

Minutes MVA General Meeting Monday 24th September, 2007
Montville Village Hall 7.30pm

1. **Meeting opened** at 7.40 pm with John Greer in the Chair. John welcomed all present. **Present:** as per attendance register

2. **Apologies:** Jill Gardner-Leonard, Mark Gardner, Jim Cox, Pam Maegdefrau, Heater Lewis, Syd Kirkby, Barry Brady, Mary Stent, Gordon Hunter, Kathleen Laver.

John Greer highlighted that there might be a grey area concerning Michelle Biggs eligibility to be a member on the Management Committee. This is relation to receiving a financial gain whilst looking after the hall. As there wasn't any opposition or concern raised, her appointment would stand.

3. **Minutes of the July 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: that the minutes of the July General Meeting be accepted.
Seconded: Michele Felmingham
Carried

4. **Business arising from minutes:** Nil

5. **New members:** No new members

6. **Correspondence:**

Inwards:

1. Karyn Maher – renewable energy project
2. John Goundrey – request for MVA representative to plan Town Crier Tribute night
3. John Goundrey – Bendigo Bank meeting
4. Ken Urquhart – toilet block funding
5. John Bohm – toilet block funding
6. Caloundra City Council – Regional Art Gallery – Spring/Summer Program
7. Caloundra City Council – Sunshine Coast Art Prize
8. Maroochy Shire Council – Maroochy in Focus
9. Invitation from Montville State School to attend MSS Charity Soccer Day awards Sept 14
10. Michael Simpson – copies of letters re “Montville Historic Precinct”
11. Ken Lyons – re Montville/Flaxton iconic status request
12. Mayor Natoli – invitation to Mayoral breakfast
13. MSC – condition assessment of septic system at sportsground
14. Sunshine Coast Community Information Services – Halls & venues for hire
15. OFT – Annual return of Association
16. Dennis Tennant (Dept of Main Roads) – reply to letter re Nambour Mapleton Road widening
17. Email (3) Mary Hynes (Montville State School Principal) – update of Sunshine plaza “shop for kids program”.
18. Blackall range Care Group – invitation to attend annual general meeting.
19. Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild – club information/contacts update
20. Chris Hay – Family soccer day
21. Andrew Tilt – Russell Family Park
22. Office of Fair Trading – request for complete (updated) constitution
23. Maroochy Shire Council – nominations for Australia Day Awards
24. Pitches Hospitality Supplies - brochure of commercial kitchen equipment
25. email from Shamar Communications – update of July’s minutes on web page
26. email from Colleen Brady – membership of management committee requirements
27. email from Shamar Communications – update MVA AGM minutes on website
28. email from Mary Hynes – cancellation of soccer day
29. emails (2) from Pam Maegdefrau – Iconic status
30. email from Mary Hynes – Plaza Shop for Sunshine Kids final result
31. email from Mary Hynes – Montville State School report

Outwards:

1. John Bohm – Woodies – re toilet block funding (3)
2. Jill Gardner-Leonard – thanks for donation of \$300

3. Dennis Tennant, District Director, Main Roads – re apron beside the up-lane on the upgraded Mapleton Range road cc Peter Wellington, MADCA, John Knaggs
4. Montville State School – LOA to the students, and in particular Matthew Tucker, for naming the Village Hall as the recipient of the Charity Soccer Carnival & Family Fun day
5. Peter Wellington – request for consideration of iconic status for Montville/Flaxton area
6. Paula Phillips (MSS P&C President) –thanks for invitation to awards day
7. OFT – Form to register change to constitution
8. Ray Currie – LOA for discount on bowl purchased for Rolles' gift
9. Ken Urquhart - re toilet block funding (2)
10. Ken Lyons – re Montville/Flaxton iconic status request
11. Montville Times column
12. TRN – notice re Community Benefit Fund grant & TRN – date for special resolution
13. email: Michele Felmingham – proposed letter drop
14. Office of Fair Trading: sent complete copy of amended constitution
15. email to MVA members – reminder of soccer day
16. email to MVA members – postponement of soccer day
17. email to Andrew Melville (Blackall Range Care Group) – acceptance of invitation to AGM
18. email to MVA members – notification of email contact of MVA secretary
19. email to MVA members – Agenda for September's MVA general meeting
20. email to Hinterland Times – article for October issue
21. Office of Fair Trading: sent complete copy of constitution

Moved: Alan Felmingham: that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards endorsed
 Seconded: Anne Borthwick
 Carried

7. Business arising from correspondence:

Letter read out from Andrew Tilt re Russell family Park concerning the concept that the MVA take control of the ongoing maintenance. Bryan McLennan suggested that the park land could be lost to the community, especially with the transfer to the amalgamated Sunshine Coast Council. He also went through the history of the planning and subdivision around the district and asked that the MVA have the foresight to overcome the strangulation of development around Montville. In view of recent media correspondence, he welcomed a debate on Iconic Status. The Chairman stated the no meeting date can be set for such a meeting until a clearer understanding of the legislation is available.

