

Minutes MVA Annual General Meeting Monday 27th August, 2007 Montville Village Hall 7.30pm

1. **Meeting opened** at 7.33pm with John Greer in the Chair. John welcomed all present. **Present:** as per attendance register

Apologies: Jim Hooper, Mark Gardner, Jill Gardner-Leonard, Lynn Loftus, Lavinia Ryan, Bevan Christensen, Mary Hynes, Kathy Laver, Stephanie McLennan, Jude Lang, Tony Warren, Greg Rogerson

2. **Minutes** of the August 28th 2006 Annual 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 Seconded: Syd Kirkby that the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting be accepted. Carried

3. **Business Arising** from the minutes

4. **New Members:** None

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

The auditor for the year 2006/2007 was Universal KBO Accounting Solutions. Their report for the year ended 31st July 2007 is attached to the official set of these minutes.

The Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year ended 31 July 2007: (Read by Allan Lewis on behalf of Lynn Loftus)

I present to you the financial report and audited financial statements for the 2006/2007 financial year. Expenditure has continued to concentrate on ensuring our members are well supported both through provision of facilities and events, with the assets of the Association appropriately maintained.

Main MVA account

Total income for the year of \$45,056 was received. However this included \$25,000 Gaming Commission grant received on behalf of BRWG for the construction of a toilet block at the sportsground and for which a separate bank account is being opened. Adjusting for this amount the revised income of \$20,056 represents a slight decrease of 3% (\$542) over 2005/06 levels.

Hall rental income and marquee hire generated \$8,660, a small reduction of \$675 from 2005/06.

Fundraising activities during the year again contributed strongly to income raising \$7,246. Four functions were held in addition to the normal calendar of events – raffle (\$2,000), Trivia Night (\$1,528), Mauritian Dinner (\$2,484) and Inconvenient Truth presentation (\$205)

Donations of \$2,602 provided additional income, including \$1,300 from Maroochy Shire Council (MSC) for funding repairs to the hall's sewerage system. Other generous benefactors contributed the remaining \$1,102.

The remaining income of \$1,548 is comprised of other small amounts, mainly \$200 grant from MSC for Australia Day Breakfast supplies, \$1,328 for reimbursement for electricity cost incurred by BRWG at the sportsground.

Total expenditure for the year was \$20,718, a reduction of 51% (-\$21,671) on last year due to the high expenditure in 2005/06 on hall repairs and maintenance.

Hall and Sportsground repairs and maintenance incurred costs of \$3,567, \$2,160 of which were required for the hall's septic system and \$442 for various works at the Sportsground.

Insurance premiums both building and public liability, cost \$5,890 and included a \$346 policy excess and expense reimbursement due to the claim to rectify vandalism damage in the toilet block at the sportsground. The underlying premiums increased by \$14% over 2005/06 levels driven by a 25% increase in our building insurance fee, and continue to be a heavy burden on MVA funds.

Function expenditure to support the normal calendar of events and four additional activities cost \$2,934.

The remainder of the expenditure at \$8,327 was as a result of operational costs (e.g. caretaking, cleaning, marquee erection, rates, gas and electricity, audit fees, printing and stationery).

The overall result for the year, adjusting for the Gaming Commission grant, was a slight loss of \$662.

Other accounts

The **Historical Committee Fund** received income of \$6,396 as a result of grants from Queensland Department of Public Works of \$4,000 and fund raising and donations in support of the continued Dixon graves site restoration. This was used to fund expenditure of \$9,909, predominantly on the restoration project. A loss of \$3,513 was therefore generated for the year but was funded from income received in 2005/06.

There was no movement apart from small amounts of interest receivable in the Playground and Disaster Fund accounts.

Balance Sheet

Looking at the balance sheet our current assets comprising of cash is made up of:

MVA	3,486
BRWG Grant	25,000
Historical	2,342
Playground	6,839
Disaster	4,458
Total Cash	42,125

Property, plant and equipment total a further \$1,611,333, giving a grand total of assets of \$1,653,459.

