

**Montville Village Association
General Meeting**

February 22, 2010

7.15 pm.

Chair: Syd Kirkby - President

Apologies:

Eddie Bourke, Judith Sinnamon, Jenny Hansen-Read, Judith Exely

Welcome to New Members

- Peter Dallimore and Eric Anderson

Minutes of Previous Meeting January 25, 2010

Minutes were read by Matthew Roy and motion to pass the minutes was proposed.

Moved: Pam Maegdefrau

Seconded: Allan Felmingham

Passed

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Brian MacLennan repeated his previous request for a copy of the HCMP in electronic format for review by MVA membership. Leanne Michell advised the chronology was issued by email however; the balance of the plan is too large for email and needs to be put onto flash drive.

Allan Felmingham proposed a vote of congratulations to Frank Laver on his nomination for Montville Citizen of the Year.

Allan also proposed a vote of thanks to the volunteers and in particular Michael Simpson and his band for the Australia Day event.

Brian MacLennan noted that the Australia Day speaker Michael Bussey gave a good speech which in Brian's opinion confirmed his concern that there is no opportunity for development in the Montville area to cope with population growth due to the South East Queensland Regional Plan and the Iconic legislation.

Business arising was suspended for further discussion on Brian's comment.

Brian specifically noted that legislative and planning constraints have created obstacles to potential positive and necessary development, for example, the Montessori School wishing to establish an educational facility and yet another party wishing to provide a retirement facility on the range.

Further discussion was held among the membership. Pam Maegdefrau stated that as there is no opportunity to change either the regional plan or the iconic legislation at this point in time we should move on from further discussion on this topic.

Syd Kirkby stated that he felt there was no overwhelming groundswell within the MVA to change either the urban footprint or the iconic legislation.

Brian MacLennan confirmed that he is interested in seeing the urban footprint expand. However, no other attendee indicated a preference for change of the regional plan or the iconic legislation. He further stated that the MVA may be surprised to know that much of the community desires further development on the range as opposed to the view of the MVA membership.

Business arising recommenced.

No further business arising from previous minutes.

Meeting was suspended at 7-40 pm for presentation by Sandy Johnston Consultant – SCRC Waste Education Coordinator SCRC Waste Recycling

Sandy addressed the meeting outlining the Do's and Don'ts of Recycling in the SCRC region.

Meeting recommenced at 8.20 pm

Correspondence Inwards

- SCRC RFP weekly email
- SCRC Cultural facilities survey
- SCRC Funding programs clinic
- Woodies – seeking permission to install a further and enclosing QFRS maintenance inspection report and open day flyer
- BRCCG Newsletter
- Videopro Business Centre – catalogue
- Hall Booking from Lynda Jenkins

- COC letter
- Ralph Tyrell – J. McKay letter

Correspondence Outwards

- Chamber of Commerce information letter
- Cultural facility survey reply
- Montville Memorial Precinct Chronology to membership
- Fashion Parade flyer
- Letter of thanks to Les Gittens for numerous years as Santa
- Letters of thanks to Australia Day helpers from Judith Sinnamon
- Chamber of Commerce regarding Black tie dinner in May
- 2 x letters to Jenny McKay regarding Russell Family Park and the Montville Sports and Recreation Grounds

Moved: Matthew Roy

Seconded: Allan Felmingham

Passed

Business Arising from Correspondence

Syd Kirkby read out the letter from Ralph Tyrell to Councillor Jenny MacKay wherein Ralph proposes that title of the Village Green transfer to the MVA on behalf of the Montville Community.

Syd advised that the letter was discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting following discussion between Syd Kirkby and Councillor Jenny MacKay.

The General Meeting discussed the issue of the cost of maintaining the Green, including the heritage listed trees, the insurance implications. Pam Maegdefrau spoke on behalf of ArtsConnect and their opposition to the proposal.

Doug Patterson recommended that until Ralph Tyrell attends the meeting to speak to his proposal, the letter be left tabled. All agreed.

Treasurers Report

Bank Reconciliation Statement of MVA				
For the Period 25 Jan - 18 February 2010				
Credit Balance as per bank statement - 29 Jan 2010				12755.33
Add deposits not yet credited or to be banked				
	February Market takings		1257.95	
	Excess market stock sales (bacon)		28	
	Hall Rental		925.00	
	Electricity Reimbursement		1145.82	3356.77
				16112.1
Less Unpresented cheques/Accounts to be paid				
1684	Deborah Davis - reimburse for rum for Anzac Day		29.99	
1854	Sunshine Coast Regional Council		84.15	
1856	D Banks - Australia Day Award		30.00	
1858	Montville Patisserie & Bakery - Australia Day		87.50	
1859	Reimburse Matthew Roy for Gas bottle		25.00	
1862	Reimburse Heather Lewis - Australia Day expenses		78.34	
1863	Range News - Ad for printing raffle winners		68.06	
1864	Maleny IGA - expenses for market - Jan		209.06	
1865	Montville Village News - Stationery		26.80	
1866	Cancelled cheque error		0.00	
1867	Forest Glen Organic Meats		105.60	
1868	Float for Feb market		400.00	
1869	Reimburse Leanne Michell for glasses and consumables		90.63	
1870	Reimburse Doug Patterson for cash box and USB		37.72	
1871	Montville Auto and Air - Gas		25.00	
1872	Montville IGA Express - market expenses		10.49	
1873	Donation to St Mary's Church - use of grounds for market		50.00	1,358.34
	Balance as at 22 February 2010			<u>\$ 14,753.76</u>

