

**Minutes MVA General Meeting Monday 28th January, 2008
Montville Village Hall 7.30pm**

1. **Meeting opened** at 7.40 pm with John Greer in the Chair.

John welcomed all to the meeting.

Present: as per attendance register

2. **Apologies:** Lynn Loftus, Judy Exley, Gordon Exley, Jude Lang, Ed Burke.

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: Syd Kirkby

Carried

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

5. **New members:**

Melanie Vilnis was welcomed as a new member of the MVA

6. **Correspondence:**

Inwards:

1. Letter from AEC – agreement to use the hall
2. Range Care Crier Newsletter - December
3. Letter from ATO – update ABN details
4. Letter from MSC – approval to use park for Australia Day
5. Nomination for Montville Citizen of the Year
6. letter from Peter Wellington – unable to accept Christmas celebrations
7. letter from Peter Wellington – unable to accept Australia Day celebrations
8. email(s) from Wayne Graham (USC) – facilitate meeting
9. email from Angie Humphrey – Drinks on the Deck
10. booklet – Mapleton, Flaxton, Montville business directory
11. Montville Neighbourhood watch newsletter
12. Maroochy Grants booklets (2 of)
13. Maroochy Council – Final inspection certificate
14. Maroochy council – Compliance certificate
15. email from Qld Insurance Services – copy of certificate of currency
16. Nomination of citizen of the year
17. email for drinks on the deck in February
18. email from Ken Lyons – enquiry on monthly talk
19. Caloundra Regional Art Gallery – exhibitions program (2 of)
20. Queensland Heritage Festival – program entry form
21. Tidy Towns 2008 registration info
22. Meet the candidates evening – invite to Dick Newman, Jenny McKay, Winston Johnston.
23. email from Angie Humphrey (chamber of commerce) – invite to their next meeting
24. invite for iconic legislation meeting – Jenny McKay, Dick Newman, Joe Natoli, Don Aldous, Peter Wellington, Bob Abbott, Carolyn Male,

Outwards:

1. lodgement of rapid response grant – Australia Day
2. complete form ATO – change of registration details
3. acknowledgement of Montville citizen of the year nomination (2)
4. letters to Greg Rogerson (4) – Russell Family Park
5. email to Greg Rogerson – Russell Family park
6. email to members – seeking raffle ticket sellers
7. email to members – Drinks on the Deck invite
8. email to member re drinks on the deck in February
9. thank you letter to: Mary Hynes, Paula Phillips, Alison and Rick Rexa, Dan Laws, Chris Schloss.
10. invitation to Bev Hand – Australia Day Celebration
11. invitation to John Roma (Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Association) – Australia Day Celebrations
12. email to members – Opera Australia invite
13. email to members – draft Iconic legislation
14. Meet the candidate evening – acceptance by Jenny McKay, Dick Newman
15. email to Greg Rogerson – Russel family Park
16. email to members – January Agenda

17.thank you for Australia Day donations – Jim Cox, Montville Bottle Shop, Jill Gardner, Montville Pharmacy, Alexina Johnson, Settlers Rise, Montville News,

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

7. Business arising from correspondence:

Judy Bull enquired about what was the status of Russell Family Park. She was happy to accept that it would be discussed in the reports section of the meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report:

In Lynn Loftus absence there wasn't a report tabled at the meeting.
A copy of her report sent to the Secretary on 29/01/08 is included

Montville Village Association Inc.