Total liabilities of \$25,000 are recorded for the unexpended Gaming Commission grant for BRWG, leaving our net asset position at \$1,628,459.

The accounting policy adopted in prior years has been not to account for depreciation on any of the Association's assets. This policy does not necessarily reflect the true value of assets held by the Association and accordingly our auditors, Universal KBO Accounting Solutions, have recommended that the Association's assets are assessed for their true value.

The values can then be adjusted accordingly, and depreciation charged over the remainder of their useful lives. In this way we will be able to identify and record all our assets and their current value to the Association. This will be reviewed by the new Management Committee.

The year has again seen much achieved by the MVA and its members and I would like to thank all of you for your support of fundraising activities, whether as part of the fundraising committee, as contributors or by participating. Thanks also to all other committee members for their continued hard work and commitment.

Each year it becomes increasingly difficult to generate the funds needed to provide these beautiful facilities to our community and I urge you to continue your support into 2007/08.

I also take the opportunity of thanking Councillor Greg Rogerson and Maroochy Shire Council for their contributions and ask for their continued funding in 2007/08.

Thanks too to Michelle Biggs for her continued hard work in providing caretaking activities and handling bookings to ensure the smooth running of the hall

The Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet as presented to the meeting has been audited by Universal KBO Accounting Solutions and gives a true and fair view of the affairs of the MVA for the financial year ended 31 July 2007.

I move that the Financial Report for the year ended 31 July 2007 be accepted, and that Universal KBO Accounting Solutions be appointed as auditors for 2007/2008 unless a more cost effective option can be found.

Lynn Loftus, Treasurer, 24 August 2007 Seconded Janet Helmrich Carried

6. **Business Arising** from Treasurer's Report: Nil

7. **Sub-Committee Reports** (not included in President's report):

1. **Historical Group** – Gillie Warren: The year has been quiet after the completion of the Dixon Grave restoration. There has been some income from the sale of books – with contributions (at Hessie Lindsal's request) to the Care Cottage and Mapleton Smith family who are restoring a grave in Mapleton. Reunited a lost descendant of Fred Smith with rest of family. Have been approached by another Range community organisation about a project to publish a collection of Range History and photography – including Mapleton to Maleny (only a suggestion at the moment). Gillie mentioned she had discovered her own Sunshine Coast connection. She is related to the Lows of Yandina – David Low etc.

8. **Community Reports:**

1. **Blackall Range Care Cottage:** Alexina Johnson: Last month the Care Group took possession of their new bus. Every five years Home and Community Care provides the care Group with a new vehicle. This new vehicle will ensure quality transport service to clients for the coming years. The bus has every modern feature and the existing rear view video camera has been installed in this new bus. In the next round of funding, the Committee will apply for an additional vehicle to enhance their service provision. If successful, the Care Group will have five vehicles in its fleet.
Clients enjoyed the interesting activities during Seniors' Week. The week was organized around a garden theme and some interesting garden party hats were created. A great trip was taken to the function held at the Landsborough Museum and it was then off the Mary Cairncross for a very enjoyable Picnic in the Park. All the clients appreciated the efforts made to the staff to organize an interesting week of activities.
The Committee is very pleased to report that they have received a cheque for \$ 22,000.00 from the Caloundra City Council as the Council's contribution to the Care Group's building project. Under the Regional Partnership Program organized by the Department of Transport and Regional Services, the Federal Government, State Government, the Maroochy Shire and Caloundra City Council and the Blackall Range Care Group have generated funding of \$ 284,013.00 to construct two overnight respite rooms for carers and build a new administration and allied health facility.
The building project continues at a steady rate. The exterior walls have been completed and it is hoped to have the roof on by the end of August. The foundations for the covered walk way connecting the new extension and the existing facility are completed and it is hoped that the roof will be completed soon. The Committee would like to thank Denbar Construction for their effort to have the building work completed as soon as possible so the Care Group's service provision can be extended to additional Allied Health care.
Community members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Care Cottage on Tuesday 18 th September. The AGM will commence at 11 am. The Annual Reports will be presented and the new Committee will be elected and a barbecue will held after the meeting. Interested members of the community are invited. For catering purposes, please ring the care Cottage on 5445 7044 if you are planning to be there. Those attending will be able to have a look at the progress on the extension project.
In mid September, the Care Group office Administrator, Celia Chalk, will be moving from the area and will finish her association with the Group. Celia has done a marvellous job and the Committee, the staff, the clients and their carers and all associated with the Cottage will miss her when she leaves. Every one wished Celia good fortune in her future endeavors and we appreciate all she has done for residents of the Blackall Range community.
Any community members who have questions or concerns may contact President, Andrew Melville, on 5478 6010 or email the Care Group at carefolk@bigpond.com.au
2. **Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild:** Ken Urquhart: **Annual Annual General Meeting:** The Guild's annual general meeting held on Monday 13 August was followed by a BBQ for those attending. All positions were declared vacant and Peter Wellington assisted the appointment of those nominated for vacancies. Councillor Greg Rogerson and around 40 members attended. The new office bearers are: President: Warne Wilson, V/ President: John Drewe, Secretary: Jeff Harrison, Treasurer: Tom Black
This is a well qualified and experienced group which we know will continue with the vision of the original 1996 Blackall Range Woodcrafters group. Peter Wellington and Greg Rogerson agreed to continue as

