

MVA General Meeting Minutes

Monday 26th May 2008

Montville Village Hall 7.00pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Alan Felmingham, Warne Wilson, Ann Borthwick, Hamish Borthwick, Jenny McKay, Allan Lewis, Heather Lewis, Syd Kirby, Barry Brady, Gordon Exley, Judy Exley

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 26th May

It was moved that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting on 28 April 2008.

MOVED: John Greer
SECONDED: Jim Cox
CARRIED

3. Business arising from minutes

Nil business arising.

4. New Members.

Nil new member

5. Official recognition of Montville State School fundraising

Tasha ? and Matthew Tucker presented a cheque for \$2029.45 which was raised from the Soccer Day to the Montville Village Association. This was a tremendous effort and on behalf of the MVA John expressed our thanks.

Mary Hynes presented her report.

- **Enrolment** continues to grow: 150 students with few extras commencing soon.
- We have a **wonderful group of students, staff and parents keen to improve our school**
- Yesterday more than 20 adults and similar number of students had a very productive **working bee** with activities including: realigning pavers and steps, relocating seating, washing large weather blinds, constructing a new large garden bed and preparing the long jump pit. A huge thanks to all.
- **Staff welcome:** to 3 teacher trainees as they complete their long-term pracs before completing their courses.
 - **Building works:**
 - **Painters** recalled and repaired peeling paint under main building
 - **Toilet block plans** approved – work to commence shortly. As the best site is the existing site, this means we will require temporary toilet blocks while construction is underway. Due to our wonderful trees, excavation will be by water vac – a slower and noisy process but safer in the long run. During noisy days, classes will be moving to Razorback House and we may even need to use one of the halls.
- The **Southern Bus** (to Maleny etc) now almost 20 students using bus. Trial continues for another month but hopeful of a favourable outcome – including an extra bus in the morning, tickets instead of cash and a slightly later departure after school.
- **Montville Cross Country** in Russell Family Park –Prep to Year 7 was a great afternoon
- **Small Schools Cross Country** at Kenilworth proved a difficult course but 1 Montville girl chosen to compete at Regional level.

- **Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 tests** held recently. It was the first time that all states completed same tests at the same time. Staff prepared the students well and they and the students were happy with how they performed.
- **3 Day Advanced Instrumental Music camp** last week was excellent.
- **Montville's Walk to School morning** – we walked around the oval (many times) instead and lots of parents and staff joined in.

Coming Events:

- Year 6 and 7 students compete in **Maths Tournament** this week
- Over 20 students participating in **Voices on the Coast** writing festival next week

6. Correspondence

Inwards:

1. AGL Powerdirect promotion
2. Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanical Gardens flyer
3. Operatif promotion
4. email re sportsground mowing option
5. email re dogs on leashes in Russell Family Park
6. Sunshine Coast Council – contact on Iconic Qld Places
7. Blackall Range Business & Tourism Association – Volunteers wanted.
8. email from Ken Lyons – ANZAC day questions
9. Qld Government – Iconic Queensland Places contact
10. Peter Wellington – SE Regional Plan revision

Outwards:

1. email to members – Operatif promotion (inwards)
2. email – Russell Family Park revegetation update
3. email – Russell Family park information/picnic day (inwards)
4. email - Senor Paella night reminder
5. Office of Fair Trading – Constitution change
6. BRWG – transfer of Amenities block account balance
7. pass on Blackall Range Business & Tourism Association letter
8. Ken Urquhart – thank you/recognition letter
9. Ken Lyons – a thank you for ANZAC day
10. Ken Lyons – ANZAC day answers (inwards)
11. Questions of whereabouts of sportsground pump (inwards)

It was moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards be endorsed.

