

**Minutes of MVA General Meeting
Sunday 28th September 2008
St Marys Hall – 4.00 pm**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Anne and Hamish Borthwick, Jenny MacKay

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on July 28, 2008

It was moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct recorded.

Moved: Joan Dillon

Seconded: Alan Felmingham

CARRIED

3. Business Arising From Minutes

Frith Duggan asked when it was decided that the meeting time for future general meetings be changed as she was concerned that not all representatives of various community organisations were aware of the change.

Jenny Hansen-Read advised that the motion for change of date and time to the last Sunday of each month at 4 pm was passed at the Annual General Meeting. Jenny further acknowledged that whilst the change had been communicated to some organisations verbally the Executive Committee still needed to formally notify all organisations.

John Dillon asked if the MVA had heard any news regarding the formation of the panel of representatives in relation to the Iconic legislation. Jenny advised no correspondence had been received to date regarding the nomination of John Dillon and Sid Kirkby.

4. New Members

No new membership applications were received since the last meeting.

5. President's Report

Jenny Hansen-Read advised of her activity as the new President during the month since the Annual General Meeting.

Jenny represented the MVA at the Maleny Lions Function and also at the Blackall Range Care Cottage Annual General Meeting on September 16, 2008.

Jenny met with John Moore, President of Montville Chamber of Commerce to discuss how the two organisations can work together in the future. In addition, she met with representatives of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild.

On behalf of the MVA Jenny submitted letters of support for grant applications to Sunshine Coast Regional Council on behalf of ArtsConnect and the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild.

Deborah Davis, as Vice President met with Jenny MacKay to discuss the enhancement of the ongoing relationship between the council and MVA and the need for the MVA to play a role in council programs and plans for Montville and surrounds.

Deborah submitted a grant application to Sunshine Coast Regional Councils for funding of ongoing grass-cutting at the Sports and Recreation Ground due to the cessation of the service by council.

6. Correspondence

Inwards:

1. Letter of thanks from Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild for the letter of support in relation to their grant application to Sunshine Coast Regional Council for funding to construct a mezzanine floor in the existing Guild building at the sportsground.
2. Letter of thanks form ArtsConnect.
3. Letter from Michael Simpson regarding the listing of the Montville Village Heritage Precinct on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Outwards:

7. Treasurer's Report

Alison Rexa advised that the fundraising event in September. Bingorama raised \$411-85.

Unfortunately Alison has not been able to access the postal box and does not have all invoices and receipts for the period so is yet to reconcile the main bank account. However the unreconciled transactions are noted as:

Balances as at	\$7,934.34
Income	
Bingorama Night	\$ 411-85
Hall Hire	\$
Expenditure	
Unreconciled Balance	\$7,588-37

No reports were submitted in respect of the other accounts.

It was moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Judy
Seconded: Alan Felmingham
CARRIED

8. Heritage Listing

Michael Simpson reported that on August 28, 2008 a letter was received from the Environmental Protection Authority confirming the Qld State Heritage listing of the Montville Village Heritage Precinct.

The precinct comprises the Montville Village Hall, the land upon which it sits and the site to the immediate east of the hall as well as the memorial gates; the entire Village Green, the memorial trees on the green and St Mary's Hall.

The listing acknowledges the precinct as a place of cultural and heritage significance.

Michael further advised that Sunshine Coast Regional Council does not have a heritage register for the region, but is re-developing its Cultural and Heritage Plan. Michael has submitted an application to the council for heritage listing of various sites and buildings.

Michael is now endeavouring to complete a vegetation survey for the listed precinct. He is collecting vegetation samples and submitting them to the Queensland Arboreum for correct identification of species. Michael is seeking assistance from the local Camellia Society in identifying the varieties of camellias in the precinct.

A vote of thanks for Michael's significant efforts to date was moved.

Moved: Joan Dillon

Seconded: Colleen Brady

CARRIED

9. MVA Asset Register

Jenny Hansen-Read called upon Leanne Michell to advise the status of the Asset Register.

Leanne advised a full audit had been completed for the Montville Hall and surrounds, Montville Sports and Recreation Grounds and MVA assets located elsewhere. Ownership of some equipment within the hall and some structures at the sportsground still needed to be clarified which would be done within the next week.