our Patrons. The outgoing committee and other members of the leadership group were congratulated on a very effective and prosperous year. Some of these included:-

Annual Events: The two major events on our calendar (and that of the Montville community really) were our March Open Day and Tool Sale and the June/July Woodcraft EXPO. Both events were financial, cultural and social successes and are building up to significant spots on the calendars of all woodcraft lovers, near and afar. Over 1000 people attended each event, many from beyond the Range.

Community Work: During the year the Guild assisted many organisations requiring some form of assistance in the woodcraft area. Such projects were continually happening in the shed and included:- Adjustable lectern for Probus Club; Trophy cabinet for Maleny Pony club; Unit for premature baby area of the Nambour Hospital maternity ward; Large playground truck for Nambour pre-schoolers; Toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal—over 300 delivered; Wooden training clocks for early educational institutions, including Montville School; Honour Board for Kenilworth Museum; Numerous Kids chairs and tables for a number of destinations; Large engraved outdoor signage for the Mapleton Hall; Around 50 Toys via Aussie Helpers a drought assistance programme on ABCTV.

...and as a further gesture to assist people in the outback doing it tough, four of our members visited Windorah in the far west to bring some joy to a number of families who had expressed a desire to do some woodcraft. During the week these members shared their skills and craft with around 12 people, and those people made coffee tables, squatters chairs or quilting racks with equipment and materials provided by the Guild and the individual members as well as tuition and supervision on their construction and finishing.

Visits: During the year members supported the events of other clubs in the region. and also visited the annual Woodcraft show in Brisbane and the Hyne Softwood timber mill (one of the worlds largest and most advanced) up near Gympie. **Assets:** From a position of having few members, nowhere to meet, and no equipment in 1996 the Guild now has assets in excess of \$150,000 including our wonderful shed at the Sports and Recreation Grounds, most of the equipment and tools we will ever need, a piece of land and facilities for the conversion of logs into workable timber, and a reputation of being a worthwhile organisation to belong to.

Major Project: Looking outwardly, a decision was made in 2005/06 to construct a set of toilets to compliment those existing facilities at the Sports and Recreation Grounds. Estimates for this project were assessed at around \$32,000 and we knew we had to apply for a grant which we did early this year with the support of MVA, other Range organisations, and state and local government members. From previous applications we expected a 100% grant would be unlikely, and acknowledging that the toilets would benefit the Guild in particular, we applied for only \$25,000 being prepared to meet the remaining costs from our own funds as further evidence of our community involvement.