MOVED: Michelle Felmingham

SECONDED: Colleen Brady

CARRIED

7. Business arising from correspondence

It was moved that the MVA participate in the revision of the SEQ regional plan

MOVED: Colleen Brady

SECONDED: Pam Magdefrau

CARRIED

8. Treasurer's report

MVA main account

Balance as at 28/04/08		\$10348.33
Cheques presented		
Senor Paella night sundries	\$25.19	
stationary	\$6.40	
Gregory fire services	\$38.00	
senor paella night catering	\$766.00	
marquee erection	\$80.00	
QIS public liability insurance	\$2238.20	
BRWG amenities balance transfer	\$597.00	
	\$3750.79	\$6597.54
Deposits		
hall hire	\$280.00	
rapid response grant	\$400.00	
marquee hire	\$125.00	
senor paella takings	\$1947.00	
	\$2752.00	\$9349.54
Balance as at 19/05/08		\$9349.54
note - property insurance of approx \$3630.00 is due		
MVA Historical account		\$2411.83
MVA playground account		\$6857.92

It was moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as a true and correct record.

MOVED: Michelle Felmingham

SECONDED: Jim Cox

CARRIED

9. Business arising from Treasurer's report

The Public Liability Insurance bill has been paid.

10. Guest Speaker

Tonight's guest speaker was Cheryl Keith. Cheryl gave a very interesting account of her recent visit to Nepal.

11. Financial future and Fundraising

Pam conducted a discussion on how to effectively cover the ongoing costs of MVA assets. The fundraising committee believe that big events such as the Paella night are unsustainable.

Pam advertised the Rock N Roll night to be held on 13 June
Trivia night on Friday 1 August – BYO night.

Smaller events and raffles should be conducted to raise funds.

Members are encouraged to join the Fundraising committee. People who live in Montville don't know much about the hall/sportsground or the MVA.

The MVA is the trustee for the Sportsground and the Hall and responsible for the maintenance of these assets. (Woodies have approached the MVA regarding the repair of the road in the

Sportsground) There are a small number of people who pay and look after the maintenance of our assets. Information will be published regarding what we have in an effort to encourage people to become more involved. We are now in a tourist node and shops are owned by people who don't live here. We need to talk to the young people and try to bring more people into helping the community.

Bryan – expressed concern about talking about iconic legislation.

Dianna – said it is a great idea to be letting the community know about what we have and suggested that Real Estate agents be given a copy of the information to hand out.

Michelle Felmingham – said that we need to send letters to council saying that we should not lose funding from council amalgamation.

Sportsground – suggested that the soccer club should donate half of their profits to the MVA to help with maintenance.

Pam posed the question – should other organisations join with the MVA.

Dianna – suggested that we hold a meeting of all the organisations to discuss what can be done about the problem.

Bryan McClennan said that the MVA has now become a resident's association not an association for the shops.

Michelle F posed the question that perhaps the Chamber of Commerce and the MVA could merge.

Colleen Brady spoke about the problem of having to raise \$5000 every year for the insurance which is dragging the committee down.

Michelle suggested that rate payers could be levied.

12. Reports:

- Fundraising – Pam Magdefrau

Thanks to Cheryl for her wonderful report on her exciting activities. Next month our guest speaker will be Maureen Sheargold who is the magic force behind the Maroochy Botanical Gardens at Tanawha. Maureen will be able to tell us of her experiences which should help as we move forward with Russell Family Park.

The main activity this month was the Senor Paella evening. This was made difficult by a reluctance by the community to commit before hand. At the cut-off time for the catering 3 days before, I had no idea whether we had 20 attending or the 80 we had expected as only 4 tickets had been paid for. A last minute decision to forgo the half price for children and allow free entry turned this around. With much emailing and phone calling over 2 days we eventually made a small profit with 55 adults and 19 children attending.

Thanks goes to Maleny IGA for a donation of \$50 towards the event.

Had we needed to cancel we would have made a considerable loss with a wasted liquor license and a lost deposit to Senor Paella. Everyone showed good support by buying raffle tickets and some made a contribution for their children. Senor Paella had no idea how many they were catering for as I was unable to give them firm numbers.

Organisation of this was truly a nightmare but despite this I enjoyed the night immensely and I hope others did too. The bar and the raffle were the main areas where we succeeded financially.

