

MINUTES
Present

Name	Organisation	Representing
Matthew Hyde	Snowy Valleys Council CEO, Chair	
Alison Thorne	Murrumbidgee Health	Health & Wellbeing
Barney Hyams	Chair, Riverina Local Land Services	Agriculture & Livestock
Ken Dale	Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce	Business & Tourism
Natalie Randall	Tumut Region Chamber of Commerce	Business and Tourism
Matt Lucas	Thrive Riverina	Business and Tourism
Richard Cottam	Mount Tumbarumba Vineyard	Industry
Paul Lloyd	Regional Emergency Management Officer (REMO)	Recovery
Matt Holloway	DPI	Recovery
Catherine Marriott	DPI	Recovery

Apologies

Name	Organisation	Representing
Mayor, Cr James Hayes	SVC	
Cr John Larter	SVC	
Dave Eisenhower	Sounds of the Mountains	Communication
Angeline Mulder	Costa Berries	Industry

In Attendance

Name	Organisation	Representing
Andrew Rae	Snowy Valleys Council	Recovery
Fiona Scott	Snowy Valleys Council	Recovery
Tracy Martin	Snowy Valleys Council	Recovery

Actions

Date	Action	Responsible	Status
11JUN2020	<i>Address fuel load on roadside - request for periodical grazing</i>	CEO	Arrangements have been negotiated with Local Land Services for more flexibility in allowing grazing of roadsides however approvals and the payment of fees for roadside grazing are managed by Local Land Services, not Council.
11JUN2020	<i>Amended TOR - advise Chair of any changes before next meeting</i>	All	Nil received – draft to be adopted at next meeting

11JUN2020	<i>Feedback for disaster preparedness to be provided to Paul Lloyd</i>	All	Paul to advise
11JUN2020	<i>Advocacy Plan concerns to be provided</i>	Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce	COMPLETED - Received by SVC; Response provided 20 July 2020
22MAY2020	<i>Liaise with Edwina Hayes to clarify scope and expected outcomes of proposal</i>	Kylie Bradley, SVC	COMPLETED
22MAY2020	<i>Spread the Riverina RDA Survey around as much as possible</i>	ALL	COMPLETED
22MAY2020	<i>Ascertain ownership of hill behind the township of Batlow. Timber really needs to be thinned out to create safety for that community. Reduce fuel, make open woodland. Follow up, ready for next meeting.</i>	Chair, SVC CEO	

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting, provided apologies received and outlined remote meeting protocol.

Apologies received: Mayor, Clr Larter, Dave Eisenhauer, Costa Berries.

Matt Holloway is DPI's Senior Group Leader. Matt is taking over from Liane Corocher and has been in the role for a week and a half. Matt has had experience in roles with Crown Lands in Newcastle and Goulburn in addition Bio Security in Federal Government.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

Minutes of the previous meetings held 6 May 2020 and 22 May 2020 accepted.

Natalie Randall / Paul Lloyd

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Actions from Previous Meeting

Members have until the next meeting to request any changes to the amended TOR.

Concerns were raised regarding the tree fuel load on roads sides and request for periodical grazing. CEO advised he would take on notice.

ACTION: Fuel-load on road sides/request for periodical grazing

4. Update on Combined Action Plans

All Recovery Sub-Committee Actions have been placed into an overall summary document with actions broken down into three components 1) For Action, 2) For Referral 3) For Advocacy. 'For Action' is relates to what can be actioned at a local level by Council. 'For Referral' is for items referred to agencies. The latest version of the combined Action Plans has been uploaded to the website.

5. Overview of Future Roles and Responsibilities (cross over between agencies) - Recovery

Draft Co-ordination of Emergency and Recovery has been created to lessen duplication and inconsistencies. The Recovery position at SVC is currently being recruited as a 12 month position funded by Resilience NSW. Lisa Clout has filled a position situated locally with the National Bushfire Recovery Agency; working from home office due to COVID-19 restrictions. DPI will be conducting case management of impacted residents and have three case managers in the area with another position to fill.

Change over from SVC to DPI commences 30 June 2020. A smooth transition important to ensure good work not lost.

6. SVC Recovery Report

SVC are working with Catherine Marriott of DPI on the transition of SVC recovery to DPI.

Andrew Rae

Tree issues gained some traction last week by articulating to Resilience NSW Finance area the extent of damaged trees on public land. Currently awaiting confirmation of trees being covered that are impeding clean up that will receive disaster recovery funding.

A meeting will be held next week with SVC, RMS and Resilience NSW to understand what is and isn't claimable.