The \$25,000 grant, in the name of MVA as owners of the land, was duly approved and work is now under way with a completion date some time in October. Normally we would expect to have an official opening and public celebration of the finished project but we are hesitating a bit until we are sure we can find a suitable person to undertake the commissioning. We know Patron Greg Rogerson would have had experience at such openings as part of his job as Division 1 Councillor and will probably approach him. We will see if he is willing to perform the act that confirms all systems are working and invite you all down to witness that at the official opening of this additional asset to the Sports and Recreation Grounds which we will have been made available at no cost to the community.

Membership: Membership at the end of the financial year stood at 156. This includes around 20 ladies. Most of the members are of retirement age or close thereto, so if you are in this category you need to come down and have a look at our facilities any morning other than Fridays and Sundays.

One of our most popular and hard working members, Bob Johnston, who most of you would know, was granted Life Membership last December, and it was a sad time for all of us in the Guild who knew him when he passed away a couple of months after.

The Year Ahead: New President, Warne Wilson, and his team are busily planning events and activities for the forthcoming year. Suffice to say we won't be altering our already successful building blocks and philosophies. Our two major events will stay subject to confirmation regarding the specific dates, we will continue to be community oriented, and we will continue to provide an avenue for those people of the range searching for membership of an organisation that provides a great social environment, skills development in all aspect of woodcraft, and a productive way to contribute their time and energy. See you down at the Shed.

3. **Masonic Lodge:** No Report

4. **Montville Fire Brigade:** Les Gittins: The Annual Meeting of the Montville Rural Fire Brigade was held earlier this month. It was disappointing that apart from Brigade members and committee members, no one else was present.

The report from the first officer was, as usual, well presented and gave a clear picture of Brigade activities. Special mention was made of the efforts and co-operation of our Fire Warden, John Taylor. He made our Brigade work easier to carry out, and easier to organise.

The Brigade spent 250 hours at burn-offs, and 110 hours on call-out. It would be reasonable to state that if the burn-off hadn't been done, the call-outs could have totalled 500 hours or more. The roof of the building has been insulated. We are looking at plans to extend the shed to make training easier and more comfortable. We have 18 members. Training is on-going, and after last week's rain, the world looks good.

Mr Chariman, ladies & gentlemen, the Brigade is functioning well. I am proud to be associated with them

5. **Montville State School:** (Mary Hynes – read by Colleen Brady)

Sorry, I am unable to attend this evening. **Enrolment:** Current enrolment of 140 students. **Staff Update:** Class teacher, Chris Hay, returned to work on crutches today; lots of illnesses both students and staff.

Recent Highlights: Building works of the new building: very slow – deck, roof, steps gradually happening! Tennis court upgrade – new surface going well and basketball posts arrived – waiting for backboards. Six of Best Year 6 Visit to Nambour High School with other year 6s Montville Athletics Thursday 16 August was another great day with Cheetahs once again winning. Montville Charity Soccer Day – not long now until Sunday 9 September – all welcome with students deciding funds raised will go towards hall restoration. Arts Council on Friday 3 August State-wide year 3, 5 and 7 tests conducted last week 4 lanes of Portable ten-pin bowling being used at school and very popular. Shop for Sunshine Kids – currently 5th so thanks for your support - please keep remembering us.

Coming Events: Small Schools Athletics this Wednesday; Book Week parade and activities this Friday; Soccer coach working with students each Thursday

Regards, Mary Hynes, Principal

6. **Roads:** Les Gittins: While it is now old news, we were able to have a small amount of money spent on the Range Road in the last 12 months. The road was widened through about 6 tight bends, and while it is not a highway, it is certainly far safer than it was before the alterations.

We thank Peter Wellington for his efforts to secure this funding.

We have been involved in other small projects in the district.

Looking ahead, I would predict that we have no chance of securing any more than 20c Main Road funding within the next 10 years. This is due to 2 events: (1) The injection of Main Road funding to the Razorback project and (2) Council amalgamations.

This sub-committee has been in place for approximately 11 years. We have done a lot of work for little result. I suggest that the sub-committee be discontinued from tonight. Thank you for your support.