Treasurer's Report

General Meeting 28th January 2008

	\$	\$	
Balance as at 26/11/07			5967.15
Income			2475.70
Expenditure			<u>1735.98</u>
Balance as at 15/01/08			<u>6706.87</u>

Income

Hire of Hall	1010.00
Reimbursement of electricity (Woodies)	409.25
Santa Night	105.00
Australia Day Breakfasts	<u>951.45</u>
Total Income Received	<u>2475.70</u>

Expenditure

Hall Care taking Nov and Dec	480.00
Janatorial supplies	11.00
Yearly facility fees - gas cylinder	47.30
Stationery	33.80
Electricity - Sportsground	398.00
Electricity - Hall	153.40
Website updates (Sep/Oct)	44.00
Website Hosting to Jan 09	253.00
Xmas Drinks Night	138.00
Australia Day Breakfast supplies	<u>177.48</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>1735.98</u>

Expenditure to approve

Reconciliation

Bank Statement #231 31 Dec 07 Closing Balance	6540.20
Plus Income to be banked	1590.70
Less Unpresented Cheques	<u>1424.03</u>
Balance as at 28/01/08	<u>6706.87</u>

L Loftus, Treasurer 28-01-08

Balance BRWG Amenities Block Fund	596.36
expense ytd	<u>31428.64</u>
Total Project cost	<u>32025.00</u>

9. Business arising from Treasurer's report: N/A

10. A minute silence was observed in memory of Lennard Christensen

11. The Monthly Talk was presented by David Wilson.

David gave an outline of some of his humorous memories and experiences from being a Veterinary Surgeon around the Maleny district over the last 50 years.

12. Reports:

1. Councillor Greg Rogerson:

- **Carparking in Montville.**

A motion was presented to council concerning the lack of adequate car parking in Montville. This followed a meeting with the Montville Chamber of Commerce. With the rejection of the Montville Links Development by the State Government and with that decision, the loss of \$1.5 million dollars, as a Voluntary Infrastructure Agreement for construction of the proposed Master Planned Carpark, Council is now forced into the position of having to fund the proposed Carpark on its own

The motion as presented to council was: That the Acting Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare a carparking review of Montville, taking into consideration existing and projected parking demands and expected visitor growth and therefore identification of parking follows. The review should also consider the management of on-street parking and its integration to the off-street parking together with the development of the proposed Russell Family Park carpark. The proposed solution should be listed and priorities and estimates of capital expenditure and any proposed funds and services identified.

We are trying to have the report done in house, as per Buderim, which will not require any further capital expenditure.

There are a number of issues related to this subject

The 1 acre of land to the west of the hall (near Penny Farthings) was originally purchased for parking purposes. To use this fully about 15 on street car parking spaces would be lost.

To use Russell Family park, roundabouts would have to be constructed, either at Western Avenue or adjacent to the Tourist Information Centre.

Whether the 3 blocks of land at Russell Family Park should become included in the mix to help offset the cost of establishing the parks or their sale be held back needs to be considered.

- **Pump-outs**

Greg stated that over the last 4 years he has been endeavoring to have the charges for pump-outs set more equitable with sewered blocks. There are currently around 70,000 sewered blocks within council boundaries and 900 pump-outs. The rates cost to landowners is \$475 and \$900 respectively.

Greg proposal to council was to classify the pump-out trucks as sewage infrastructure. This could then result in charges to sewered blocks increasing by \$7 and pump-out blocks decreasing by \$420 resulting in all blocks being charged the same fee. At present some developments are costing council in excess of \$30,000 to have sewage connected but council is only recouping \$3,000 to \$4,000.

In essence the motion was defeated.

Greg asked that the meeting consider a motion that the MVA write to the CEO expressing our disappointment to the treatment of pump-out effected residents in comparison to other ratepayers.

- Greg submitted his apologies for not attending the Australia Day Breakfast and congratulated Les Gittens for being awarded the Montville Citizen of the Year Award.

Questions and discussions followed Greg's report

The main items raised were:

- Expression of the inequity of sewage charges versus the real cost of providing these. The entire shire has one flat rate which does not take into account areas where obvious subsidies do occur. The administrative charge applied from council to oversee the pump-out system is around \$200.
- A question was raised as to whether the recently released Maroochy local Growth Strategy will have any impact on Montville? Yes, everyone will be effected, but no change to the immediate Montville and surrounding area. Comment was made that since 1993 we have been stuck with the same urban footprint for Montville.

