

**MINUTES of the Montville Village Assoc Inc. General Meeting May 29th 2006
held at the Montville Village Hall.**

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm with Judy Bull in the Chair.

WELCOME: Judy Bull thanked and welcomed the large number of people attending.

APOLOGIES: Les Gittens, Stephanie McLennan, Gordon Hunter.

ATTENDANCE: see attendance book

MINUTES: The last General Meeting was held on April 24th. Those minutes were put on display in the Village Square notice board, were e-mailed out to members and were put on the MVA website. They were taken as being read.

Motion: "That the minutes of the General Meeting of April 24th 2006 be accepted"

Moved: Phil Wilson Seconded: Joan Allen Carried

Business Arising:

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

1. E-mail from Energex giving an update on the siting of their proposed sub-station.
2. A letter from Maroochy Council enclosing a cheque for \$750 in response to our written request relating to Hall drainage costs. They advise that the money was contributed by Cr Rogerson from his Donations Fund.
3. Letter from Volunteering Sunshine Coast explaining how individuals can become part of organisations by volunteering their skills.
4. Letter from Minister for Energy in response to our letter 4th March re Energex proposed sub-station. (Key points were read out by the Secretary)
5. Letter from the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild (the Woodies) seeking our agreement with the design, funding, location and operation of a new toilet block proposed for the Montville Sports & Recreation Ground.
6. Letter from the Montville Chamber of Commerce which says "we express our appreciation to your Tidy Towns Committee for the fine effort and good work that they exhibited in presenting the Village in its best light to the judges.

In particular we would like to make mention of the efforts expended by Mr. R Allen and Mr. Ian Strahan and also the workers from the MSC and all others that contributed to the effort.

We hope that all your hard work is rewarded and that Montville will continue to move forward and be appreciated by all that both live and visit here."

7. E-mail from Duncan Roads who suggests that Lions, Rotary or Apex may have money to spend on projects in Montville, if requested by us. Duncan would like the MVA to propose a list of projects for these clubs to consider. He states, "that many parents bringing children to the Russell Family Park playground desire a sail, or something to give shade." He also suggests "that there are other small projects that we would like to see done for Montville, so my suggestion is that the MVA compile a list and send it to the clubs for consideration."
8. Letter from John Atkin, President of the Blackall Range Business & Tourism Assoc seeking our help in encouraging volunteers to staff the Info Centre. The letter says it is a misconception that the Centre exists only to serve the accommodation industry. The nature of enquiries include walks, parks, the location of picnic, BBQ, toilets and ATM facilities. He urges members to consider a half-day a week assistance to ensure the service continues.
9. Letter from Councillor Rogerson as an invitation to an Open Council Community Forum for Division 1 on Monday 19th June at 6.45pm in the Belli Park Community Hall. The purpose of the Forum is for residents to have their say and for Councillors to listen to the community's concerns.
10. Received the May 30th Sunshine Valley News.
11. Received the June edition of the Range Care Crier and a notice and invite to a Birthday Party and Fundraiser for the 20th anniversary of the Care Group, and the 10th anniversary of the Cottage. The Bollywood/Indian/Hollywood themed Indian Banquet function is in this Hall on July 7th at 6.30pm.

Outgoing:

1. A letter of support relating to the Montville Table Tennis Club's endeavours to raise funds.
2. A letter and associated documentation from Gillie Warren on behalf of the MVA's Montville Historical Group to the Community Memorials Restoration Program seeking funding for the restoration of the Dixon historic gravesites in Flaxton.

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3. A letter to Ken Lyons thanking him and the appropriate people for the organisation of the Anzac Day service.
4. A letter to Andrew Walter thanking him and the appropriate people for the organisation of the Easter Sunrise Service.
5. Two letters sent out from Michael Simpson to Brian Ashley and Elton Banks seeking quotes on the construction of two pillars and associated works at the Halls Memorial Gates.

Motion: "That the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards be endorsed."