9. **Councillor Greg Rogerson's Report:** Read by Jane Gibbs

For the second year in a row, I am forced to offer my sincere apology for my inability to attend the Montville Village Association A.G.M.

In similar circumstances to last year's A.G.M., I am attending the Local Government of Queensland's yearly conference being held at the Gold Coast with Mayor Natoli, as Maroochy Shire Council's representatives.

Whilst I was initially prepared to come back to the range for the MVA's AGM tonight, Council received a call late Friday afternoon requesting representation from Maroochy at the Ergon Energy's Tidy Towns Competition, presentation ceremony also being conducted at the Gold Coast. As Montville and Kenilworth were two of the four Maroochy Shire towns that have lodged applications each and every year over the last ten years, and had also nominated this year, Mayor Natoli sought my acceptance to represent the Council at the awards.

So whilst it is unfortunate that I will not be in attendance at the hall tonight, I will certainly be representing Maroochy Shire and the Montville and Kenilworth communities, to the best of my ability.

May I take this opportunity, to thank and congratulate the outgoing executive and committee members of the MVA for the immense effort that you have put in to direct the association in its proceedings this last year.

To President, John Greer, Treasurer, Lynn Loftus and Secretary, Colleen Brady, thank you for your administrative, financial and communicative expertise up front and the countless hours put in outside general meeting time.

To Vice-President, Syd Kirkby and Committee members Allan Lewis, Jane Gibbs, Janet Helmrich and Rick Rexa, thank you for your strategic, behind the scene 'workings'. These 'workings', whilst often out of sight within the confines of regular meetings are certainly highlighted and exposed whenever an important function, such as Australia Day ceremony, Anzac Day ceremony, or one of the numerous fund raising or community events is staged.

Whilst on the subject of 'appreciation', I would also like to thank and applaud each and every Community Group and Sub Committee representative who volunteers their time and energy into giving an update and report from their respective group each monthly meeting. Your reports are extremely informative and demonstrate a true commitment to support and encourage your community.

One such representative I would like to single out for special acknowledgement is Gillie Warren. Gillie was the adviser, fund raiser and negotiator between the MVA, the Community, other organisations relatives, Council and myself in the restoration of the Dixon Graves. Put simply, Gillie you're brilliant!! And thanks ever so much for your assistance this past year.

It seems there hasn't been a year go by on the Range when there isn't some form of angst or controversy. This past year we endured the Energex Substation proposed location on Balmoral Road and in close proximity to local residents and the all important public consultation process regarding the bitumen sealing of the 'Razorback' Road.

Although alternative substation sites proposed by the community were deemed unsatisfactory by Energex standards and the initial site retained, the community can feel assured that Energex will pay particular attention to the amenity, noise and safety issues associated with the preferred site.

Good, public consultation again proved its worth with regard to the bitumen sealing of the 'Razorback'. Whilst I'm sure some folk entered the process sceptical of Council's intent, the outcome demonstrated a genuine conciliatory, common sense and safety conscious outcome that will value add to the liveability of the Montville region.

On the subject of 'public consultation', it would be remiss of me not to highlight the concern I felt upon reading Peter Wellington's column in the Range News, 16th August, titled 'Montville has Iconic Status' and the detrimental ramifications which could be imposed on Montville and district should such status be implemented without genuine public consultation and majority community support.

Firstly, considering the fact that the MVA strictly adhered to a 'no comment' stance with regard to the proposed Montville Links Development, I was 'gob smacked' to read in Mr Wellington's column that the initiative was brought about by a letter to him from the MVA, knowing full well, that no consultation and no debate had occurred and that no such resolution was endorsed by members at any MVA meeting.

To put my surprise in context, I would like members of the association to consider two blatantly apparent shortfalls in Maroochy's current planning scheme with regard to the Blackall Range and indeed Montville. To my knowledge, both of these issues have been highlighted and are of paramount concern to most community members on the Range.