- The Vegetation Protection Plan is now in effect. Those landowners effected have to obtain permits to remove vegetation (alive or dead) on their land. There was a question asked if there had been any recent correspondence to raise the awareness of those concerned.
- Russell Family Park and carparking. Concern expressed that with the report being compiled by council that the focus (and resources) will be on providing car park places in the park to the detriment of other improvements.

A number of questions were raised and statements made:

Do we need more space for car parks?

Some shopkeepers park in front of the shops depriving tourists of parks.

Residents do not have a problem finding a park.

Chamber of Commerce is in favor of paid parking in Russell Family Park which would assist to provide funding for further parking developments.

A short term time limit on parking outside the village square could be introduced to assist locals.

Greg stated the prime purpose of council obtaining Russell Family Park was for car parking. This was a contentious issue.

People want to park in the main street.

Tourists do not know where to look for spare parks.

Signage to off street parking is poor.

Russell Family Park is usually only ½ full at best.

The Chamber of Commerce has sent an invite to the MVA to meet them this Thursday to discuss the issue.

2. Fundraising Committee

MVA Fundraising Committee Report.

Since the last meeting we have been extremely busy. Santa night was a great success combining as usual with the Montville State School. Special Thanks go to Rick and Ally Rexa and Paula Phillips who co-ordinated many people to make this such a success.

Dan Laws provided his PA system, microphones and technical expertise; Chris Schloss, Mark Green and the Kid's Club performed the Christmas Pantomime; and teachers Wendy Hodgins, Kelly Ayres and principal Mary Hynes did their usual wonderful stuff. Thanks to Jenny Hansen Reid who stepped in to conduct the choir; Michelle Biggs for her usual support and to all the wonderful children who gave us so much delight with their enthusiastic performances.

Thanks to those who bid at auction for the Xmas decorations made by Kelly Ayres' Year 2. With auction takings and the sale of Glowsticks we made a small profit.

Mark Roderick, Les Gittins and our Firies provided the 'sleigh' and Santa and Sunshine Coast Candy donated the sweets for all the little ones. The evening closed with a magical display by young fire-twirler Jazzmin Vilnis.

The MVA Xmas Drinks-on-the-Deck was late this year with other dates competing. It was a pleasant evening outside the Pizza Shop but attendance was disappointing.

Some wonderful prizes were collected for the fund-raiser raffle and the committee spent many hours selling tickets in town and leaning on friends to sell books of ten. We had 2 winners, Fran Tickle (Maleny State High) and Mrs Sparrow from Tasmania. We were just short of our \$2000 target.

We are planning a Paella Night and a Trivia night in April/ May/ June. Requests from families are that Trivia be held on Friday or Saturday. I am already worried about the tough competition our children will provide and wondering if the prizes should be for under 20's.

The raffle was drawn by David Wilson with the winner being Heather Lewis

3. Sportsground Committee

No Report

4. Blackall Range Safe Walking & Peddling Group

No Report

5. Russell Family Park

Dianna O'Conner gave an overview on the progress of establishing a planting and weeding group.

She has been involved with meeting council representatives (and councillors) to start work in the revegetation of the park.

Council are keen to see the community assist in this and similar projects. The proposal put forward is to firstly remove the weed species (mainly camphor laurel and privot) from a small area of the park and replant this with endemic rainforest plants. Preference is to have fruiting plants that will assist in attracting birds and other wildlife. The area selected is on the western boundary where there are still is a few remnant trees left.

Obtaining funding from council is an issue, but she is hopeful of a resolution. Grants will also be sought.

Dianna is seeking interested volunteers to assist in general weeding and planting. This is an opportunity to show ourselves and the council what we can achieve.

6. Woodies: (Ken Urquhart)

BLACKALL RANGE WOODCRAFTERS: JANUARY 2008 REPORT.