Moved: Phil Wilson Seconded: John Watkins Carried

Business Arising: Motion: "That the MVA gives the Woodies our agreement to proceed with their plans and considerations on the building of a new toilet block at the Sportsground, with their final recommendation to be brought back to the MVA for approval in due course."

Moved: Phil Wilson Seconded: Hamish Borthwick Carried

It was agreed that a group be formed to look at possible proposals that could be put to Lions/Rotary/Apex in line with the suggestions in Duncan Roads letter above.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance as at 24/4/06	\$10159.76
Income	1775.00
Expenditure	8320.88
Balance as at 29/5/06	\$3613.88
Income	
Hire of Hall -Hired: Nil	Paid 1025.00
Contribution to hall drainage from MSC (Cr G Rogerson)	750.00
Total Income Received	\$1775.00
Expenditure	
External painting of hall	6801.90
Hall caretaking/cleaning April	280.95
Erect marquee	80.00
Table tennis grant	1000.00
Stationery	74.13
Decorating supplies	41.00
Fire extinguisher inspection 6 months	42.90
Total Expenditure	\$8320.88

Motion: "That the financial report be accepted."

Moved: Lynn Loftus Seconded: Ian Rolle Carried

Business Arising: Nil

REPORTS:

Councillor Greg Rogerson: at recent Council meeting, Councillor Rogerson flagged the future consideration of sewerage in Montville, citing unfairness of pump out costs to Range residents compared to costs to those on sewerage off the Range – system would be Pocket Size method with re-use back into town – GR expressed concerns with State Govt's plans re Traveston Dam (affects properties within MSC Division 1), stating Council had not been offered any opportunity for input – encouraged locals to attend Forum mentioned in Inwards correspondence, point 9 above – thanked Gillie Warren for her work done on the restoration plans of the Dixon graves in Flaxton.

Montville School – prepared by Mary Hynes, read by Phil Wilson - 129 students (record) – **Recent Highlights** – admin painted externally, roof to be re-sheeted – Green & Healthy judging – water quality testing – fun run – Arts Council Music Me – enrol now for 2007 Prep – various sporting activities externally – Singfest – Voices on the Coast participation - **Coming Events** - maths tournament – building stage 2 commencing June – Education Week – Music 2 day camp June – parent/teacher/student interviews.

Village Hall – Michael Simpson – gave overview of plans to add 2 more ornamental pillars to match existing pillars at the Memorial Gates section at the front of the Hall, explaining that the existing memorials would not be interfered with – advised that the Mapleton RSL Sub-branch will consider the funding these - thanked participants of Hall working bee.

3.

Care Cottage – Tricia Rowe – successful Trivia night May 11th, raising over \$1200 – Cocktail Party planned June 2nd – tickets on sale now for Bollywood/Hollywood dance July 7th, \$25 pp – still hopeful for success with funding application – Tricia gave a good explanation to assist community understand how the Care Group operates.

Dixon Graves Restoration - Gillie Warren - \$1500 raised so far – another \$1000 promised – need another \$4000 – grant funds application lodged – funds applied for will not include graves, but may cover landscaping – has other ideas of companies to approach.

Tidy Towns – Bob Allen – judging took place mid May – judges planned to stay for 2 hours, stayed for 4 – were impressed with tidiness, community activities and association and co-operation between community, Councillor Rogerson and Council.

Historical Materials Sub-committee – Sue Neal – historical materials put back into place in Hall (following Hall re-painting) – donations would be welcome to cover \$350 restoration work on photo frames etc – names under photos to be done – some work required in Hall annexe area.

Woodies - Ken Urquhart – members attended Maleny & Brisbane wood shows – 6th Annual Woodcraft EXPO Sat 1st Sunday 2nd July being display to public of woodworking skills & members competing amongst themselves – categories include wooden toy-making – small & large joinery – box making – wood turning – wood carving – clock making – miscellaneous. Official Opening 11am Sat. Items for sale – woodcraft demonstrations – sausage sizzle – entry gold coin – other local craft groups welcome to take space (54457813) – current community work includes 20 tables/chairs for MOPS Maleny & trophy cabinet for Maleny Pony Club – plans to build 2 new toilets at Sportsground.