Much discussion followed (including reading of the correspondence to Peter Wellington on the request for Iconic Status for the Montville/Flaxton area), particularly by Cr Greg Rogerson. Iconic Status/development discussion was transferred by the Chairman to General Business.

John Goundrey expanded on his correspondence to the MVA. He asked if the MVA was willing to be part of the organisation of a Tribute Night for our retiring Town Crier (John Stevenson). It was indicated that this would be discussed at next Monday's management committee meeting.

The roll up to the Bendigo Bank meeting was extremely disappointing especially considering that there was an opportunity for community groups and organisations to benefit from the venture. In view of the lack of interest shown the establishment of the bank appears unlikely.

8. Treasurer's Report:

In the Treasures absence, Allan Lewis gave a brief overview of the MVA finances. The costs involved for the Sportsground toilet are starting to occur. There was one large payment for the month - \$880 for auditing fees.

Moved: Allan Lewis: the financial summary report be accepted.
 Seconded: Ken Urquhart,
 Carried

9. Business arising from Treasurer's report: nil

10. Reports:

1. Councillor Greg Rogerson:

- ∞ Greg has been host to the chairman of the Fenland District Council, which is one of Maroochy's sister cities. They are here to be at the launch of the book March Hero at the Nambour library, which is a biography of Jim Hocking, a pilot in the Air Force during World War II.
- ∞ New division boundaries have now come out from the Electoral Commission. Our new division (5), will incorporate Maleny, Montville, Flaxton and Palmwoods. Some strange logic used to set the boundaries.
- ∞ A Tourism and Development grant of \$100,000 has been made for the progression of the Lilyponds upgrade at Mapleton.

2. Montville School:

Report presented on behalf of Mary Hynes, Principal

- ∞ **Enrolment:** Current enrolment of 140 students
- ∞ **Staff Update:** I am on leave first fortnight next Term as I holiday on Lord Howe Island and class teacher, Chris Hay, approved as acting principal.
- ∞ **Recent Highlights:**
 - Building works of the new building: handrails finished on weekend, requested grass to be laid as soon as possible. Year 3/4 class and learning support have moved into this building and year 2/3 spread out in existing room. Grass will be laid during the holidays
 - Tennis court upgrade – basketball posts have now been constructed
 - Montville Athletics and Small Schools Athletics very successful and 1 student to regional athletics today
 - Youth Leadership Course organised by Glasshouse Country Toastmasters for yr 7 went very well with finale recently here at Montville. Huge thanks to organisers.
 - Several recent excursions have been very popular
 - Port-A-Bowl very popular with students – 5 sets of mat, ball and pins lent by Suncity Ten Pin Bowling
 - Year 7s have commenced visiting Maleny SHS as part of Transition program.
 - Support A Talker workshop for parents of young children held recently with lots in attendance
 - Montville Choir performed in hall last Friday afternoon for parents and students
 - Students from USC assisted our students to conduct an energy audit of the school
 - Prep 2008. If you are aware of anyone who is considering sending their Prep student to Montville next year and we have not yet met them, could you please ask them to contact us as soon as possible.
 - Very grateful to Maleny Rotary for once again organising Bike Education for Year 5 students
- ∞ **Coming Events:**
 - Montville Charity Soccer Day – postponed to early next term.
 - Deck outside 2/3 room can now be started as nearby areas now open for access
 - A new toilet block will be built during next year – in similar location but wider and with disabled access.

3. Woodies: (Ken Urquhart)

GENERAL

The new committee has taken control in a positive way and is undertaking its planning work and a great 2006/07 is emerging. Our regular events are still planned and a special weekend on 23/24 November to show our Christmas type woodcraft is planned in St Mary's Hall. We hope local people will support that event and we will give it wide publicity as for our Open Day and our Woodcraft EXPO.

WOODCRAFT.

- ∞ The shed is buzzing with activity with several members generating heaps of shavings and dust on their way to producing individual projects that will grace their homes or those of their relatives and friends and possibly discreet purchasers
- ∞ . It is also the time of year when those leading the Christmas Toy-making appeals get their designs and patterns ready and we again expect to produce 2-300 toys for donation to the Salvation Army and other charities.
- ∞ All 5 mornings are well attended and new members are integrating well.