GENERAL. Our membership continues to expand with over 150 members. Fortunately they don't all turn up together very often.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS. We have started 2008 enthusiastically with a focus on our Open Day set down for Saturday 8 March, the Saturday closest to the anniversary of our initial meeting and the official opening of our new shed.

Full details will be revealed during February.

We were also delighted to hear that Barung has been given sufficient financial support to organize the wonderful Chainsaw to Fine Furniture event on the May long weekend at Maleny Showgrounds. We have never missed exhibiting at this event in the past and intend to muster a good attendance at this one.

We have also set down the weekend of July 5/6 for our annual Wood EXPO competition and display.

TOILETS. After expenditure of around \$37,000 the Guild has organized the final inspection of the new toilet block and passed with flying colours. It is a tribute to our Past President and Life Member Harry Wood who took on the task of Project Manager and with great perseverance saw the job through, thus earning him the pleasure of consecrating this fine structure. He reported that everything went fine much to his great relief.

The Guild has committed almost \$12000 from its own funds for the project with the Gaming Fund and the Maroochy Council funding the balance. The Tennis Club has offered to make a financial contribution as they will also benefit from not having to make that long trip through the wet grass.

MVA might consider our portion of the funding a gift to the Sports and Recreation Ground facilities which we enjoy every week, but if they wish to contribute to our ongoing work through making this hall available each year for our EXPO we would not be unappreciative.

SKILLS TRAINING. Currently under way are two courses on wood carving which commenced mid-January; a beginners course on wood turning currently being organized; and a course on joinery tracing a project from tree to table over six weeks duration.

A short skills training session was given last week covering basic picture framing, and another of these "the way I do it" demonstrations will be held on joints for box corners in February.

COMMUNITY WORK. One of the Guild's most attractive projects has been completed—the outdoor seat for the Montville Uniting Church. This special garden bench will be handed over in the near future as a gift from the Guild.

We have also inherited (for the second time) the task of renovating three garden benches from the Range Care Cottage. They have deteriorated due to these items being exposed to the elements since our initial presentation some 12 years ago.

WORK AROUND THE SHED. Apart from the toilet block, we are rearranging our timber processing and storage arrangements to keep stocks weather proof. Timber is a valuable resource that allows us to do the stuff we do for ourselves and others.

We are also conscious of the fact that the coming and goings of tradesmen have damaged the special lawn area between us and the tennis club and we will endeavour to repair that and protect it from all but the essential vehicle use in the future.

We also want it known that the untidy "for sale" signs near the corner of Mill Hill Road and the noise and traffic from heavy vehicles entering the Glover property have nothing to do with the Blackall Range Woodcrafters. This person is undertaking a business and is not a member of our organization.

MVA LIAISON.

As some of you know, Veronica and I will be moving from Montville shortly and Warne Wilson, our President for 2007/08, and previous Range Handyman, will endeavour to attend to make this monthly report and to act as MVA Liaison Officer for the Guild. I know you will treat him well.

Judy Bull proposed a motion thanking Ken and his wife for all his work for the MVA and the general community on the range.

Seconded by Syd Kirkby
carried

Greg Rogerson echoed these thoughts

7. Blackall Range Care Cottage

No formal report.

Newsletter is now bimonthly. A thankyou was made to the community and the business houses for their support of the recent raffle which was extremely successful.
Andrew Melville has officially resigned as president and will be greatly missed. A new committee will be formed and announced at the next meeting.
The new extensions/renovations have been used for a couple of months and are virtually completed. The official opening will occur in early March with invites to be sent out shortly.

8. Fire Brigade

no report

9. Montville Community Arts

MONTVILLE COMMUNITY ARTS

The first Event this year is our Gala Event held on Thursday 21st February. This will be held at Zanas @ Montville beginning at 6 pm in perfect time to watch the Full Moon rise over the Coast.