A register has been completed together with photographs to support the register. Leanne confirmed that Razorback House is owned by Education Queensland; however, some MVA assets were stored within Razorback House.

The full register would be finalised within the next week and submitted to the MVA President for inclusion in the Committee Handbook in both hard and soft copy.

A budget for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the assets is to be completed shortly.

10. General Business

10. a Matthew Roy and Jenny Hansen-Read briefly outlined the structure of the management committee as discussed at the last committee meeting and noted the responsibilities of the key roles – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Jenny further advised that an Executive Committee Handbook is to be prepared and maintained for future reference by the existing and future committees.

Jenny identified the sub-committees that have been created and sought membership nominations for each of the committees:

Fundraising
MVA and Community Asset Master Planning
Public Relations
Community Infrastructure

Colleen Brady asked under which Committee Russel Family Park fell. Jenny advised that due to the cross-over of a number of committees the park will come under the responsibility of a number of committees, but primarily within the responsibility of the Master Planning committee.

Bryan MacLennan asked what will be the responsibility and role of the infrastructure committee. Jenny Hansen-Read has taken this question on notice with a response from Deborah Davis to be provided at the next general meeting.

10.b Jenny Hansen-Read put forth a motion that the MVA Secretary is able to use their own discretion regarding the communications received from other parties and the passing on of such communications to the broader membership.

Moved: Matthew Roy
Seconded: Judith Sinnamon
CARRIED

10.c Presentation from John Moore, President of Montville Chamber of Commerce.

John outlined the proposal to upgrade existing car parking facilities at Russell Family Park. This involves the removal of two ghost gums and a pine tree to enable the creation of a two-way vehicular access to the non-bitumen car parking area.

Following general discussion the Jenny Hansen-Read proposed that the MVA supports the Chamber of Commerce proposal to Sunshine Coast Regional Council on the following conditions:

- a. There is no further encroachment for vehicle parking beyond the existing car park footprint;
- b. The dirt car park is sealed by means other than bitumen;
- c. Sunshine Coast Council is conservative with the removal of vegetation to create the two-way access.

Michael Simpson also proposed that council be request to install attractive landscaping at the car park entry point and install appropriate signage for the playground.

Moved: Pam Magedefrau

Seconded: [Matthew Roy](#)

CARRIED

John Moore went on to outline other proposals to upgrade the amount of car parking throughout Montville for consideration and discussion at the next MVA General Meeting:

- a. Conversion of existing parking between Mayfield and Treetops to provide an additional 14 car spaces at an approximate cost of \$400,000.
- b. Construct a car park on the council owned land behind Lyle's Restaurant. The cost will be in the order of \$400,000-\$500,000 and create significantly more car parking that option A.
- c. Sell the vacant land at an estimated value of \$350,000 and divert the proceeds into Russell Family Park. 50% to be directed to upgrading the car parking and the balance to upgrade the facilities.

Michelle Biggs suggested that other options for consideration include a shuttle bus or chair lift to transport visitors from the existing car park at Russell Family Park up to the top of Montville.

This item will be included in the agenda for the next general meeting.

10.c Judy Exeley raised her concern about the possible closure of the existing Neighbourhood Watch scheme due the two existing volunteers stepping down from their key roles. Dave Bull has relocated out of the area and Rob Priest needs to step down from his role.

Judy considers Neighbourhood Watch to be a vital factor in keeping our community safe. To date there has been no response to a request for other community members to fill those roles. Accordingly, Judy is

seeking support from the MVA in finding people prepared to be involved and take on these valuable roles.

Frith Duggan suggested that Judy may wish to place a notice in the Community Section of the Montville State School Newsletter.

Jenny Hansen-Read proposed that the MVA will provide support through an email to all MVA members and a press release to The Range News seeking expression of interest in the positions.

11. Grant Applications

Jenny Hansen-Read confirmed that the MVA has lodged a grant application with Sunshine Coast Regional Council for funding in relation to ongoing maintenance of the sportsground, specifically mowing.