Fund Raising Sub-committee – Judy Bull – Dance night in Hall 24th June, tickets on sale now \$15 – Garage Sale 15th July in Hall, donations of furniture, plants, produce, household items, anything-saleable etc requested – Montville Mock Wedding function in Hall October 14th.

Masonic Lodge – Bevan Christensen – Lodge continued clean up and other work outside Lodge building to assist with Tidy Towns entry – participated in Anzac Day Service.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Montville Bank Consideration – Craig Thomas, Bendigo Bank – gave brief run down of community banking – in Qld since 2000 – would have local board – franchised to community – steering committee say 12 people would be first step.

Proposed Changes to MVA Constitution currently known as MVA Model Rules – Judy Bull thanked last year's MVA Management Committee for the large amount of work they had done on the existing Model Rules to arrive at possible changes – stating that their work had made the task easier for this year's committee. The proposed changes to the MVA Constitution had been e-mailed to members who had nominated their address, and print copies were available to members present at this meeting. Each proposed change on the print out showed a change number to assist with clarification of which item was being discussed.

Motion: "That the current Constitution stays the same."

Moved: Hamish Borthwick

Seconded: John Neal

Motion lost.

The changes referred to below relate to changes to the existing document named Model Rules, registered with Consumer Affairs July 1996.

Change 1 - a proposed addition to the Model Rules. Motion: "A word or expression that is not defined in this constitution, but is defined in the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 has, if the context permits, the meaning given by the Act."

Moved: Colleen Brady

Seconded: Michael Simpson

Motion carried

Change 2 - a proposed change to Model Rules clause 1. Motion: "The name of the incorporated association is the Montville Village Association and in these rules called "The Association"."

Moved: Joan Allen

Seconded: Michelle Biggs

Motion carried.

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Change 3 - a proposed addition to the Model Rules: Motion: "MISSION STATEMENT. 'To honour and protect the heritage of Montville, to act as an umbrella organization for community activities and aspirations and to represent the interests of the Montville Community."

Moved: Syd Kirkby Seconded: Frank Laver

Amendment to Change 3 motion: "To change the word protect to respect."

Moved: Brian McLennan Seconded: Lennart Christensson Amendment to the motion lost.

Original motion then voted on and lost.

Change 4 - a proposed change to Model Rules clause 2. Motion: "The objects of the association are to maintain the Montville Village Hall and titled land, and to make it available for hire for community and private use. To maintain and administer the Montville Recreation and Sportsground as Trustees for the people of Montville and to make it available for approved Recreational and Sporting activities of the Community."

Moved: Lynn Loftus Seconded: Marion Cooper

Amendment to Change 4 motion: "being all the words in the original motion with the addition of **"all matters associated with the progress and development of Montville,"** in between the words are and to in the first sentence."

Moved: Brian McLennan Seconded: Garth Greenaway Amendment to the motion lost

Original motion then voted on and lost.

Change 5 Motion: "To remove the existing Model Rules clause 3.1."

Moved: Michael Simpson Seconded: John Goundrey Motion carried.

Change 6 was withdrawn.

