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Subject Fw: Recent Katungul ACCMS Cap works VMS workshop [SE]

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Hi s22

Email below from s22 re the Katungul meeting.

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Hi s22

I had a conversation with s22 earlier today regarding my attendance at a Cap Works (VMS) workshop at the Katungul Narooma facility earlier this week. We agreed that I would send you a copy of a file note I've made on that meeting.



File Note-Katungul Cap Works VMS meeting, Narooma, 060710.doc

Please call if you need to discuss.

Regards
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File Note

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General File Note

Organisation: Katungul

Attendees: s47F
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Meeting Place, Date and Time: s47F (Katungul member via telephone from Bega)
Katungul offices 06/07/10 9.00am-3pm
Narooma
Contact/s: Damien Matcham
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Department Contact/s: s22
Date: 9/7/10 File Note Author: s22
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Re: The objective of this visit was to participate in the Value Management Study Workshop.
Key workshop objectives:
1. Confirm proposed service delivery and staffing model for KACCMS in Eurobodalla Shire.
2. To select a preferred redevelopment strategy
3. Identify project risks
4. Develop an action plan to progress the project.

NOTES:

Overview

Site inspections.

On arrival in Narooma on the 5/7/10 s47F and I were shown the potential sites for the redevelopment of the Katungul Narooma facility.

Advice on OATSIH contribution to Katungul Cap Works.

s47F advised me that he had been in contact with s22 from OATSIH Cap Works in CO seeking guidance on what information could be given to the VMS workshop on the recent OATSH contribution. I received two calls from s22 on 5/07/10 the second call advising me that the Ministers Office had indicated to s22 that they were happy for the OATSIH contribution to be confirmed to the workshop attendees, though Ministers Office would prefer workshop attendees not make that information public prior to an announcement from the Minister. s22 and I discussed the possible implications including that the information might be made public by some of the attendees prior to an official announcement. s22 advised that she was happy to have s47F and I use our judgement.

During the VMS workshop, ^{s47F} advised that it was the view of NSW Health that the total contribution from government (with or without OATSIH funding) would be \$4million.

I indicated to the workshop that OATSIH and NSW Health were in discussion on a possible OATSIH contribution and that the 'signs were positive'.

NSW Health as project funder/lead body

I confirmed to attendees that in the event OATSIH made a contribution to the cost of capital works, it would be NSW Health who would be responsible for the management of the project and not OATSIH.

Katungul contribution to project

There was discussion on the contribution Katungul would make to the project. Damien confirmed that it was Katungals understanding that their contribution would be the full proceeds of the sale of their existing building.

Further applications for funding

^{s247F} from SGPN spoke on the availability of DoHA Infrastructure grants and a willingness by the SGPN to work on an application with Katungul, to seek additional funds that might be used to further expand the capacity of a new facility. Damien indicated that previous application had not succeeded, but conceded that a new application could use the current cap works funding commitments (new facility) as useful leverage.

OATSIH caveats on original contract.

Damien indicated that the purchase of the existing Narooma building was made possible by an ATSIC grant in 1996.

Note ^{s22} has advised that caveats within the agreement require Katungul to seek approval from the Commonwealth to dispose of the existing building. Cap works in OATSIH will manage the necessary process.

VMS workshop objectives.

Workshop attendees worked through and discussed the agenda items presented within the *Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services July 2010 Value Management Study*.

Discussion arising from this document included population and high reliance on transport;

- High likelihood that ABS Aboriginal population data quoted on this document significantly understated the actual population;
- The population is highly transient;
- There are 4800 clients currently on the KACCMS systems
- Approx 90% of KACCMS clients receive transport assistance, though a figure for Narooma was not available.

Following the presentation of options, attendees were asked to use 9 weighted criteria to select a preferred option. The criteria used were;

1. Access – location, road access, transport
2. Environmental – flooding, heritage, Aboriginal Title
3. Building constraints to redevelopment
4. Site adequacy – flexibility and future expansion
5. Community preference/acceptance
6. Preference/acceptance – clinicians/ staff
7. Functionality/efficiency
8. Ease of acquisition/timeliness
9. Impact on service delivery during construction

Base on scoring against criteria the attendees agreed that the preferred redevelopment strategy by a considerable margin was found to be: **Option C – Riverside Drive site.**

The other Objectives listed above were addressed, achieved and recorded in minutes by the consultants.

Other Issues

Phone call from s47F

During the morning session Damien went to his office on a couple of occasions and at one point re-emerged stating that a client was on the phone and wanted to address the meeting. Damien called s47F who he described as being the Bega representative for Katungul. s47F : informed the meeting that the local community was very concerned at the withdrawal of funding and services from the Bega community. She also said that a petition calling for reinstatement of services and funding was in circulation and had already been signed by hundreds of people. s47F called for a meeting to address the issues.

Damien asked s47F if she was seeking a meeting with the community and s47F s47F of the SGPV to which she confirmed. s47F indicated he would be available for that meeting. Damien confirmed it was his understanding that the issues referred to by s47F s47F concerned the *Healthy For Life* program.

Bega facility

Following the above conversation with s47F I asked Damien when Katungul would be reopening the Bega facility and he confirmed it would reopen within two weeks. I asked about any plans to reduce services through the Bega facility and Damien confirmed that Katungul had no plans to do so.

Wallaga Lake

Damien confirmed that Katungul will not be entering into arrangement that would enable them to provide services from the soon to be completed Wallaga Lake Outreach Centre, but that it would continue to provide service to the Wallaga Lake community from its “van(s)”.

Dental/Oral Health

Damien confirmed that he had recently visited Queensland to inspect a mobile dental clinic that Katungul will purchase as a result of a recent and successful application to NSW Health. That vehicle will enable provision of outreach dental services.

IT and computers

During a tour of the facility following the VMS, I inspected the servers in use and confirmed with staff recently reported problems with the main server. The recent addition of streamed vision from a number of security cameras including at the Bega site, through the servers, were reported as contributing to the problem.

GP services not currently provided

During my tour of the Narooma facility it was reported Katungul would not have a GP on site for up to two weeks as the regular GP had recently taken leave.

Action / Follow-up	Date
1. Advise ^{s22} on meeting outcome	9/7/10
2. Speak with ^{s47F} : from CAH for clarification on the AIT&MRC proposal including whether potential funding would include hardware. I.e. would Katungul be funded for replacement of servers and other IT hardware?	12/7/10
3. Notify Section Manager of potential issues relating to SGPN Healthy for Life program.	7/7/10
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