Moved: Doug Patterson
 Seconded: Jim Cox
 Passed

General Business

Russell Family Park

Syd advised of a meeting held with Jenny MacKay on February 11, 2010 to discuss council amendments to the Master Plan for the park. The only material change to the plan was the excision of the performance space.

The matter of the 300 car parks was raised, and the council is considering reduction of the car spaces to 150 instead. This in turn will free up a section of the western side of the park allowing adequate space for the construction of a performance venue. This is more cost effective than the original proposal of a structure over the lake.

The master plan will be revised by council and referred back to the MVA and other with the intention to have the plan finalised by June 2010.

Syd further advised that at the last executive meeting the committee decided to write to Council and urge a review of the necessity to sell the three blocks of land earmarked for future development under the original master plan to fund the construction of 300 car parks.

Dianna O'Connor spoke about the revegetation of the rainforest. A precise of the revegetation project is attached. Dianna explained that the volunteers have contributed 650 hours at the imputed value of \$17-50 per hour effectively contributing \$11,000 towards the project.

Jenny MacKay has undertaken to seek funding from SCRC of \$5,000 to assist Dianna and her team with further revegetation and removal of Camphor Laurels.

Brian MacLennan presented congratulations on behalf of his wife regarding the efforts of the volunteers and the presentation of the park.

Alan Felmingham moved that the MVA formally manages the funds to be provided by council to ensure monies are directed to the revegetation project.

Moved: Alan Felmingham

Seconded: Pam Maegdefrau

Passed

Montville Sports and Recreation Grounds

Syd spoke about discussion with Jenny MacKay on February 11 regarding the ongoing issue with sportsground maintenance, specifically the termination of the mowing service by council in the last couple of year. The requirement to mow the grounds with

an acquired mower or by contractor funded by the MVA was too onerous on a community organisation. Jenny has been requested to seek to have the sportsground returned to the mowing schedule of the relevant council contractors. A formal request was submitted to Jenny MacKay following the meeting on February 11, 2010.

Syd also noted the RUSC efforts to rehabilitate the soccer fields have been hampered by the dry conditions prior to Christmas as well as the lack of an appropriate plan. The soccer club will not be able to use the sportsground and has made arrangements to use alternative venues for the upcoming soccer season. Andrew Pettigrew (President of RUSC), Syd Kirkby and Matt Roy met on site and discussed the way forward with rehabilitation of the fields. Andrew Pettigrew agreed to approach council to seek expert advice and assistance to reinstate the fields to the appropriate condition. Syd advised that it cannot be ruled out that the soccer club may not have the financial means necessary to reinstate the fields and as such the MVA may need to contribute financially.

Michelle Biggs proposed that the MVA nominate an amount to assist the soccer club given the current healthy financial position of the association. Syd advised that we need to understand exactly what is required before nominating specific funds.

Pam Maegdefrau suggested that the MVA apply for a grant for rehabilitation of the soccer fields. Applications are due on March 15, 2010.

Doug Patterson proposed that failing the council coming up with a plan that the MVA finds a consultant to prepare a rehabilitation plan for up to \$1,000.

Moved: Doug Patterson
Seconded: Pam Maegdefrau
Passed

Syd Kirkby will contact Andrew Pettigrew for an update before taking any further action.

Heritage Week

Doug Patterson spoke as a representative of Neighbourhood Watch and requested the MVA consider holding a community open day/expo/forum in the hall to allow the local community organisations to network and provide further information to the broader community. This forum will not only assist the community in understanding what is available to them but will also assist the various community organisations to re-connect.

Doug as a member of the MVA suggested that we combine the Neighbourhood Watch suggestion with a simple event to celebrate our heritage as well as facilitate the community expo.

The committee will take on board the interest from the floor to pursue this matter further.

May 8, 2010 Black Tie Dinner Joint Venture Chamber of Commerce and Montville Village Association

Matthew advised of the dinner and asked everyone to keep an eye out for the tickets and advertising of the event.

Chamber of Commerce events:

Note the following calendar events for the Chamber:

Monthly Breakfast Meetings on the first Tuesday of each month;
Weekly social gatherings at the Montville Bar and Grill from 5 to 6pm every Thursday.