The number one issue is lack of aged care facilities, namely retirement villages and managed accommodation units/dwellings. This issue is primarily not driven by additional people wishing to come and retire on the Range, although that market is indeed real, but it is driven by the aging and current aged population on the Range, who have to move off the Range as ill health and/or the inevitable ageing process takes place. This occurrence has already been demonstrated quite dramatically within the last six months with extremely valued Range residents, Ian and Judy Rolle and Ken and Veronica Urquart, having to make life choice shifts off the Range.

The second issue is lack of industrial land. The Range has 'NO' industrial land. The community voiced their anger and frustration not so long ago at an MVA meeting, even to the extent that they had personally written to the Premier, Peter Beattie, urging him for assistance when the only local motor mechanic was forced off the Range.

Without going into any other pretentious town planning debates, the above two issues certainly highlight the need for rational, genuine, good debate and proper public education and consultation on town planning issues associated with land use in and around Montville and the entire Blackall Range.

Is Montville Iconic? The answer is definitely YES! However to shut up shop, in town planning terms, would be something little short of disastrous for people wishing to continue to reside on, and carry out business on the Range.

I urge every responsible community member, to truly consider the aspirations they perceive, for the future sustainability of Montville.

Once again, it is still my pleasure to represent Montville and the Blackall Range community in Local Government matters and I look forward to working diligently with the forthcoming elected MVA Executive and Committee to ensure the 'place' you call home, is envied by all and sundry!!

Regards, Rogo!

10. **2006/2007 President's Report** : John Greer:

After I was elected President in 2006 I was expecting to have a difficult time as the rift was still there despite the best efforts of the previous committee. I was lucky to be surrounded by a strong and experienced committee and sub-committee's. We worked well together, over coming almost all the problems we were faced with.

The committee members make up the management committee, which consisted of Myself, Syd Kirby, Lynn Loftus, Colleen Brady, Jane Gibbs, Janet Helmrich, Allan Lewis and Rick Rexa. At his point I would like to pass on my special thanks to Colleen Brady for her effort as Secretary, this was not an easy job, but her accuracy in maintaining the minutes can only be described as fabulous. Her effort has been greatly appreciated. The second person I would like to thank for her efforts is Lynn Loftus who not only kept accurate records for the MVA, Lynn does it for a lot of similar bodies within the area. Again her effort has been truly appreciated. The rest of the committee all provided valuable contributions which made my job just so much easier and for that I am grateful.

Events and Fund raising 2006 – 2007 Report

Many thanks to all who have so generously supported the Montville Village Association and its events during the past year. The events started with a very successful **Santa Night**. The traditional Montville State School P & C and Montville Village Association Santa Night was held on 6 December 2006. The hard working members of the Santa sub-committee – Alison Lambert and Rick Rexa, Angela Chauvin, Jennifer McIntyre, Yvette Nirvana and Colleen Brady thanked: Alison Lambert for writing and presenting the spell-binding "When Santa Came to Montville"; Sunshine Candy Kitchen for providing the sweets Santa gave to the children; Wendy Hodgins for the many hours spent preparing the Montville students for the musical segments; the Montville State School principal, Mary Hynes, for her active help in preparing for and implementing the programme; the Montville teachers in general for their support, Les Gittins and the Montville Fire Brigade for ensuring that Santa arrived at the village green; the Mapleton choir for providing uplifting entertainment; Dan Laws for providing his expertise with sound equipment; Chris Schloss for organising the pantomime which delivered the important Christmas message and Karen Barnett and Yvette Nirvana for the effort they put into the Baha'i and Buddhist presentation – and, of course, a big thank you went to Santa.

Thanks to Andrew Walter, the **Carols on the Village Green** on Wednesday, 20th December 2006, was a very happy event and provided a fitting lead up to Christmas. On a perfect Montville evening, the audience sang favourite carols, supported by music from the Salvation Army Band, and the Maleny Singers, and thoroughly enjoyed listening to Margaret Taylor's magnificent rendition of "O Holy Night". Thanks to Lennart Christiansson for ensuring that the sound and lighting was just right.

