

Sorell Tasman Affected Area Recovery Committee (STAARC)

Community Update 2

Information from the STAARC meeting held on the 26th September 2013

Attendees:

Kerry Vincent (Chair), Kevin Daly, Fiona Jennings, Mathew Healey, Jodi DeCesare, Simon Hiscock (guest), John Harkin, Caroline Bignell, Joanne Curran, Tony Ryan, Graham Millar, Geoff Martin, Robert Higgins, Elizabeth Knox, Jan Barwick, Carolyn Daly

Notes:

Peter Kenyan presentation:

- Many of the STAARC members and also members of the Dunalley Locals Group were fortunate enough to hear Peter Kenyan speak when he visited Tasmania. The Committee agreed that, if possible, it would be good to see Peter visit Dunalley and speak to the local community. His presentation on rebuilding and revitalising communities was inspirational
- The 'Locals' Group will look at how some of Peter's ideas might be integrated into activities in the community

Website presentation:

- One of the many roles of STAARC is to review what we have done and make recommendations on how things may be improved for future disasters. So it was with this in mind, that STAARC was shown a presentation on the new Tasmanian Government website which will form the central point for people to get information before, during and after an emergency
- The website will provide consistent messaging across all government departments and will show a variety of information including maps of road closures, fire boundaries etc
- The site will be mobile friendly as most people access the internet on their mobile devices especially in an emergency
- More information will be available on the new website closer to December

Red Cross Community Grant Projects:

- There has been a fairly good response from the community in providing input on the proposed community grants.
- The results should be available to the public once STAARC has assessed the feedback

Plans for the Dunalley township:

- The need to draw together the many ideas floating around the community was discussed
- It's been proposed that a pictorial plan be created from the many ideas being discussed by various groups so that the community can see and comment on what's being considered
- A consultancy company will be engaged to create a plan of the township infrastructure

Final Recovery News:

- The Sorell Tasman Recovery News is drawing to a close. The next edition of the newsletter will be the last.
- The Recovery News has been one of our success stories and has been a much valued communication tool for many of those affected by the January fires

- Information will continue to be distributed via the Bridge newsletter, the community notice boards, the DISH staff, the phone tree, the black boards, the website and via email
- Those wishing to receive email updates should go to the www.bushfirerecovery.tas.gov.au website and register to receive emails at the 'stay connected' link.

Upcoming events:

- Events and activities coming up in the near future include:
 - A community barbecue at the recreation ground on 11th October
 - A community cook-up and roast evening coming in November
 - A 'dad's army' initiative to help out in the community – will be launched soon. Inquiries should go to the DISH

Issues:

- The recycling centre is being reviewed to identify if it is still viable to re-build a recycling depot in Dunalley
- The need for a clean-up of the Dunalley site used as a fill station for fire trucks is being assessed

Further Information

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