- Psychologist Dr Rob Gordon will be running a community session on Wednesday 25th September at the Dunalley School gym.
- The school community is looking at what services the school can provide to the community and how everything might slot together to serve the needs of the whole community.
- 12 October is the date for the football match between Nugent and Bream Creek.

**Further Information**
For further information please contact Carolyn Daly at Carolyn.Daly@dpac.tas.gov.au or on PH: 0418 535 173.