

AGENDA MVA General Meeting January 29th Montville Village Hall 7.30pm

1. Meeting opened at 7.34 The president welcomed all present. **Present:** as per attendance register

Apologies: Janet Helmrich, Richard Cranbrook, Clem McMillan, Mark Gardner, Gillie Warren, Kathy Laver, Ken Urquhart, Monica & Lennart Christiansson, Joan Allen, Val & Len Gorsch, Roger Millard, Judy Rolle, Alan Felmingham

2. **Minutes of November general meeting** were emailed to members, displayed on the Village Square notice board, and put on the MVA website. They are taken as being read
Moved: John Greer Seconded: Colleen Brady that the minutes of the
November General Meeting be accepted Carried

3. **Business arising from minutes:** None

4. **New Members:** None

5. Correspondence:

Email - Stephanie McLennan reply to email re annexe

Email – Ken Lyons – RFP & Crawford's Lookout

MCA – reported having deferred attempts to obtain building funding at this time; request for support from MVA

Email – Greg Rogerson – unable to attend Australia Day breakfast

MSC – notification of changes to Councillors Donations Fund

Greg Rogerson – has initiated action request regarding a walkway within RFP

Kristen McGregor (MSC) – cheque for \$1300 from Councillors Donations Fund – contributed by Mayor Natoli, Cr Rogerson & Cr Northey from their funds

Peter Wellington – regret unable to attend MVA drinks

Ergon Energy Tidy Towns 2006 report

Ergon Tidy Towns 2007 entry information

Melbourne IT – Domain Name renewal notice

Christmas card – QPWS Sunshine Coast (Mick Cubis)

MSC – Rapid Response Application Form

Email – Lennart Christiansson re PA system

Invitation to Roger Loughnan Art Exhibition (MVA Village Hall to be beneficiary)

Woodies – invitation to John & committee to attend Open Day on March 10

Woodies – seeking LOS for funding application for new toilet block

Chamber of Commerce – exploring possibility of housing defibrillator in locked cabinet in Hall

Email Pam Maegdefrau – copy of "Landcare Lowdown" – Mary River Landcare Group – revegetation projects

Email – Joan Dillon – Community News re raising of funds

Email – Ken Lyons re Memorial Gates

Peter Wellington re Australia Day

Alan Lander SCD – re Australia Day

Maroochy Waste Management – re Waste Alert Community Education Programme

Range Care Crier

Neighbourhood Watch

Montville Times

Sunshine Valley News

Outwards:

EPA – requesting further information re heritage listing

Thank you: Ian Rolle, Mapleton Bottle Shop, Montville Coffee

Emails Sharyn Peacocke re website updates

Greg Rogerson invitation to Christmas functions & reminder of promised donation of \$2000

Application to Councillors Donation Fund (for \$2000)

Email – Stephanie McLennan re annexe

Email – Ken Lyons – reply

Peter Wellington – invitation to MVA drinks

Santa Night thank you: Dan Laws, Sunshine Candy Kitchen, Mapleton Choir, Les Gittins

Refund:			
incorrect charge			
for gas cylinders	-44.00		
Annual facility			
fee for 45kg vap			
cylinder	47.30		
Energex			
padlock & keys			
(sportsground)	41.80		
Carols night -			
speakers &			
lights	190.00		
Australia Day			
Breakfast			
supplies	291.15		
Australia			
Day Float	50.00		
Hall Care			
taking Nov &			
Dec	480.00		
Janatorial			
supplies	20.00		
Weld			
trolley	25.00		
On site			
sewerage facility			
assessment			
report	66.00		
Website			
updating			
Sep/Oct	297.00		
Electricity -			
Hall	150.30		
Electricity -			
Sportsground		314.65	to be reimbursed by
Marquee			Woodies
erection	160.00		
Speaker			
cable	35.00		
Total			
Expenditure			
re			
<u>Expenditure</u>			
<u>to approve</u>			
Rates: Domestic			
wheelie bin			
01/01-30/06/07	64.00		
Application for			
liquor license			
(trivia night)	32.50		
Reconciliation			
Bank Statement			
#219 29 Dec 06			
Closing Balance	3,368.32		
Plus Income			
to be banked		4,851.90	

