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| **South Western Regional Group** | | | |
| **Venue: La Bella Room**  **Foreshore Pavilion  50 Viaduct Road  Warrnambool VIC** | | | |
| **Date: Friday 1 November2013** | | | |
| **Time: 10am** | | | |
| **Present:** Leon Watt, Aaron Kennett, Pauline Porter, Rebecca Schack, Mark Handby, Anna Wortley, Peter Matchan, Eileen McCormick, Rhonda Gambetta, James McDonald, Adrian Holbrook , Ian  Fitzgibbon and Peter Matchan | | | |
| **Apologies:** Liz Peach, Len Davies, Lyall Bond, Lisa Wilson and Greg Andrews | | | |
| **Item #** | **Discussions** | **Actions / Responsible** | |
|  | **Welcome Meeting** |  | |
| * **Welcome & Acknowledgement**- Welcome All. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay respect to their elders both past and present. | **Mark Handby** | |
| * **Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting**   Moved: Rebecca Schack  Seconded: Peter Matchan |  | |
| **Previous Business** | | | |
|  | * Food / health Fees previously emailed discussed. |  | |
| **Correspondence In** | | | |
|  | * As circulated via email |  | |
| **Correspondence Out** | | | |
|  | **10.10am – 10.20am**   * Council registration fees for regions forwarded to EHPA meeting participants. * Meeting invitation emailed to Department of Environment and Primary Industry to present Swill information at todays meeting. * Meeting invitation emailed to Victorian Building Commission – Plumbing Inspector, Clint Rodgers. Unable to attend today’s meeting however tentatively booked to present at 7 February 2014 meeting * EHPA BSW 9 August 2013 minutes and agendas emailed to EHPA Executive Officer, Regional Secretaries, EPA and meeting attendees   9 August 2013 meeting attendees contact forwarded to Wesley Old,Kernow’s to followup with information on their Regulatory and Information Management System (RIAMS). |  | |
| **Guest Speakers & Discussion** | | | |
|  | **10.20 am – 11.35 am**  **Leon Watt ( Biosecurity Victoria - Animal Plant & Chemical Operations**  **Department of Environment and Primary Industry, Regional Animal Health Officer, South West )**  Leon Watt provided the following information during *‘The risk of food outlets feeding prohibited food waste to pigs’* presentation   * Swill feeding define originated from or have contacted with …….. * Audit of 615 food premises found upto 71 of the audited premises maybe feeding prohibited food waste to pigs. * Feeding pigs with food products may lead to outbreak of foot and mouth disease. * Example of swill food products include, egg and bacon rolls, salad rolls - even with ham removed. * Foot and mouth disease is a highly contagious disease affecting cattle, sheep, goats, deer and pigs. * Pigs amplify foot and mouth disease (FMD). * A small FMD outbreak costs Australia $7 billion (3 to 4 months) and a large outbreak $16billion. * UK FMD outbreak estimated cost to the country $19 billion (AUD). * FMD will survive   - uncooked meat for 3 months  - In bacon and other cured meat for 190 days  - unpasteurised skim milk powder for 2 years  - Milk products 56 days  - On shoes and other objects for upto 13 weeks.   * FMD CAN enter Australia by * In 2011, 1000 tonnes of pork base products smuggled into Australia in shipping containers form South Korea during major FMD outbreak in that country * In 2011, pigeon paramyxovirus is likely to have enter Victoria via live birds * Australia can maintain FMD by: * Border Protection * Prohibit live birds and uncooked meat from other countries intof Australia. * Feed or supplying prohibited food waste to pigs is illegal in Victoria * Australia can Australia maintain FMD free status by * Distribute the Swill feeding education sheet to food outlets in your council area. * Provide information during audits and inspections * All pigs are required to have property identification code PIC. * Obtain pig PIC from Department of Environment and Primary Industries. * Report incidents of prohibited feeding to Department of Environment and Primary Industries on 1300 101 080 or visit website of the Department of Health. * Council Environmental Health Officers role in preventing swill feeding include: * Annual audits of food waste provide opportunity to build capacity * Included food waste fact sheet in food safety program folders of food outlets or send them with Food Act registration certificate * Providing swill feeding factsheet to new businesses. * Ensure food premises dispose of food safely (FANZ Food Safety Standards requirements). * Copies of swill feeding factsheets are also available in Mandarin, Arabic and Vietnamese. |  | |
| **Reports** | | | |
|  | **11. 35 am – 11.45pm**  **Department of Health**  *See attached report*  **OMIC Australia**  *See attached report*  **DTS**  *See attached report*  **EHPA**  Remember to record meeting attendance, trainings and conferences on your EHPA Continuing Professional Development Scheme (CPD) log <http://ehpa.org.au/cpd-program/add-cpd-activity/> . | **Eileen McCormick**  **Pauline Porter** | |
| **Questions for the Board** | | | |
|  | **11.45 am – 11.56 am**   * Could EHPA provide members educational information on EHPA CPD program to promote the program and explain what it is. |  | |