12. Fundraising Activities

Judith Sinnamon spoke of a proposal for a produce market to be held at Montville Village Hall once a month in conjunction with Artists on the Green, from 7 am to 11 am Saturday.

The focus of the market will be sustainable living using local produce including flowers and seedlings as well as local products such as jams and marmalades. There may even be opportunity to have Barung Land Care involved as well.

It was suggested that Russell Family Park may be a suitable venue for the markets, however, Judith indicated that the hall was preferable because of its suitability in wet weather and its proximity to Artists on the Green.

The proposed date for the first market is February 14, 2009.

Bryan MacLennan advised that he thought when such a concept was proposed some years ago by the MVA, the Chamber of Commerce was opposed. John Moore has no knowledge of this issue however, did give in-principle approval on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for the MVA to hold such markets.

It was proposed that Judith Sinnamon and Claire Green proceed with further investigations as to the feasibility of the markets.

Moved: John Dillon
Seconded: Rick Rexa

CARRIED

To date the other fundraising activities for 2009 are:

Bingorama – February 14.

13. Reports

13.a Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild – Dave Bannister, President

Dave confirmed the Guild has lodged a grant application with Sunshine Coast Regional Council for funding to construct a mezzanine floor in the existing building to increase storage capacity.

Dave raised a number of matters of concern to the Guild that need to be addressed either in conjunction with or by the MVA.

- a. A Black Wattle tree at the rear of the Guild's building is dead and is dangerous to both people and the building. It appears as though it may be on the adjoining land. The Guild requests that the MVA resolves on which land the tree is located and obtains or grants the appropriate permission for the Guild to remove the tree.
- b. The Guild wishes to install signage above the existing sportsground sign to indicate the location of the Guild. There is also some concern as to the safety of the access and egress for the sportsground and the matter should be raised with the Department of Main Roads.
- c. Due to the access/egress safety issues the Guild seeks the consent of the MVA to relocate the gates further into the site by approximately 30 feet.

Leanne Michell will meet with the Guild shortly to discuss the above matters and advise the executive committee so a decision as to how to proceed can be made.

- d. The Guild is concerned about the cessation of the mowing service by Sunshine Coast Regional Council. It is understood that the MVA has lodged an application for funding a mowing service; however as the outcome is some months away the MVA needs to address the issue in the short term. A number of Guild

members are mowing around the Guild leased areas and up around the tennis courts using their own equipment.

A motion is proposed for the MVA to address the remainder of the sportsground and also approach the Tennis Club to seek assistance regarding ongoing maintenance until the outcome of the grant application is known.

Moved: Jenny Hansen-Read

Seconded: John Dillon

CARRIED

13.b Blackall Range Care Cottage – Frank Laver

The Annual General Meeting was held on September 16, 2008.

A grant application has been submitted/successful to enable fitting out of the Respite Rooms.

The cottage is seeking volunteers even for just a few hours per month. In particular, drivers and kitchen assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Mondays are focused on caring for disabled persons, Tuesday to Thursday would be working in the Care Cottage. Drivers are required for excursions and specific trips.

13.c ArtsConnect – Pam Magedefrau

The Annual General Meeting was held in September. Terrific discussions with Chamber of Commerce and Blackall Range Tourism Association.

ArtsConnect has received great encouragement from Councillor Jenny MacKay to re-commence Artists on the Green. The first event is proposed for January 2009 from approximately 9-30 am to 3-00 pm on a Saturday.

The last opera event of the year is approaching and payment is due on September 29.

Funding is being sought from Sunshine Coast Regional Council for ongoing function of Arts Connect.

13.d Probus – Colleen Brady

At the meeting on November 14, 2008 Detective Constable Rod Sheldon will be guest speaker in regard to Identity Fraud.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held at the Mapleton Bowls Club. For those wishing to attend the full meeting a cost of \$4 per head applies to cover the cost of morning tea. Otherwise there is not cost to attend the presentation by DC Sheldon. RSVP to Cindy Mitchell is required.

14. Date of next General Meeting: Sunday October 26, 2008 4.00 pm

Meeting closed at 5.35 pm

Signature of President – Jennifer Hansen– Read

Signature of Secretary – Matthew Roy
