

McCrae Landslide Recovery

Minutes

Friday 14 February 2025



Venue: Council Chamber - Mornington Office

Attendees: (Chairperson) Derek Rotter – McCrae Landslide Director, Sally Kellett – BSO/minutes, Cr Anthony Marsh – Mayor, Cr Max Patton – MPS Council, Bulent Oz – A/CEO MPS, David Kotsiakos – MBS, , Kirsty Hardt – Comms, Michael O'Neill – Community Representative, Richard Bendell – Community Representative

Apologies: Dale Gilliatte – Municipal Emergency Manager (MEM)

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Mornington Peninsula Shire update

Mayor/Councillor

- Introductions to Mayor, Cr Anthony Marsh, and Councillor Max Patton

A/CEO

- Welcome from Bulent Oz
- Director appointment announced – Derek Rotter

Update provided from Derek Rotter

- Map provided to community members showing risk status of each property – 3 staged plan for owners to return to their homes
- Low risk properties will have enforcement orders removed as early as today
- Properties with medium to high risk will have supervised access as soon as possible.
- All changes to the plan will be communicated directly with property owners
- Rates have been waived for affected properties with letters being sent from our revenue department
- Discussed risk that is continually being monitored by Geotechs
- Council is coordinating with service authorities to get utilities turned back on as soon as possible

Investigation update from MBS David Kotsiakos

- Provided status of Emergency Orders
- SES handed over the site, Council now has control of the incident
- Geotechnical specialist on site constantly assessing stability of the properties
- Permissions sought from residents to put monitoring equipment on site, GPS network currently monitoring the site, informing the MBS of risk, to ensure we are able to lift the emergency orders as soon as possible
- The teams are working with SEW, United Energy and gas to get these utilities re-installed as early as today (gas may take longer)
- Discussed the possibility of re-entry into the 8 properties
- 14 and 18 Viewpoint need further investigation and a second Geotech is working on these
- Advised where skip bins will be situated
- Council will be working with residents on works that may be required on private property to ensure future stability over the coming months
- All current works are being completed under the building code

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Repatriation plan – Andrew Brick

- Updated map and plan will be shared at this afternoon's community meeting

Questions/comments from resident representatives Richard Bendell and Michael O'Neill

➤ What has the change in criteria been?

Geotech has been able to appropriately monitor the site and assess stability providing MBS with confidence in decision making regarding safety/risk of each property and to allow re-entry to low risk properties

How many Geotechs involved?

- 3 separate companies involved, highly skilled expertise to provide Council with the advice on risk at the site

Has access to the site has changed as Victoria Police have been onsite?

- No, the emergency orders remain. Victoria Police are requesting access however Council will advise when the enforcement orders have been lifted and coordinate access. This advice has been confirmed by Council to Victoria Police

Can our private Geotech engineers access the site?

- Any Geotech specialists privately appointed will need to work in partnership with Council and their Geotech engineers

How do farther away properties get access to the skip bins?

- Council can provide additional bins if required

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Is property 603 still high risk?

- Yes

Is there still evidence of a crack at 10-12

- Yes, and therefore there is difficulty getting the necessary machinery in for access

Can we get a letter from Council stating that the properties are safe?

- Council will be lifting the enforcement orders for each property under instruction from the MBS

What compensation will Council be providing to the properties that have been burgled due to Council negligence?

- Council's priority is to protect life and reduce risk. We are working with multiple agencies and services to protect the affected properties as best we can whilst ensuring safety of staff and people entering affected areas.

When will we get a project plan?

- This afternoon at the community meeting

Why is criteria and sharing of information not forthcoming from Council? What is the secret to the criteria changing?

- Geotech monitoring has provided information to the MBS enabling informed decision-making regarding safety and the need for enforcement orders to remain or be lifted

How was the zone established initially?

- SES was responsible for the initial zoning of the site

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Action items

- Council to provide project plan this afternoon