The 2007 **Australia Day Breakfast** (planned by Kathy Laver, Frank Laver, Sue Delaney, Lavinia Ryan, Syd Kirkby, John Greer, Tony Warren, Gillie Warren and Colleen Brady) was celebrated in grand style. Congratulations to Michael Simpson on his Montville Australia Day Citizenship award. Gillie Warren delivered the very entertaining and informative address. The joyful and melodious entertainment was provided by the Montville Breakfast Band, and by members of the Mapleton Choir.

Thanks were also extended to the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club, the Fire Brigade, the flag raisers, the many wonderful volunteers who did such a splendid job, and everyone who attended and helped make the morning such a happy occasion and resounding success.

Thanks to Andrew Walter for his organisation of the joyful and uplifting **Easter Sunrise Service**, and to Ken Lyons for organising the thoughtful and moving **ANZAC Day Dawn Service**. Both events were well attended, as always – and assisted by many helpful volunteers.

There were several successful **Fund Raising** events during the year (sub-committee - Judy Exley, Heather Lewis, Lavinia Ryan, Judy Bull and Colleen Brady). The raffle, trivia night and Mauritian Dinner were all very successful – as was the *Inconvenient Truth* slide show evening, arranged by Rick Rexa.

A very special thank you goes to each and every person who helped to make all of the MVA events throughout the 2006-2007 year so successful

Thanks are due to the many donors, the helpers, and everyone in the community who supported this year's MVA

events in any way.

In addition to the fundraising events, donations were received from Mayor Natoli, and Councillors Rogerson and Northey; the Maroochy Shire Council Rapid Response Grant ; the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild (who donated half the door takings from their recent EXPO 2007 to the MVA) and Ian and Christine Reid and Jill Gardner-Leonard (who named the MVA as beneficiary of the Roger Loughnan art exhibition featuring their work). A very big thank you goes to the Montville State School which has generously named the Montville Village Hall as the beneficiary of this year's School's Charity Soccer Carnival and Family Fun Day – for which many thanks are extended to the whole School community.

Thanks are also due to Michelle for so ably taking care of the Village Hall, and for always being on hand to help. We'd be lost without you, Michelle.

Russel Family Park Report Most of us think of Russel Family Park as belonging to us, the community but reality is that it is actually the property of Maroochy Council, and we need to work within that constraint when seeking the enhancement and use of this beautiful place.

Council has, after prolonged consultation with the community over several years, prepared and adopted an approved plan for the long term development of the park and copies of this are available through the MVA, for interested persons. It is a good plan which envisages almost everything the community has ever sought for inclusion in the long term development of the park. Most importantly, everything in the plan has been agreed to by the community over the years.

At present the park is much under utilised, largely due to the relatively inaccessible nature of parts of it, particularly the northern extent, and lack of attractive reasons to use parts of it. More walking paths, a scattering of passive recreation sites, attractive picnic and barbecue areas would all enhance it greatly and be low cost and quickly realised developments which could and should involve the community. The southern play ground is one of the success stories of the park, the northern one less so, again largely due to relative difficulties of access, not for the kids but for adults, and particularly grandparents.

A further concern is that the stage is not holding up well, despite some repair and refurbishment by Council during the year and it seems likely that in the long term it can not survive without major redevelopment.

Probably the major concern to our community centres around the development within the park of extra car parking, primarily to serve the needs of Montville commerce. The community years ago accepted that this need was real and should be met within the park and, furthermore, that the cost of that development should be met by the sale of land at the southern end of the park and by unspecified future development of an extensive area in the south western part of the park. Given the prices being realised for commercial and residential land in the area the amount of land earmarked for development and sale seems grossly excessive merely to fund car parking. Nonetheless, that proposal has, long ago, been accepted by the community.

MVA sees as its major thrust in respect of RFP the need to encourage and help Council to develop the park sensitively. It would be poor thanks to Ian and sorry remembrance of Jenny if we were to allow it to degenerate to being merely the Russell Family Car Park.

