

Marysville workshop: first follow-up meeting Thursday 27th June 2019

MiRa Exhibition Space

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TOPIC 1: How should we co-ordinate ourselves and work together?

- We have lots of existing groups – 40+. Eg. TAG, MCC, Lions, Triangle Foundation etc

Do we establish a new group?

Do we look for project-based alignment?

Do we include groups from the Triangle (Buxton and Narbethong)?

Some projects would fit naturally with an existing group

- Set up a steering group?

Perhaps an over-arching group with project working groups.

The steering group would support project teams.

It would be a light-touch group, which can gather and disseminate information.

Would use Council as a resource for the admin of the group to reduce the burden on the community. (Need to acknowledge volunteer overload that already exists.)

Would that need to be incorporated or just get auspiced through other groups?

- Do we need an umbrella group with a representative of each of the existing groups?

This would improve communication flow between groups – a key challenge.

Would also support knowledge and assistance-sharing between groups.

Could this group delegate projects to the right/appropriate/relevant group?

Could the Foundation have a role in coordination and enabling the improved communication?

How would we engage people who aren't existing committee members into the group?

We need more get-togethers that are fun and regular and collaborative!

- Keen to have Council involvement to support this group for it to be sustainable.

Other notes:

Let's not reinvent the wheel!

Big challenge is where to find people – need further sessions facilitated by MSC to determine who will take this forward.

Do we need a community diary? (Events and current groups./meetings). Could this be something that is online – to support the Triangle News?

TOPIC 2: How should we collect wider community input?

- Go to existing groups!

Find out who all the groups are and make sure all are aware of this process.

Start with an accurate list of community groups.

- Children and youth – very important to get their ideas and input, as well as getting to the parents through the children.

Kinder, school, playgroups, youth groups.

- Sports groups – cricket club, veterans football, Saddle-Tramps.
- Consider face to face (including door-knocking which would really personalise it), Triangle News and online.

Remember, many people don't know what is happening and aren't aware of opportunities that are already available.

Go to the people, where they are already: Fragas, the pub, the op-shop, MiRa.

Use the community noticeboards at the bakery and Foodworks.

- A 'festival' of community groups – make it fun for everyone!

Get people together, aware of each other's ideas, sharing. Could Foundation lead on this? Whatever events we have, would need to have a "friendly finish" with what else you can do next.

Consider fun things to work on together that help the community at the same time eg. Bulb-planting day or working bee to kick-start maintenance of Gould Memorial drive.

- Tourists – they are essential for Marysville to flourish. Let's encourage people to feel positive about them!

Also consider getting ideas from tourists through a brief survey at MiRa. What would make them love Marysville even more?

- Information night on specific project ideas – to get different people in on one issue: eg. Gym opening hours.

This would be a strategy for later in the process, when ideas are more formulated and could be a good way to get input from completely different people. People who don't want to engage on community generally but care about one thing that is impacting them.

NB. MSC, Alexandra Hospital and community have met previously regarding gym hours. Anna Paix to explore outcomes of that discussion to bring to community planning group.

TOPIC 3: What would we want to know to prioritise a project?

Summary:

- Community benefit
 - How broad?
 - Can we influence it?
 - Is it in our control?
- Feasibility
 - Sustainability
 - Is it doable?
 - Cost – Lifetime Cost
 - Are people willing to be part of making it happen?
- What we might want may change with scale of ideas – more detail for bigger ideas/projects

Details:

Sustainability Plan

- Does it require ongoing funding (maintenance – how will it be covered)
- How many interest groups does it benefit? And how many is enough?
- What are the funding possibilities?
- Who would benefit?

- Scale: Could be of great benefit for a small number of people or a little benefit to a lot of people.
- Is it doable? Within Community Influence?
- Impact needs to be community based – for the community. Could also be for Tourism/Visitation.
- Should be something the majority want – Inclusive of all
 - Community Vote
- Research / feasibility – including sustainability evidence
 - What approvals needed?
 - Cost?
- Level of collaboration
 - Who are stakeholders?
 - Have they been engaged?
 - Partnerships formed?
- Who and what does it impact?
- What time / volunteer involvement required?
 - Impact on volunteers
 - Is there support to get it going?
- Ongoing Council Support / Resources required to maintain momentum
- Idea should benefit more than one group. Needs a broader impact and should be able to demonstrate this. Broad support needed for prioritisation
- Doable
 - start with smaller ideas
 - quick wins – early success
 - Build momentum of the process that builds support and engagement
- Big Projects – how can they be staged should be set out so people can understand what is involved.
- Ownership of an idea – all ideas would need backers, people who say they want to be involved.
- Capital ideas / or others
 - Need to demonstrate it will be used and usable
 - How will it be patronised?
- Do we need a ‘wants’ ‘needs’ ‘would be nice’ – to categorise different ideas?