| **Tabled Agenda Items** | | | |
| **8.** | **11.56 am – 12.30 pm**   * **2014 BSW meeting dates & venues**   7 February 2014 – City of Greater Geelong at BSW DOH Geelong Region Office  9 May 2014 – Surf Coast Shire Council  8 August 2014 – Colac Otway Shire Council  7 November 2014 – Southern Grampians Shire Council  6 February 2015 – Moyne Shire Council   * **Guest speaker suggestions for upcoming meetings** * Clint Rodgers (Victorian Building Commission – Plumbing Inspector) invited to 7 February 2014 EHPA BSW meeting. * Invite Ben Dunstan from DOH Tobacco Unit to present at 7 February 2014 EHPA BSW meeting. * Invite representation from DOH Environmental Health Unit to present on a relevant topic at to 7 February 2014 EHPA BSW meeting. | |  |
| **Lunch** | | | |
|  | **12.30pm – 1 pm** |  | |
| **General Business** | | | |
| **9.** | **1 pm – 2.20pm**  **‘Round The Table’**   * **James McDonald – Borough of Queenscliff** * Council have decided not link Health Manager with Finance system due to high cost. * Streatrader has been helpful with listing of food premises attending the upcoming Queenscliff music festival * Will be attending mozzie course in Ocean Grove at the end of the month. * **Adrian Holbrook – City of Greater Geelong** * Stuart McClay has resigned from City of Greater Geelong and Emily Taylor appointed as Environmental Health Team Leader. * Jonathan Carter appointed as Environmental Officer from 1 December 2013. * Council can contact Consumer Affairs of Victoria to request if Rooming Houses have serious defect prior to renewing Rooming Houses Registrations. * Have developed dinning on street parking guidelines. * Had an issue with drinking water PVC pipes contaminated with petroleum potential due to pipes installed ins soil on the site of an old garage.   **Action**: Email ‘The Registered Plumber Newsletter’ Plastic piping contamination article.   * **Rhonda Gambetta – Surf Coast Council** * Happy to announce the birth of Jude Patrick to Adam Lee, his partner and two daughters. * Received funding from DOH to increase HPV vaccination numbers and program successful in increasing HPV vaccination numbers. * Fish kills in Anglesea river occurring due to water 3 pH potentially caused by recents rains. Permanent monitoring station at Anglesea river text pH levels regularly to Council. * Had 3 Tobacco retail premises sold to minors during Tobacco Test sales test purchasing. Tobacco retailers had not sold during tobacco test purchasing during the last 3 years of testing. * **Peter Matchan & James McDonald – Colac Otway Shire Council** * Dealing with Unregistered backpackers. * Listeria identified in number of vanilla slices food samples.      * Had issues with sub surface and surface stormwater impacting on onsite wastewater management system systems in high rainfall areas. * **Corangamite Shire** * Lisa Wilson presently Corangamite Environmental Health Officer. * **Rebecca Shack & Mark Hanby– Warrnambool City Council** * EPA issued an order a spray painter to install a spray booth following a complaint received by Council. * Dealing with backyard unregistered tattooist. * Mark Handby completed DOH Food Act legal course, strongly recommend attendance. Next DOH Food Act legal course will be held in March 2014. * Council have updated Environmental Health website, food safety brochures and registration. * Mark Handby and Rhonda Gambett member of EHPA Emergency Management SIG. * **Anna Wortley – Moyne Shire** * Reported person in the Shire is selling unpasteurised milk to consumers as bath milk but person informing consumers verbally that the unpasteurised milk can be drunk. * Egg producer selling eggs however, claim eggs are free range but claims have been made that eggs originate from battery hens. * Receiving Wind Farm nuisance complaints. * Murray Murfett providing Environmental Health Department assistance. * **Pauline Porter Aaron Kennett– Southern Grampians Shire Council** * 5 week delay issuing food/ health/caravanpark registration renewals due new finance IT Software system. Delay resulted in issuing registrations from the usual 1st week in October until early November. * Oaklands (Glenthompson) Wind farms operators are trialing a part to rectify noise created by the turbines between tow particular gears during low wind speeds. windturbines will operate during the evening and low wind once the gear boxes are retrofitted with noise mitigation part. * Fetus less than 20 weeks and placenta bury at home, Royal Womans Hospital has guidelines regarding this. * 2 gastro outbreak on 1 day at class 1 food premises. Class 1 food premises have been able to contain gastro outbreak within premises * Aaron Kennett attending Department of Health mosquito management and identification course. * New Environmental Planning Manager, Cathy Brady commenced with Council last week in October.   **Action**: **Email EPA Clinical and Related Waste – Operational Guideline** |  | |
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|  | **Meeting Closed at 2.20 pm** | | |
| **Next Meeting: City of Greater Geelong, Friday 7 February 2014** | | |