



*Warrandyte Community Association*

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PO Box 75, **Warrandyte** 3113

**Warrandyte Community Association Inc. / Manningham City Council  
Meeting**

**1 October 2009**

**4:30 pm MCC Offices, Function Room 3**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

**MCC**

Cr David Ellis

Cr Meg Downie

Cr Graeme Macmillan

Lydia Wilson, Chief Executive

Paul Molan, Director of Environmental Amenity

Ian Waters, Acting Director Community Services

Diane Haskings, Manager Social & Community Services

Roger Woodlock, Manager Engineering & Technical Services

Claude Cullino, Director, Assets and Environment

**WCA**

President, Dick Davies

Val Polley

**1.0 Apologies:**

None noted.

**2.0 Minutes of 16 March Meeting**

Accepted.

**3.0 Actions Arising from Minutes**

WCA complimented Council on the completion of the footpath near the tennis courts and on the engineering improvements to the streetscape. WCA queried plans for replanting the roundabout, verges and other vegetated areas which MCC will address.

***Action: Paul Molan to implement replanting where necessary.***

**4.0 Bushfires: Township Protection Plans**

Roger Woodlock outlined the Township Protection Planning (TPP) process as MCC understands it and the joint meeting with CFA and others at Nillumbik

Council Offices on 25 September. MCC is the pilot Council for the State's first Integrated Fire Management Plan. Coordination with emergency services, parks authorities and other councils, especially Nillumbik, is critical. The first stage is compilation of a 'Risk Register' of high risk localities. It will be released during the 11-18<sup>th</sup> October Bushfire Awareness Week. MCC is drafting a report on key areas and holding various events to raise awareness. Other MCC activities are summarized in the September 2009 issue of 'Manningham Matters' and in a strategic brief 'Preparations for the 2009/10 Bushfire Season' (25pp + appendices) on the MCC website and in hard copy provided to WCA.

MCC noted that they wished to engage Community Fireguard Group (CFG) leaders in Warrandyte similar to that organised in North Warrandyte<sup>1</sup>.

**Action: MCC to implement**

WCA advised that they had volunteered to nominate residents for a meeting with the CFA TPP organisers on 14 October, 2009.

In response to specific concerns raised by WCA:

Relief Centres: Council will designate potential relief centres (such as 'The Pines' shopping centre) depending on the scale of emergency or potential threat, however police will determine locations on the day. It is likely that Warrandyte residents will need to go outside of the Township to other locations in Manningham and perhaps Greensborough. Emergency warnings are being developed.

Tree Clearing: An arborist has been employed to advise on potential threats from trees overhanging roads. MCC will organize joint inspection with CFA of trees and property. MCC has sought clarification and legal advice on the State Government '10/30 Vegetation Clearing Rights' policy announced as an interim measure until 31 August 2010, given ambiguous wording and possible 'problematic' implementation.

**Action: Paul Molan to advise on outcome**

Green Waste: Free green waste removal is available.

Engaging young people in TPP: Steven Dupon, Manningham Youth Services Director, has been approached to assist WCA in the TPP process.

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequent discussion with the organiser of the North Warrandyte CFG Leaders meeting indicated that CFA is unwilling to release contact details of CFG groups because of Privacy Legislation concerns and that he had to employ a laborious personal contact process to identify participants. According to the Manningham Leader there are 22 CFG's in Warrandyte and Jason Patten of Brackenbury Street was taking a leadership role.

Social Networking: WCA noted that simple, effective and free post disaster social networking software is available (following Cyclone Katrina in the USA) which should be compared with existing provisions.

Arson: MCC noted WCA's concern that half of all bushfires are deliberately lit and are considering how best to deal with the problem within the existing legislative framework.

### **5.0 Warrandyte Community Centre Management Model**

There was some discussion of the strategic plan for the Warrandyte Community Centre (WCC) now in preparation by a consultant engaged by Council. WCA noted that there had not been widespread consultation with interested parties. MCC observed that there were a range of local issues requiring Manningham input which went beyond WCC (eg library, Recreation Reserve Management Strategy, 'Active for Life' Strategy etc.) and WCC would be considered within that overall context. Once all ideas are in there will be a scoping exercise involving officers and councillors. The plan is still in progress.

### **6.0 Planning:**

#### **Post Office Site at East End, VCAT hearing**

Following tree removal, MCC is seeking evidence to prosecute in relation to the former post office site, 270 Yarra Street.

Paul Molan advised that no further plans had been received for the PO site subdivision and that he was not aware of why the VCAT hearing had been delayed.

#### **Ginkgo site**

WCA expressed concern that the work appear to be at a standstill. Paul Molan advised a Thai restaurant appears to be planned for this site.

### **7.0 Any Other Business**

The Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Cooperative is seeking advice on its charitable tax status (Direct Grant Recipient?) and longer term future once the planned building is completed and let. MCC Council Officers are available to assist.

**Action: Manningham CFO Robert Spargo to advise WCRHC.**

WCA thanked the Councillors, Lydia Wilson and the other Council Officers for their time and detailed supporting documentation provided.

### **8.0 Next Meeting**

TBA – February 2009 suggested.