

**MVA General Meeting
4pm Sunday 30th November 2008
Montville Village Hall**

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies

Barry Brady, Frank Laver, Brian McLennan, Dianne Greer, Dave Bannister

1. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 26th October

Moved: John Greer,
Seconded Rick Rexa
CARRIED

1. Business arising from minutes

Ann Borthwick said regarding the Volunteers Grant, the MVA used to have a printer/fax and asked where it was. Pam Magdafrau said it was donated by her to the MVA but had since broken. Jenny Hansen Read said the grant application was to assist volunteers to carry out their duties and all equipment purchased would belong to the MVA and be kept for use at the hall. The outcome of the grant was not yet known.

1. New members: The MVA welcomed new member Leonore Tonks

2. Correspondence:

Inwards:

Michael Simpson - St Mary's Hall meeting report
Michael Simpson – confirmation of Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club
St Mary's Hall – outcomes of meeting
SSC Council - Risk assessment for santa and carols
Australia day nomination forms
Echidna club – cleaning the hall
Mapleton RSL – Christmas invitation, 19 December
Woodies Christmas Party – Christmas invitation – 14 December

Outgoing;

Russell Family Plan Master Plan – following last meeting's minutes
Letters of Thanks – Echidna club, Diana O'Connor, Michael Glover
Main Roads – meeting request to discuss sportsground road safety

Business arising from correspondence

1. Treasurer's report: report tabled by Alison Rexa.

Moved: Alison Rexa
Seconded: Joan Dillon
CARRIED

1. Business arising from Treasurer's report

2. General Business:

Jenny wished to advise membership of her recent endorsement as the Labor candidate for Glasshouse but would like to reiterate her commitment to MVA as President.

It had been an outstanding month for people coming forward to help the community. The MVA would like to thank the following community members who had volunteered their time to assist the MVA in October/November – Matt Roy introduced The Echidna club – a group of local gentlemen who undertake charitable works. Peter Deal and Chris ... organised cleaning of hall. Nicholas and Emily Deal – helpful on working bee – mowing and whipper snipper. Paula Philips and David Gole worked on the RFP Revegetation poster. Pam Magdafrau, Jim Cox and Syd Kirkby, Rick Rexa, Matt Roy, Allan Lewis, Ed Burke, helped with sportsground. Vicki Miller loaned her ride on mower. Jenny Hansen Read, Rob Read and their children cleaned the Hall interior and cleared out some rubbish.

Marquee & trailer – Rick Rexa said a chain would be rapped around trailer. Matt took trailer light to be fixed. Next step is to register. Marquee is dirty – need to be cleaned.

Hamish Borthwick said the marquee would easily get dirty again being dragged across the red dirt. Jenny said maintenance of all MVA assets was becoming more demanding and would be a priority in the New Year.

Andrew Walter said that as the marquee would cross the St Mary's boundary when erected, the church needed to be advised of occasions when it would be used to avoid clashes with weddings who wish to use the space for photography and church access etc.

Michelle said she would consult with the church herself, rather than asking clients to do so.

1. Upcoming events, Santa Night – 6pm Wednesday 10 December

Rick Rexa said the Bahai, Christian and Buddhist groups at school were all contributing to the evening. School Chaplain, Carolita had organised spiritual dance and choir of children. Year 1-2-3s were making decorations which would be auctioned off to pay for choir mikes. There would also be a box for gold coin donations for a Christmas gift eg Care Aust – goats, wells, making the evening about giving to others. The evening would start at the hall at 6pm and move to Village Green for Santa. Rob Read was fixing the PA for use. One channel was broken and needed to be fixed. Rick suggested payment by user of PA before use and the need to develop plan for maintaining PA. Ann Borthwick asked who uses PA other than community groups who use hall. Michelle said she did not hire out the PA but the Woodies requested to use it once or twice per year. John Greer asked how old the PA was. Pam said it was second hand when it was bought in 2002. John suggested getting a grant to buy a new PA – a show of hands supported this in principle.

Carols Night - 7pm 17 December

Andrew Walter said Carols Night had used the MVA PA in the past and acknowledged the efforts Lennart Christensen had taken to set up and packed up PA which worked well. Lennart's contribution was acknowledged by membership. This year Andrew has organised to use the Range Christian Outreach PA. He has placed an ad in paper and notice board so it will be well advertised. Hoping weather will be fine but Hall to be used as a back up in case of bad weather. It is a community singing event. Carol night an MVA event not a specific church event.