Less	
Unpresented	
Cheques	1,497.10
Balance as	
at 29/01/07	6,723.12
L Loftus, Treasurer 29-	
Jan-07	

Moved: Lynn Loftus Seconded: Jim Hooper that the financial report be accepted, and the expenditure be approved for payment Carried

The treasurer congratulated all involved in recent events which have raised funds for the MVA. Raffle raised \$2000 -thanks to all who donated prizes, and to everyone else involved in selling or buying tickets. Australia Day breakfast well supported. Thanks to all who attended, and supported MVA events. Even though money has been raised, we have two very large bills coming up in May (building and public liability insurance - last year paid about \$4,500) in addition to upgrade to sewerage system. Treasurer issued a plea for members to continue supporting events – all help gratefully accepted – all donations gratefully accepted.

8. Business arising from Treasurer's report: None

9. Reports:

Councillor Rogerson (away)

Russell Family Park: (Syd Kirkby). In December MVA wrote to Cr Rogerson proposing a co-operative arrangement between MVA & MSC to develop walkways in RFP. Contacted MSC – Cr Rogerson is away – spoke to Gary Taylor who stressed he could not speak for Cr Rogerson or MSC, but can give his understanding of the situation. MSC and Cr Rogerson are committed to Master Plan for RFP which entails sale of 3 blocks on Western Ave.

Requirement for that sale to go ahead is provision of access to the blocks. Gary cannot see how there will be any money available to do anything further than the road. Also a commitment within MSC for provision of a roadway along back of shops on western side of the main road to make deliveries. [This would involve considerable work on upper side – would businesses on the higher side continue to have deliveries made from the main street?]. This would also put a road between the Park and the back of the properties.] **Walking paths:** Gary's view is that in most places in the Park the slopes are such that one couldn't get significant walking paths without doubling the distance. Where to go from here? **BBQ in Park:** interest was expressed in a BBQ in the Park in late February, where anyone interested in the walkways can meet, exchange ideas and walk around the Park. Les Gittins & Frank Laver will join Syd in organisation. **Questions** were raised: Is all the money from the sale of the blocks committed to the development of a car park? Was the money from the sale always intended to be spent on the car park? Is there an estimate of the cost of the road? [In September Cr Rogerson explained that the road would feed from a roundabout in front of the information centre, and exit onto Western Avenue.] What is the current value of the blocks? Where did the request for a road behind the shops originate? There was a proposal some time ago for some sort of track behind the shops to allow an ambulance through - was also a proposal for 2 forms of tenure for the park: one for the Park itself to be preserved as a park, and the area of parking lot would be Council operational land -always a proposal sale of 3 blocks to defray the cost of buying the land. Which Master Plan is Council working from? Could Council give a current conceptual design of what they have in mind for the Park?.

Montville School: (Report sent by Mary Hynes) **Enrolment** has continued to grow with over 140 students already settling into their classes. This is a huge increase from the 75-80 students of a few years ago. Two years ago we had four class teachers while this year we have 6 teachers. Stage 2 of our new building was completed before the holidays and is now home to the Preps and Year 1s with 2 teachers: Greta Blowers and Rita Stefanovic. The classroom closest to the oval now houses Years 2, 3 and 4 with 2 teachers: Kelly Ayres and new arrival, Lesley Funnell. The Year 5, 6 and 7 students are in the other classroom being taught by Anne Dougan and Kate Bailey with Chris Hay returning in a fortnight. We're looking forward to a great year. Jo McCormick will continue with our Physical Education classes and she's already planning cross country, athletics and many sporting events.

Wendy Hodgins will continue with music lessons for all year levels and we welcome Kathy Payne as our new Japanese teacher. All children from Year 4-7 will have twice weekly Japanese lessons. **Recent Highlights:** Montville has been successful in achieving funding grants of over \$100,000 to upgrade and extend playground facilities during this year. We plan on resurfacing the tennis court, introducing a playground for the older students, building an archery facility, putting in some outdoor seating with chess tables as well as an extensive sand and water play area. We'll have staff, students, parents and interested community members assisting in the design. Let us know if you have some great ideas We're looking forward to a fantastic 2007.