TOILETS.

- ∞ Our project is well under way with the slab, water connection and ancillary works completed and the building about to be erected. Completion in a few weeks will be possible with the co-operation of tradesmen, but this doesn't always happen of course. We are confident of having it in use before our Christmas party early in December.
- ∞ We appreciate the smooth manner with which MVA is responding to invoices associated with the construction and commend John and Alan for their co-operation. It appears the final cost could be around \$36,000 with \$25,000 being funded through the Grant.

SKILLS TRAINING.

- ∞ Currently under way is a wood-turning course for beginners over 6 weeks and a jewel boxmaking course over 4 weeks. We are also planning a wood-carving course for those who are in the beginner's stage. ☒
- ∞ A survey to determine future needs and priorities is under way with members invited to have input that will focus on their individual needs as a guide to our membership development plans.

NEW MEMBERS.

- ∞ We continue to have enquiries from people throughout the Range and welcome visits from those who just want to know what attracts so many people to "the Shed" every week. See you down there any morning other than Fridays and Sundays.

4. Blackall Range Care Cottage: (Alexina Johnson)

Last month the Care Group conducted their Annual General Meeting. Member for Nicklin, Peter Wellington attended the meeting and presided over the election of the incoming Management Committee. The following positions were filled:

President: Andrew Melville (Mapleton), Vice President: Jim Coles (Flaxton), Secretary: Gillie Warren (Flaxton), Treasurer: Frank Laver (Flaxton)

Committee members: Dorothy Cosandey (Mapleton), Colleen Brady (Flaxton), Alexina Johnson (Mapleton/Obi Obi), Jack Wilcox (Maleny/Witta), Rob Norris (Maleny/Witta), Ivan Yaksich (Mapleton), James Davidson (Maleny/Witta).

Welsh and Welsh of Nambour were appointed Honorary Solicitors.

The Committee farewelled former Treasurer Jude Lang who has served on the Committee for some 13 years and the meeting acknowledged the wonderful contribution the Jude had made to the Blackall Range community over her time with the Care Group. James Davidson who will represent Maleny/Witta was welcomed as a new member of the Care Group Committee.

The meeting was well attended with some 70 people in attendance. Participating contributors from the Regional Partnership Program were represented by Cr Greg Rogerson, Maroochy Shire; Cr Dick Newman, Caloundra City Council; Peter Wellington, Member for Nicklin and Sue Quinn represented the Member for Fairfax Alex Somlyay. The new State Minister for Disabilities Queensland, Aged, Home and Community Care and Multi Culturalism, Lindy Nelson-Carr and her Parliamentary Secretary, Rachel Nolen, visited the Group and spoke briefly of the importance of organisations such as the Care Group to regional communities.

During the meeting, Manager, Thea Caffin, took the opportunity to welcome the new Office Administrator, Trish Brunton.

The building project continues to progress rapidly. The building has reached the lockup stage and soon the carpets will be installed and the painting of the interior will be completed. It is hoped that the project will be very near completion by Christmas.

As the number of clients in the Maleny/Witta area has grown, the present office at the rear of the Riverside Centre has become too small for the Care Group's use. In the next month, care services will be provided from Burgum House at 9 Bunya Street. This office is situated opposite the primary

school. The Committee thanks Michael and Leanne Katsaras for their wonderful support with their former office over the years.

The great work done by the volunteers from the Range communities was recognized at the Annual General Meeting. All keynote speakers spoke glowingly of the efforts of all volunteers who have contributed their time and efforts during the past year.

Any community members with comments or questions can contact President, Andrew Melville, on 5478 6010 or email the Care Group at carefolk@bigpond.net.au

5. Russell Family Park

Alan Felmingham is the nominated management representative. Nothing to report.

11. General Business

Masonic Lodge: Brief report given

Iconic Status/Legislation

There was much discussion on the subject.

A meeting on the matter will be held when more specific information is available on the legislation.

Future development within the Montville/Flaxton area

Further discussion was had. Suggestion that the MVA management committee contact Ken Lyons on his advice of how to work through any development process.

There were spirited discussions on what may or may not have occurred at meetings between Greg Rogerson and the past Management Committee.

Motion proposed by Colleen Brady: That we end this Discussion now and move on.

Seconded by Ken Urquhart

Carried

12. Date of next Meeting: Monday 29th October, 2007 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

President

Secretary