Change 7 - a proposed redefinition of the boundaries referred to in the existing Model Rules clauses 4.(1)(a), 4.(1)(b), and 4.(1)(c). Motion: "The boundaries of the Montville Village Association membership area shall be: From Gerard Lookout on the Montville-Maleny road due west to Obi Obi Ck. Thence generally north westerly along the course of Obi Obi Creek and the northern side of Lake Baroon to the point at which the water body intersects the eastern boundary of the Obi Obi Gorge National Park. Thence generally north along the eastern boundary of the National Park/State forest to a position due west of the end of Carramar Court; thence east to the western end of Carramar Court thence directly north to Ensbey Rd. Thence to the southern end of Laurel Court; thence north-easterly along Laurel Crt. To Kingsview Drive. Thence south-easterly along Kingsview Drive to Summit St. Thence south-south-easterly along Summit St. to Ensbey Rd. Thence south-easterly along Ensbey Rd to the intersection of Ensbey Rd. and Montville- Mapleton Rd. Thence south-easterly along the Montville-Mapleton Rd to Phillips Rd. Thence north-easterly along Phillips Rd. to the high voltage power line just short of the Dulong-Blackall Range Rd. Thence generally southerly along the power line to its intersection with Highlands Rd; thence along Highland Road to its south westerly extent; thence south-westerly to the origin at Gerard Lookout. Residents/landowners of lots fronting the designated boundary roads on either side and all residents/landowners within the boundaries shall be eligible, of right, to be members of the Montville village Association, subject to satisfying the General meeting attendance requirements."

Moved: Syd Kirkby Seconded: Michael Simpson Motion lost

President, Judy Bull thanked Syd Kirkby for the large volume of work he had put into this motion.

Change 8 - a proposed addition to the Model Rules: Motion: "Any person who is ineligible under the above criteria but who has expressed a wish to join, and can demonstrate an association with, and a contribution to, any community organizations or businesses within the boundaries outlined on the attached map." Moved: Ray Outteridge Seconded: Syd Kirkby

Amendment to Change 8 motion: "To include after the last word (map), "and show that they have a genuine interest in Montville".

Moved Brian McLennan Seconded: Ray Outteridge Amendment to the motion lost

Second amendment to Change 8 motion: "being all the words in the original motion with the addition of **"a significant and ongoing"** in between the words demonstrate and association.

Moved: Ken Urquhart Seconded: Lennart Christensson Amendment to the motion lost

Original motion then voted on and lost.

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Motion: "To adjourn this meeting, and re-convene on Monday 12th June, in Montville Village Hall at 7.30pm."

Moved: Syd Kirkby Seconded: Alan Lewis Motion Carried

This meeting was stood adjourned at 10.10pm, to be re-convened on Monday 12th June 2006.

MINUTES of the Montville Village Assoc Inc. Re-convened General Meeting held at the Montville Village Hall, June 12th 2006.

(Meeting had commenced May 29th 2006 7.45pm, stood adjourned May 29th 10.10pm)

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm with Judy Bull in the Chair.

WELCOME: Judy Bull thanked and welcomed the large number of people attending.

APOLOGIES: Duncan Roads, Jim Hooper, Gilly Warren, Michael Simpson, Lynn Loftus, Stephanie McLennan, Ian Rolle, Judy Rolle, John Goundrey.

ATTENDANCE: see attendance book

A point was made from the floor that in change 6 on the documents voted on at the May 29th meeting, it referred to a map in the existing current rules, however the map was not available at the meeting. Judy Bull advised that at this meeting we were not able to go back to a change already voted on earlier in the meeting, but the matter could be raised appropriately at a future meeting. The meeting then continued with the agenda items in-complete from May 29th.

Change 9 - a proposed addition to the existing Model Rules. Motion "A person wishing to join the MVA may do so by completing the application form. This application will be processed expeditiously and presented at the next general meeting. If approved, the member has immediate voting Rights. To maintain those rights the member is required to attend at least two General Meetings in the following twelve months period."

Moved: Ray Outteridge Seconded: Anne Borthwick

Prior to the counting of votes, discussion took place on there being a full count of those for and those against, compared to a count of those for. Motion: "That there be a full count of those for and against."

Moved: Barry Brady Seconded: Jim Cox Motion Lost

Original motion in Change 9 above then voted on and lost.

Proposed Item 7.3 in Change 9 was withdrawn as it was not relevant following the loss of the motion relating to proposed 6.4 in change 8.

Change 10 - a proposed change to the existing Model Rules clause 9.3. Motion: "If a person whose application has been rejected does not appeal against the decision within 1 month after receiving written notice of the decision, or the person appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the Secretary must, as soon as practicable, refund any application fee paid by the person."