Australia Day –

Judith said she has formed a subcommittee and that preparations were well underway. She had contacted horseless carriage association who are ready to participate
Karen Barnett was preparing a Children's choir
Michael Simpson's band was providing music
Food - need helpers
Raffle- Judith would donate an oil painting and was looking for other prizes

Reports

Russel Family Park Revegetation Project

Jenny reported that Dianna O'Connor seeking to get school kids along to help and in holidays. Paula Phillips prepared poster printed by David Gole to attract kids. Colleen suggested that all have a look to see progress as it was impressive. Council would soon to be removing Camphor Laurel trees for new planting. Judith said that the school may be more involved next year get kids involved. Pam said many committees have tried to progress RFP and we should thank Cr Jenny McKay for her assistance in enabling progress on reveg Support for Pam's suggestion was unanimous

Australia Day Community Awards – call for nominations

Jenny reported every year a citizen of Montville was presented with an award. The MVA has already received some confidential nominations. Nominations need to be made via written letter to the MVA Secretary stating reasons why the nominated person was deserving of award. Nominations close 12 January 2009. Andrew said the MVA would need to ensure

nominee was able to accept. John Greer said the MVA normally called selected nominee to ensure they were able to accept the award

10. Reports:

Fundraising and Activities –

Judith said markets 14 Feb looking to see Feb or postpone till June because of booking for hall. Ann asked how local the produce would be ? Judith said she was sourcing produce from the Blackall Range and said they would start small and grow when appropriate she said she would appreciate talking to the Borthwicks re their experience in this area

Bingorama 14 Feb on track

Sportsground Rick reported the working bee yesterday had a disappointing turn out. It was an important community asset – needs maintenance need get more people to reduce amount time to mow sports field –

Next working bee 13 Dec Syd said he was disappointed with poor turnout lack of participation from tennis and soccer clubs who use facilities. He said he was pleased to contribute but was not willing to donate time to sporting groups who use but not contribute to maintenance. He said we need to get 10 to 12 mowers. We don't need grants but community participation. Matt said he had spoken to the Woodies and Tennis all have active Saturdays and mow their own grass. Matt suggested a Roster would be more effective. Hamish Borthwick said the Committee need to talk to different organizations that use the ground and would be surprised with the assistance they would give. Matt said he could help to get mowers to ground. The committee should allocate areas of responsibility for different users Rick said he would like to continue with more assistance.

Deb Davis would follow up with council re grant progress

Russell Family Park Montville - previously discussed

School report: tabled

Woodies: not present

Blackall Range Care Cottage: Allan reported that the care cottage has expanded by at least 35%. – Respite during the week is now functional – looking to extend that to weekend. Perhaps trial as this is when carers need help on weekend. Any carers might like to trial Saturdays soon. Allan reminded members to name the Care Cottage as a beneficiary of the IGA benefit scheme

Fire Brigade : John Greer reminded members that no fires can be lit without permit. Pools – if you have one please contact rfb so can gps for use during fires. John would provide Matt with a list of names and contacts who people to report pools and dams

Montville Community Arts: Pam Magdafrau reported MCA is trying to get Artists on Green to co-incide with local produce market. Not having luck with council at this stage. But will have presence in St Mary's. The Art Market was waiting on Council decision could possibly proceed in April or May. MCA was also interested in music and performances.

Masonic Lodge: Bevan Christianson said annual meeting – two charity occasions – late Lewis King bequest has donated to \$800 reverse camera on bus, and the school was currently selecting a recipient for a citizenship award. Bevan expressed concern over children climbing over the wall outside Masonic lodge. He said there had been an increased membership and welcomed Rod Strawn

Tennis Club - not present

Neighbourhood Watch – Judy Exley said a policeman at the most recent Neighbourhood Watch reported there had 13 break-ins in Montville area throughout 2008. Awareness of the need to keep neighbourhood watch going:

CONTACT LIST:

Area coordinator: Judy Exley
Area Secretary: Lenore Tonks
Area Treasre: Lyn Loftus
Zone Coordinators;
Flaxton – Syd Kirkby
Kondalilla – VACANT
Mill Hill – Jocelyn Bannister

Western Avenue Outer – Douglas Patterson
Balmoral Road – Jim Hooper
Palmwoods Road – Jeanette Hauf
Huneysuckle – Vacant
Western Avenue Inner – Trevor Dawson
Good progress.

St Mary's Hall report

Matt read from a letter saying St Mary's was seeking funding to replace the current asbestos roof. Fig trees – concern over grass not growing – heritage listing limits what can be done – limbs trimmed. Hamish Borthwick suggested cordoning off the area under the fig trees and offered to provide St Mary's with shade resistant grass runners.

Andrew Walter was present at meeting which has been rescheduled for early February.

Andrew expressed concern about children climbing over the memorial wall at the previous MVA meeting. Alison Rexa said that there would be no more sausage sizzles before MVA meetings and that should resolve the issue.

Other Business

Michelle said Sue Delaney had donated a floor polisher and new brush to the hall. She would provide Sue's details so she could be thanked.

Pam reported on a SMART HOMES Event in Maleny. People could register with council and they will show you how to live more sustainably – personalised so that you can work to reduce your carbon footprint. She said she would post information on the community noticeboard.

Date of next General Meeting: No December Meeting.

Next general meeting 4pm Sunday 25 January 2009

Meeting finished 5:35pm