Woodies: no report

Roads: (Les Gittins): At the last meeting it was reported that surveyors had been sighted on the Woombye Montville Road. Les reported on a letter which Peter Wellington had received from the District Director of the Main Roads Dept about the work on Woombye Montville Road and Razorback Road. Surveys were required for concept planning to investigate options for further incremental improvements to the road. On Razorback Road – improvement will be made to 2 lane sealed standard. The indicative total cost will be \$1.5m and it will be jointly funded by Council and Main Roads. Design is in progress and construction is expected to start this financial year. Council will consult the community before commencement of work. Question – who has been spraying morning glory near the horseshoe bend? Possibly Council?

Blackall Range Care Cottage: (Alexina Johnson as a member of the BRCC Management Committee): **On February 20 th at 11 am a Community Information Forum** will be held at the Care Cottage in Flaxton. Members of the Blackall Range Care Group and interested community members are invited to attend to gather information and provide comments on the services provided by and future directions of the Care Group. This meeting will also act as a general meeting of the Care Group to approve several additional proposed changes to the Constitution. These proposed changes may be viewed at the Care Cottage office. **The Christmas Party** which was held at the Maleny Show Pavilion last year was another outstanding social success. It was a little cooler than the previous year and all those who attended voted the evening function a very happy time. . The staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make the evening so enjoyable are to be congratulated for all the work that was done . **The twentieth anniversary year** of the Blackall Range Care Group proved to be an outstanding success. The celebratory functions were well attended and during the year those connected with the Care Cottage were able to make more members of the Blackall Range Community aware of our functions. **The building programme** to construct our new administration centre and provide two short term overnight respite rooms for carers continues and the results of the funding application should be known early in February this year. When funding is obtained , work will commence immediately and the Committee hopes to have the project completed by late August of this year. **After many years of outstanding association with the Care Group** , Our Manager, Tricia, has announced her retirement. All associated with the Care Group will miss her greatly. She has done a marvelous job managing the Care Group and assisting the residents of the Blackall Range. **The Management Committee** wish to extend their appreciation to the residents , the business houses and community groups of the Blackall Range for their support . Without this wonderful community support , the Care Group would not be able to effectively provide the services that it does.

Fire Brigade: (Les Gittins) – training begins on Wednesday night at 7.00 pm. Question: Has brigade a view on remuneration of members? Brigade not interested – a volunteer organisation.

Montville State School P&C and Montville Village Association Santa Night 6/12/06 Report (Rick Rexa): The traditional Montville State School P & C and Montville Village Association Santa night was held on 6 December 2006. This enjoyable and successful night based on the theme of “peace and harmony” reinforced the event as a justifiable inclusion in the Montville social calendar. Montville’s sense of community was strengthened through entertaining presentations by Montville State School students, the Mapleton choir, a Christmas pantomime performed by the Kids Club, an uplifting Baha’i and Buddhist student segment, decorations provided by Montville State School Prep, 1, 2 and 3 students; and a poignant story especially written for the night by a local author all of which promoted the

theme. The active involvement of a large audience in the night's proceedings encouraged by the committee's decision to adopt a more formal setting in the hall for the first part of the program prior to Santa's arrival on the village green helped make the event memorable. The committee felt that this change should become common practice for future Santa nights. Another change which appeared to work well on the night was the hiring of choir microphones at a cost of \$100. These provided better sound quality and this improved the atmosphere. The hire costs were covered on the night by the sale of glow sticks to the children present. Overall I am pleased to report that the event was cost neutral. This was also made possible by hours of voluntary work carried out by people in our community. I would like to thank the very hard working members of the Santa committee – Angela Chauvin, Jennifer McIntyre, Yvette Nirvana, Colleen Brady and Alison Rexa for helping to make our meetings both productive and enjoyable. Special thanks must also go to Alison Lambert for the effort she put into writing and presenting "When Santa Came to Montville", Sunshine Candy Kitchen for providing the sweets Santa gave to the children, Wendy Hodgins for the many hours she spent preparing the Montville students for the musical segments, the Montville State School principal, Mary Hynes, for her active help in preparing for and implementing the program, the Montville teachers in general for their support (especially with providing decorations), Les Gittins and the Montville Fire Brigade for ensuring that Santa arrived at the village green, the Mapleton choir for providing uplifting entertainment, Dan Laws for providing his expertise with sound equipment for free thereby ensuring the success of the night, Chris Schloss for organising the pantomime which delivered the important Christmas message and Karen Barnett and Yvette Nirvana for the effort they put into the Baha'i and Buddhist presentation. As you can see many people were involved in the event and the community spirit generated is one of the aspects which make our little village on the Blackall Range so special. Peace and harmony are important and events like the Santa night help to promote them and remind us about the key things in life.