Sports Ground User's Sub-committee Report This Committee meet regularly throughout the year. Its main objective was to ensure cohesion between the user's of the Sportsground and this was achieved. There were two incidents of vandalism, the toilets were trashed which was covered by insurance and with the assistance of the Woodcraft Guild repaired. The second was the trashing of the roof of the Soccer Clubs equipment shed, again with the help of the Woodcraft Guild this was repaired. Both these incidents are a bit of a worry, During the year there was negotiations with the Soccer Club over a agreement between the MVA and the Soccer Club which was finally signed just recently, the negotiations with the Tennis Club on an agreement, are still on going. In conclusion of my Report I would like to thank Peter Wellington for his time in overseeing the election of the new 2007/8 Montville Village Association Management Committee. Also once again I would like to thank the outgoing Committee for there support and contributions over the 2006/7 year.

Motion: "I move that the President's Report be accepted." Moved: John Greer Seconded: Gillie Warren Carried

11. Elections: All positions of the MVA Management Committee were declared vacant. John Greer called on Peter Wellington MP to conduct the elections for the 2007/08 Management Committee, then stepped down from the Chair. Prior to proceeding with the elections, Peter Wellington asked if there were any discussion of the reports. Discussion centred on the comments made by Cr Rogerson – with reference to the letter which the management committee wrote in support of the idea of having the iconic status of Montville recognised by legislation. There was a suggestion that the incoming committee should look at the iconic issue.

Peter Wellington made some comments: Palmwoods-Montville Road: Now that the Razorback Road has been recognised as a regional road of significance, with Main Roads putting significant funding into the project, it is hard to see that Main Roads will be putting money into the Palmwoods/Montville Road over and above normal maintenance. On the issue of Iconic legislation – there is a need for members of the community to be on the Transitional Committee. So consider nominating someone to be on this important Transition Committee. Iconic legislation – it is not about freezing things as they are – once a bill is presented there is an opportunity for everyone to have something to say. All that has happened to date is as a result of the concern in some parts of Queensland about their wish to maintain their identity. Cr Rogerson has not written or conveyed his anxiety to Peter Wellington. Any letters taken to Peter will be presented to the House.

Les Gittins commented that the meeting had not had a chance to show support for the Chairman and his annual report and suggested that the meeting show support – which was done by acclamation.

12. Election of Management Committee 2007/2008

At this point Peter Wellington, as presiding officer, proceeded with the elections, with all seven nominations being unopposed and all seven proposed and seconded by members. The nominations were as posted on the Village Square Notice Board, sent by e-mail to members, and displayed on the website. The nomination of Michelle Biggs was taken from the floor.

President	John Greer	Proposed by: Lynn Loftus	Seconded by: Allan Lewis
Vice President	Janet Helmrich	Proposed by: Syd Kirkby	Seconded by: Colleen Brady
Treasurer:	Lynn Loftus	Proposed by: Allan Lewis	Seconded by: Syd Kirkby
Secretary:	Alan Felmingham	Proposed by: Colleen Brady	Seconded by: John Greer
Committee:	Allan Lewis	Proposed by: Rick Rexa	Seconded by: Janet Helmrich
	Rick Rexa	Proposed by: Allan Lewis	Seconded by: Syd Kirkby
	Michelle Biggs	Proposed by: Pam Maegedefrau	Seconded by: Colleen Brady

Peter Wellington declared each position filled as nominated above. Peter then invited John Greer to the Chair.

13. **2007/2008 President:** John Greer thanked Peter Wellington and thanked everyone for their support.

14. **Other Business** Janet Helmrich thanked the community for the use of the Hall for the purpose of raising funds for the orphanage in Cambodia. Have now raised over \$2,000 for this very worthy cause.

15. **Next General Meeting:** Monday 24th September, 2007 at 7.30pm
Meeting closed at 8.50pm

John Greer President 2006 / 2007-08-28

Colleen Brady Secretary 2006 / 2007