The fundraising committee believes that the time, effort and stress invested in these larger events is unsustainable. We shall focus on smaller events and continue with monthly raffles. I have forms for the Maleny IGA Community Benefit Scheme if members would like to apply to have the MVA as their beneficiary.

The next activity is a combined Fundraiser with Maroochy High Schools 'India Project'. This will be a Rock and Roll Night on Friday 13th June in the Hall beginning at 6.30pm. A Trivia night will be held on Friday 1st August with this being a low cost, low profit BYO evening.

Other activities will be considered with passive fundraising a priority. I would like to see monthly events such as games Nights or Film Nights that cater for differing interests and age groups.

Nambour Badminton Club have generously offered to support us if we were interested in restarting the Montville Badminton Club.

I would like to encourage members to join the fundraising committee and contribute with ideas and skills to assist the MVA in being an enjoyable, relevant and financially sustainable community organisation.

- Sportsground

Looking at grants to help with maintenance costs.

- Russell Family Park

Dianna said that there is a steady trickle of planting occurring in Russel Family Park with 60 – 80 trees being planted this month.

- Woodies – Report from Warne Wilson, President

The Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild.

Report to MVA 26/05/08.

Activities this month include:

Attendance at the Maleny Wood Expo where we took a stall for two days. Sales of Guild woodwork totalled \$699 and members sales were \$3925. We also sold 105 raffle tickets at \$1.00. After site costs our profit margin was small but it was a good exercise for the members.

We are currently working on an incised timber sign for the Mapleton Library and we are making another twenty easels for Hospital Art as a charity contribution.

Our stock of toys for the Salvos at Christmas is building steadily. A small group meets on Wednesdays to make toys on a regular basis – this year they have added several new designs.

Our main function for the year will be our expo in this hall which is booked for July 4th 5th and 6th. Invitations have gone out for the opening at 10am on the 5th to Peter Wellington and to council representatives.

We have obtained quotes for the entry road at the Sports Ground which we will forward to the MVA for consideration after our next meeting.

Last Saturday we held a working bee to trim shrubs and pull weeds and plant more perennials around our shed to keep up and improve the appearance.

A small bus load of members attended the annual Working with Wood Show at the RNA Showgrounds. This is an interesting day each year for our members with many machines and tools on special and demonstrations by leading craftsmen.

Training is continuing with a carving course and a course in basic wood joints for the new members. In addition a scroll saw group has started on Tuesdays for members interested in doing delicate decorative work.

Membership remains fairly constant as members come and go. At present we have about 150 paid up members.

- Fire Brigade

With little rain about there are to be no fires lit without permission.

- **Arts Connect** (formerly Montville Community Arts)

On Mothers Day we had our Family Fun with Art Day in the MVA Hall. Everyone had a great time with parents appearing to have even more fun than their children. We won't try Mothers day again however as we would have liked about 10 times as many attending.

This week a group is off to see the Barber of Seville with Qld Opera and those booked into The magic Flute need to confirm and pay before 6th June.

We have weekend workshops coming up in Watercolours, Acrylics, Raku Pottery, Renaissance Portrait techniques and silk painting. Details of weekly lessons and workshops are published each month in the Hinterland Times.

Our secretary Anita Hanicek has resigned due to continuing ill health and our membership officer Jill Leonard Gardner is filling the gap at present. Anyone who could help Jill with the extra workload would be most welcome.

Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th June in the St Mary's hall at 5.30pm. This will be a casual relaxed affair and we encourage anyone interested to come along. BYO and nibbles..

13. General Business:

Bryan McClennan spoke about the new boundaries.

Colleen mentioned that there is an opportunity to write in as Peter Wellington will not be our representative any more. We won't be in Nicklin but in Glasshouse.

It was moved that we as an organisation write in to inform them that we are against this.

MOVED: Pam Magdefrau

SECONDED: Colleen Brady

CARRIED

Meeting closed at 8.46 pm

14. Date of next General Meeting: Monday 30th June, 2008 - 7 pm