Syd expressed his personal view that the Chamber of Commerce and the MVA liaise more closely and that the Chamber should be invited to have a representative attend the MVA general meetings and vice versa.

MVA Publicity Officer

Doug spoke of his observations regarding the lack of publicity for the MVA in particular:

1. The use of the community noticeboard and the criteria for notices to go on the board. The board is not well used by community organisations, but rather appears to be heavily used as a sales noticeboard.
2. The potential acquisition and display of a sign particularly advertising the hall and its availability as well as forthcoming function.
3. Very poor use of The Range News. Consider placing an ad once a month to add the MVA and the services to the community.

Doug's point is that MVA needs a dedicated publicity officer. Accordingly, Doug proposed a motion that the Executive Committee be authorised to explore the feasibility and availability of a Publicity Officer.

Moved: Doug Patterson
Seconded: Brian MacLennan
Passed

Reports

Events and Fund Raising Report – Pam Maegdefrau on behalf of Judith Sinnamon

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

It was great to see so many people turn out for our Australia Day Breakfast. The Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Association put on a wonderful display of their members immaculately restored vintage cars, breakfast went smoothly thanks to the many wonderful volunteers who worked so well together and the weather was perfect. Thanks to Michael Simpson and band for both providing entertainment with your band and emceeing the ceremony. It was big ask from the MVA and you did a brilliant job. Frank Laver received his much deserved Montville Citizen of the year award. The Mapleton Choir sang beautifully as did the children's 'Peace Club' choir. Thank you Aelsa Morehen and Jenny Hansen-Read respectively for organising your choirs for the day.

Mark Green once again came to the assistance of the MVA, providing the PA system as well as manning it, so that everyone was able to hear our performers and speakers out on the village green.

Our speaker Marcus Bussey from the University of the Sunshine Coast spoke of the importance of community and this was nicely illustrated by the celebration of our local community on the day.

Sales were up for breakfast, close to double the number of breakfasts as last year. We made over \$1200 profit. Feedback indicated that people enjoyed sitting at tables inside our hall and eating with crockery and cutlery, rather than juggling breakfast on a napkin and despite our concerns about washing up, there was a constant stream of volunteers coming through the kitchen.

Thank you to the Australia Day Breakfast sub-committee: Coleen Brady, Heather Lewis, Leanne Michell, Pam Maegdarauf, Deb Davis and Jenny Hanson-Read for your generous assistance in organising the event and co-ordinating volunteers and thank you to all of the volunteers, too many to mention individually, who gave generously of their time and provided happy and helpful service to the community.

FEBRUARY MARKETS

There is much positive feedback from community members and visitors. The breakfast room was particularly busy. Thank you to Theresa Ashford for organising our waiting team of local children so efficiently.

Thank you to Del and Jeff Smith for their generous donation of mangoes from their Montville farm which Karen Barnett and local children picked for selling at the MVA stall. We would be grateful for any contributions of garden produce for our MVA stall each month.

Profit for the Feb market was \$1271 which is almost \$400 up on normal months. Thank you to all members that support the market by either attending the markets as patrons or by volunteering their time to help.

(The markets have made close to \$6000 profit for the MVA from the period August 2009 to February this year)

ANZAC DAY

The Anzac Day Ceremony will be held at the Hall at 5:30am on Sunday 25th April. We will be needing Anzac biscuits to be baked for the day. If anyone is able to assist by baking a batch for the day it would be most appreciated.

COC and MVA Black Tie Evening at Flaxton Gardens

Tickets are \$110 for the opportunity to change out of your dungarees and sport a black tie or glamorous frock for a fun evening including a 3 course meal, complimentary drink, dance band and good company at the Flaxton Gardens Winery and Restaurant on May 8th, 2010. For tickets see Matt Roy.

NATIONAL TRUST Heritage Week – 9th May until 16th May

We are currently looking into the possibilities for a morning tea with speaker or some other event at the hall to be included in the National Trust's Heritage trail for this week. Suggestions are most welcome.

ROCKWIZ

Following the success of the Rockwiz evening in Montville last year, Dan and Paula Phillips have offered to put on another in June this year. The date is yet to be set.

Freemasons Lodge – Bevan Christiansen

Because of the interest stirred by Dan Browns latest book the lodge is running an open meeting on May 18, 2010. All are welcome to attend.

Blackall Range Care Cottage – Allan Lewis

Fashion Parade – Thursday March 11, 2010 at 10 am in the Montville Village Hall. All are welcome to attend. Tickets are still available.

Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild – Peter Dallimore

March 13 Open Day with sausage sizzle, plenty of demonstrations and exhibits.

Arts Connect-Pam Maegdefrau

Next market 2nd Saturday in April, 2010

Neighbourhood Watch – Doug Patterson

Permission to use the Community Noticeboard is sought.

Hall Repairs

Hot Water System replaced by an anonymous party. Thank you to our generous donor.

Meeting closed at 9.22 pm

Next Meeting Monday March 29, 2010 – 7pm