Moved: Ray Outteridge Seconded: Syd Kirkby

Amendment to Change 10 motion: "To change the timing stated from 1 month to 6 months".

Moved: Bryan McLennan Seconded: John Taylor Amendment to the motion lost

Original motion then voted on and lost.

Change 11 - a proposed change to Model Rules clause 11.1 Motion: " The management Committee of the association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president (optional) and such number of members the association members elect or appoint at a general meeting but no less than three nor more than five members.

Members who can represent other community organisations will be sought.

Each management committee position be held by a member for no more than any three consecutive years."

Moved: Colleen Brady Seconded: Syd Kirkby

Prior to voting discussion took place on the original motion be voted in seriatim. Motion: "That voting on the motion be in seriatim" Moved: Dave Bull Seconded: Anne Borthwick Motion Carried

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Voting then took place on the first paragraph 'The management Committee of the association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president (optional) and such number of members the association members elect or appoint at a general meeting but no less than three nor more than five members.'

Carried

Voting then took place on the paragraph "Members who can represent other community organisations will be sought."

Lost

Voting then took place on the paragraph "Each management committee position be held by a member for no more than any three consecutive years."

Lost

Change 12 - a proposed change to existing Model Rules clause 13 (1) Motion: "The management committee shall have the power at any time to appoint any member of the association to fill any casual vacancy on the management committee with this being ratified at the next general meeting."

Moved: Jenny Tatton

Seconded: Dave Bull

Motion Carried

Change 13 - a proposed addition to the existing Model Rules clause 15. Motion: "Where a member has an interest that does or could result in a conflict of interest relating to a particular agenda item, that member must declare this interest immediately."

Moved: Syd Kirkby

Seconded: Barry Brady

Motion Carried

Change 14 - a proposed addition to the existing Model Rules. Motion: "Under a new heading Accountability Of The Management Committee -

(A) Management committee members have a duty to the association and will be held accountable if they:

(i) deliberately fail to act in the best interests of the association

(ii) abuse their powers as committee members

(iii) fail to declare conflict of interests.

(B) No member of the management committee may enter into a contract or service agreement with the MVA for payment of services without a 66% +1 vote in favour of them doing so, by membership at a general meeting after notification to members of this agenda item.

(C) A management committee member must not vote on a question about a contract or proposed contract with the association if the member has an interest in the contract or proposed contract, and has declared that interest, and if the member does vote the member's vote must not be counted."

Moved: Barry Brady

Seconded: Ray Outteridge

Motion Carried

Change 15 - a proposed addition to the existing Model Rules. Motion: "Under a new heading Resignation/ Removal From Office Of Management Committee Member :-

A member must resign from office in writing if it can be shown, determined by members' majority vote at general meeting, that a conflict of interest exists and that his/her position on the committee has been used for personal advantage.

Moved: Colleen Brady

Seconded: Syd Kirkby

Motion Carried

Change 16 - proposed additions to the existing Model Rules clauses 16.1, 16.2 and 16.3

Motion: "That the items in the existing Model Rules numbered 16.1, 16.2 and 16.3 remain then include

.4 A subcommittee must contain at least one member of the management committee and should be chaired by a management committee member wherever practicable.

.5 (i) The management committee must give clear guidelines to the subcommittee of the specific task to be achieved.

.5 (ii) A time frame for this task must be set and can only be extended by the management committee.

.5 (iii) A subcommittee must take full and accurate minutes of any meetings or deliberations and these must be lodged with the management committee regularly in order that these reports can be presented to the next general meeting.

.5 (iv) The subcommittee will be disbanded when this task is complete.

.6 The management committee shall have the right at all times to review or revoke any action of a subcommittee.

.7 A subcommittee member cannot act on behalf of the MVA without authority being invested in them by the management committee.

A subcommittee member must not engage in any activities that would undermine the goals of that particular subcommittee, the MVA in general or any other MVA subcommittee. **(this motion continued on page 7)**

7.