Fencing debris in Tooma and Maragle: registering details of farmer's needs and amount of clean recyclable waste. A contractor will be used to collect; this is a test case across the state. Please pass on Andrew's number 0438 646 802 to farmers as he is assisting in the community-led project. One farmer has 35kms of fencing; lessons have been learnt from Jingellic it is not a one size fits all. There are also some rules around the fencing clean up, materials need to be recyclable; free of non-recyclable material. EPA have envisaged 18-24 months for clean-up.

Mindaroo Pods: two will be delivered to Batlow; one application pending; three to finalise. There is now a family pod available that sleeps six. The process involves SVC nominating the situation to Resilience NSW; once approved it is passed to Mindaroo for finalising. Once received by Mindaroo, SVC no longer has any involvement.

Clean up has been completed for 130 properties; additional resources have been called upon. There is some anxiety around the clean up as they can be seen in the area and then move on to another site resulting in people feeling they have been forgotten. This is not the case. Laing O'Rourke is managing when and where properties are being cleaned up.

SVC Mobile Outreach commences next week with a message of "Health by Stealth" that focuses on physical, mental and financial. COVID-19 risk assessments are being finalised. Supporting agencies are keen to get out into our communities. Catering will be provided, the aim is to have a safe place that makes people feel comfortable. Please promote through your networks.

Fiona Scott

Continuing with case management working with agencies for referrals. Survey will hopefully be sent out soon. Working with DPI for transition.

7. Updated SVC Advocacy Plan and SVC Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) bushfire addendum.

The Regional NSW priorities strategy for recovery is missing Beef and Sheep component. In support the General sub-committee have met and sent a letter to John Barilaro requesting inclusion of Beef and Sheep. Reference is to be made to the REDS bushfire addendum when lodging for funding. SVC Advocacy Plan contains a total 41 prioritised projects to be shovel ready that must be realistic given resourcing.

ACTION: Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce will forward through concerns regarding items in the SVC Advocacy Plan e.g. Brindabella Road, Evacuation/Basketball Centre, Riverglade Oval, Communication, Tourism, Elliott Way.

May Minutes to be provided to Dr Joe McGirr including Advocacy documents.

8. Revised Recovery Committee Terms of Reference

Circulated in meeting invite. No-one was forthcoming with any changes. Any changes to be advised prior to the next meeting.

9. COVID-19 & General Update

Sub-Committees are in hibernation.

Barney Hyams: With the state government not releasing the budget until November 2020 how will funding be available? Comments from John Barilaro MP indicate that money had been saved. Barney proposed that the funds could be re-deployed to SVC as broad assistance that can be utilised to fund tree clearing.

Richard Cottom: The Agricultural Sub-Committee meet next week. Due to COVID restricting face to face actions, not progressing as well as they should.

The supply chain grant closes tomorrow and given the criteria eligibility they may receive a low response. Keep an eye out on any changes to criteria if funding remains.

Alison Thorne: Community Health recruitment has 4 positions starting in the first week of July. They have a secondment from the North Shore for outreach; communication to be done surrounding re-establishment of drop-in centre.

Natalie Randall: Higher visitation to the area due to rail trail, end of fishing season, lessening travel restrictions and thanks to SVC for Visit Snowy Valleys.

Ken Dale: Royal Commission - there is an SVC meeting on Monday. Ken would like to know what outside resources will be contributing. CEO advised there is a short turnaround time and will have local emergency input and happy to take comment.

Matt Lucas: Tourism has increased in the area with 15 days free of any new COVID-19 cases. Pass on for Dr Joe McGirr MP advocacy for increasing pubs and club limitations. People want to travel back to bushfire impacted areas.

Matt Holloway: Working with Catherine Marriott absorbing information.

Catherine Marriott: Update for dam silting; \$9M and \$6M funding is not enough. LLS working with fencing grants; \$140M closes early July. Private pine plantation of 300 burnt trees requires clearing. Case Management contacts between 18 – 30 May 2020: 77 client contacts. 42 new to the DPI Service, 55 wanting help accessing grants, 26 required help with

fencing and 1 was referred to a mental health service. Charles Roach has joined the team commencing in Batlow.

Paul Lloyd: No gaps identified with the NSW Emergency Management Arrangements. SECON Garry Warmboy is transitioning from Emergency to Recovery.

ACTION: Please provide Paul with any feedback you may have on disaster preparedness.

Meeting Close: 1.26pm

Action list from this meeting will be included with Meeting Request for next Recovery Committee meeting.