Zana will provide a smorgasboard Thai selection, served in pottery bowls made by Ian and Christine Reid and we will be entertained by Sweet Chili Choir. The total cost will be \$35 pp with your choice of a bowl to take home. Tickets are on sale at Montville Pharmacy and Zana's Restaurant. Book a table. A mixture of Goodies will be auctioned and extra bowls can be purchased to make up a 'set'.

At the last general meeting of Montville Community Arts members decided on a name change that reflects our intention to create an arts organisation that has a more inclusive outlook both in art forms and in geographical aspirations.

This is yet to be verified by the Office of Fair Trading but the voted favourite was ARTS CONNECT. The evening will launch our New Look and our 2008 Calendar of Events.

The 'Trips to Qld Opera' are filling up fast. To book email cox_maegdefrau@hotmail.com or ring Pam 5442 9219

Barber of Seville: Thurs. 29th May 6.30pm cost \$78 pp bus departs Montville 4pm

The Magic Flute.... Tues. 29th July 7.30pm cost \$48pp bus departs Montville 5pm

Turandot.. Thurs. 30th Oct. 6.30 pm cost \$88pp bus departs Montville 4pm

2008 Membership is now due. To renew or join please contact MCA Treasurer: Diane on 5442 9356 or PO Box 128, Montville 4560. Fee structure: single \$20; family \$30; child \$5. Membership forms will be available at our Gala Event on 21st February.

Life drawing starts on Wednesday 6th February 10.00 to 12.00 ring Jim Cox 5442 9210

10. Masonic Lodge: Bevan Christensen

Have been in recess over the Christmas/New Year break.

The lodge has recently presented a cheque for \$300 to assist in the purchase of a special microscope to QMI (?) which will be used for cancer research.

Bevan was presented in December by the Grand Master with his 60 year bond. Congratulations from all at the meeting.

13. General Business

Iconic Status/Legislation (Syd Kirkby)

The draft Iconic Queensland Places Legislation is now available and urge everyone to read it.

Syd gave a brief outline of his views of the draft legislation.

Syd then proposed the motion:

"Noting the forthcoming introduction into Parliament of the Queensland Iconic Places Bill, the Montville Village Association expresses its strong support for the legislation and asks that Hon. Peter Wellington MLA be requested to carry to the Parliament this Association's wish that the draft legislation be amended by the inclusion of the Montville area in Schedule 1 of the proposed legislation."

Seconded by Michele Felmingham.

Speakers for the motion were Syd Kirkby, Dianna O'Conner, Pam Maegdefrau,

Major points were:

- Future councils will not be able to amend its own planning instrument without consideration having being given whether it conflicts with the essential nature of the the iconic status.
- Future development is still possible
- Past experiences on the range is that local feelings have been overturned by councils decisions.
- The iconic status gives some degree of security in planning directions.

Speakers against the motion were Alan Felmingham, Anne Borthwick, Bryan McLennan,

- Unable to support the motion until understand the impact and have clearer understanding of the legislation.
- If the legislation is enacted, every development application has to be considered by a separate panel. This will create another layer of bureaucracy.
- Already have an integrated Planning Act. Why would we have the state involved in local affairs? Examples are Traveston Dam and council amalgamations where state interests have overridden local interests.
- Takes away the democracy of having local elected councils.
- How can we vote on this motion when there is a meeting coming up where we will be told where we stand and what the possible implications are?

Greg Rogerson spoke about being careful of what you put forward and urge you to seek professional advice (eg Julie Edwards from Planning Department) before you commit yourselves either way. Be aware that what Montville is today is due to past development.

There was then a disagreement to whether all developments need to go to the review panel or only those that fall outside present planning laws.

The vote was taken with the motion carried.

It was asked that the voting numbers be noted in the minutes. (22 for, 6 against)

Division 5 candidates meeting

Meeting to be held on 25th February.

RSPCA

A reminder from Judy Bull that the RSPCA is holding an event at Poets Café on the 20th February. Tickets are \$60 a couple.

12. Date of next Meeting: Monday 25th February, 2008. 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 10:12pm

President

Secretary