A subcommittee, with membership determined under instruction of the management committee, can only be established with a resolution of the management committee and duly endorsed at the next general meeting. The management committee may appoint non MVA members to a subcommittee where they possess special skills or expertise beneficial to the outcome of the brief of the subcommittee provided the number of MVA members will predominate. These appointees will act as nonvoting advisors.

Moved : Joan Allen Seconded: Dave Bull

Prior to voting – Motion: “That voting on the motion be in seriatim”

Moved: John Taylor Seconded: Bryan McLennan Motion Lost

Original motion then voted on and carried.

Change 17 - a proposed deletion from existing Model Rules. Motion: “That clause 19 in the existing Model Rules relating to the timing of the Association’s first general meeting, be deleted.”

Moved: John Taylor Seconded: Marion Cooper Motion Carried

Change 18 - a proposed addition to the existing Model Rules. Motion: “ Under a new heading – Special MVA Policy on Conflict of Interest :-

A potential conflict of interest situation arises when an individual is in a position to influence decisions of a committee or working group, and the individual has outside organization, business or individual pecuniary interests in the issue about which the decision is made.

Where individuals are active members of the community, potential conflicts of interest may arise quite frequently, as those members may “wear several hats” or the decision may concern business or personal relationships of the individual in addition to the particular interests of the committee in question.

It is important to be aware that conflict of interest relates to the circumstances of an individual in relation to an individual agenda item under discussion, and does not reflect on the character or actions of the individual.

Many decision making committees will include members who might often need to declare a conflict of interest at an agenda meeting. Anyone declaring a conflict of interest for an agenda item does not participate in the debate and decision making on the issue in question.

It is a minimum ethical standard that any member of the MVA must declare conflict of interest prior to debate or voting on a particular issue. No other rights of that member are affected.”

Moved: Syd Kirkby (pointing out he had concerns about the sentence in para 4 beginning “Anyone.....)

Seconded: Colleen Brady

Amendment to Change 18 motion. “ To delete the sentence - Anyone declaring a conflict of interest for an agenda item does not participate in the debate and decision making on the issue in question.”

Moved: Syd Kirkby Seconded: John Taylor Amendment to the motion carried

Amended original motion (now excluding the sentence – Anyone declaring a conflict of interest for an agenda item does not participate in the debate and decision making on the issue in question) voted on and carried.

Change 19 - a proposed change of wording to existing Model Rules clause 26.

Motion: “ A. Subject to the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, these rules may be amended, repealed or added to by a special resolution carried at a general meeting.

B. However an amendment, repeal or addition is valid only if it is registered by the chief executive.”

Moved: Colleen Brady Seconded: Ray Outteridge Motion Carried

Change 20 - a proposed change to existing Model Rules clause 28 (10). Motion: “Change the existing clause 28 (10) to become - The income and property of the association must be used solely in upholding the associations mission statement; promoting the association’s objects and exercising the associations powers.” Moved: Bryan McLennan with notice he would seek an amendment to the wording Seconded: Ray Outteridge

Amendment to motion. “To delete the wording - ‘the associations mission statement, promoting the association’s objects’, and replace it with ‘and promoting the Objects of the association’. The amended motion would now read – “ The income and property of the association must be used solely in upholding and promoting the Objects of the association, and exercising the associations powers.”

Moved: Bryan McLennan Seconded: Barry Brady Amendment to the motion carried.

The amended motion then voted on and carried.

8.

Change 21 related to proxy voting. Motion: “ There will be no proxy voting.”

Moved: Bryan McLennan

Seconded: Ray Outteridge

Motion Lost

OTHER BUSINESS:

MVA Dance – Judy Bull reminded the meeting of the MVA’s Heartbeat Dance planned for Saturday 24 June at 7 pm.

DATE NEXT GENERAL MEETING – Monday 26th June 7.30pm at Montville Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record.

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Judy Bull - President

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Phil Wilson - Secretary