

Community Planning meeting – Toolangi Castella District Community House
7.00-9.00pm 10.9.19
Meeting Notes

Chair: Julie Kirkwood - Murrindindi Shire Council

We went round the table and told a little bit more about ourselves and our roles in the community. Wayne talked about the future of Ellimatta and making social enterprise connections. Kaye talked about the schools achievements over the 12 years that she has been Principal, most notably, the music and horticulture programs which have won several awards. She also talked about the Community song that was written after the fires and Toolangi Primary Schools collaboration on a soon to be released CD with songs from all the primary schools in the ranges. Margaret spoke about her evolving roles at the Community House as well as her role in the Community Recovery Committee in the wake of the 2009 fires. Kerry spoke of her role at the Community House and the partnerships with Murrindindi Shire Council and the other Community Houses in the Shire.

Julie spoke about her role with Council and that the community planning project has been extended for a further 6 months until June 2020, which allows more time to work with communities to prepare community plans. There was a recap of the last meeting and questions about the direction of the plan and the next stage. i.e. Do we seek more Community input or produce the list we already have and ask the community to set their priorities.

Forest Discovery Centre: Discussion of its importance to the community and suggestions that specific details about its use shouldn't dominate the prioritisation process, as action on this matter is still under consideration by the FDC Committee. However it was felt that because it was raised as a priority through the community planning process, that it is important to keep the issue as a general action for consideration.

Community Dinner 20th September: Discussion of the information to be read out at the beginning of the dinner re the planning project, the right questions to ask and also how we present the ideas so far gathered. It was decided to categorise the ideas already collected into short, medium and long term goals. That way the Forest Discovery centre remains in the plan as a long term goal.

Action: Julie to rework the wording and questions as discussed, and provide to the group for comment.

Meeting closed at: 9pm

Next meeting: Julie will email round some possible dates to re-group after the community dinner.