Carols on the Green: Excellent evening – many thanks to Andrew Walter, the Salvation Army, members of the Maleny Singers and all of Andrew's many wonderful helpers.

Australia Day: (On behalf of sub-committee: Sue Delaney, Kathy & Frank Laver, Lavinia Ryan, Tony Warren, Syd Kirkby, John Greer & Colleen Brady): wonderful celebration. Congratulations to Michael Simpson for Montville Australia Day Citizenship award; to Gillie Warren for a very interesting and entertaining address (many thanks, Gillie). Thanks also to James Simpson and the Montville Breakfast Band, and also to members of the Mapleton Choir for their marvellous contributions to the event. Thanks also to the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club, to the Rural Fire Brigade, the flag raisers, the wonderful volunteers who did a splendid job, and everyone who attended and helped make the morning such a happy occasion and resounding success.

Fund raising: Raffle results: (On behalf of sub-committee: Judy Bull, Judy Exley, Heather Lewis, Lavinia Ryan & Colleen Brady): the MVA raffle was drawn at the Australia Day breakfast. Winners were: M. Martin (first prize) and G. MacDonald (second prize). Thanks again to all the generous donors who made the raffle possible: Jim Cox, Ray Outteridge, Poets Café, Settlers Rise Winery, Flaxton Barn, Obi Obi Green Tea and Montville Coffee. Thanks are also due to those who worked tirelessly to sell the tickets, and to everyone who supported the raffle by buying tickets. **Next event: Trivia Night in the Village Hall**

Thursday March 15th beginning at 7.00 pm. Tickets will be \$10.00 each – available from the Pharmacy. If you wish, make up a table of 8 – otherwise just come and join a table. A bar will be available on the night – just BYO nibbles. Any unwanted Christmas gifts will be gratefully accepted as prizes. Please pass on to one of the sub-committee members: Judy Bull, Judy Exley, Heather Lewis, Lavinia Ryan or Colleen Brady. **April event:** Heather Lewis:

forward notice of a dinner event on Friday 20th April in the Village Hall. Dinner will be catered – 2 courses – Mauritian flavours - \$20.00 per person– more information to be available at the February meeting

Historical: (Lynn Loftus) More work has been done on the Dixon graves – residents are urged to have a look – Gillie has done a sterling job – work coming up to completion soon

10 General Business:

Memorial Gates: (Ken Lyons) The Memorial Gates outside the Village Hall commemorate those who participated in World War I. Since then Australian troops have been involved in 14

conflicts. The proposition is that something should be done to recognize service men and women who have been / are engaged in these conflicts. There are 3 suggestions as to how this might be achieved. The 3 suggestions involve: a) shifting the flagpoles and placing a new pillar at either end of the existing pillars (approx \$10,000 - \$15,000); inverting the iron railings (either the existing railings or new railings) and placing the marble facing on the outer pillars (approx \$3,000 - \$4,000); placing a pillar in the middle of the space between the gates and the Hall (approx \$4,000 - \$5,000). Gates appear to be on the road reserve. Motion that the meeting endorse the purpose of recognizing the contributions of Australian service men and women past World War I, and that that recognition be incorporated in a manner yet to be determined in detail, with the existing gate complex area moved Ken Lyons seconded Syd Kirkby carried. (**Note:** Diagrams showing the options will be on display in the post office until the February meeting, when a vote on the options will be taken – Sec)

11. Other Business:

Discussion of proposed changes to council boundaries Motion that the MVA through Greg Rogerson's office organise a public meeting at which the Mayor and Councillors Rogerson and McKay can tell us how the move to combine councils will help the Hinterland ratepayers moved Les Gittins seconded Hamish Borthwick carried

Masonic Lodge: (Bevan Christensen) the Lodge is currently in recess – Brooke Schloss winner of Citizenship Award

12. **Date of next General Meeting:** Monday 26th February, 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

13. **Meeting closed at:** 9.10 p.m.

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