

The voice of the community

Minutes of General Committee Meeting : Monday 21st October 2019, 5:30pm

Place: The Hub Monbulk

1. **Welcome Guests:** Mayor Tony Stevenson, Jeanie Stroh, Joel Warham, Deb Warham, Mike Hansen, Danielle Bortignon
2. **Committee Members:** Aimee te Boekhorst (AT), Jill A'Vard, (JV), Belinda Grooby (BG), Cheryle Foster (CF), Jeanette Pritchard (JP), Luke Schroder, Peter Edyvane, Barry Megee
3. **Apologies:** Nathan Schroder (NS), Teresa Schroder (TS), Paul Bennett (PB), Richard Licciardi (RL), Debbie Trewavis (DT), Hilary Mellis (HM), Brent Grogan (BG), Helen Riethof (HR), Paul Utting, Jeanette Scott
4. **Declaration of conflicts of interest**
Nil
5. **Previous minutes**
Moved: Aimee te Boekhorst
Seconded: Belinda Grooby
6. **Business arising**
Jeanette Pritchard asked why Zahid didn't do a presentation at the last meeting for the ABCDE Program. Aimee responded noting that it was felt that Zahid wasn't the right candidate for the position and so the Executive chose to take a different direction (see later minutes point 8.5).
7. **Correspondence**
Email received from Shire of Yarra Ranges outlining the Recreation and Open Strategies Survey. Aimee asked for as many people as possible to complete the survey to ensure that Monbulk is able to build its' case as to what is wanted in the community.

Tony Stevenson said that Monbulk had the second largest community of 4,000 people and that they were more engaged and connected in terms of community and sporting events in the Shire. He noted that the survey is a great opportunity for the community to have a greater say in what they want.

8. Standing Reports :

8.1 President's report

Nil report

8.2 Treasurer's report:

Report attached.

The report not having reached all members prior to the meeting was circulated. Aimee gave a brief overview of transactions occurring since the last meeting.

Moved: Aimee te Boekhorst

Seconded: Cheryle Foster

8.3 YR's Council Report – Mayor Tony Stevenson

Report attached.

8.4 Executive Report

Report attached

8.5 Partnership Grant Report

The Executive have met after the last MADCOW meeting to discuss progress of the partnership grant. They felt that the proposal put forward by Zahid didn't have a lot of substance and so Aimee met with Belinda Grooby to discuss ways forward. Belinda put forward a proposal to the Executive where they felt that with Belinda's experience, both within the workplace and with qualifications in Community Development, she would be the right person to provide effective and knowledgeable advice on this project.

Belinda spoke to the meeting about her proposal for the ABCDE Learning project. Belinda is proposing to complete a Situation Report which will look at; what is happening now, what has been done in the past and how everything aligns with Council's Strategic Reports. This report is necessary to provide the baseline work required before bringing the community together at a 'stakeholders' (collaborative community consultation) meeting. This report will be completed by February 2020 upon which a date can be set for the community gathering. Cheryle Foster will assist Belinda with this process to facilitate the gathering.

The community gathering will provide opportunities for collaborative discussion in what is wanted both in the short and long term for Monbulk. From this information a Five Year Strategic Plan can be drawn up to assist with planning and completion of projects.

The Executive would like to engage Belinda to do this Situation Report for a fee of \$5,000. The recommendation from Executive is for this report to be completed instead of employing someone for a year as was previously moved to co-ordinate work.

Moved: Aimee te Boekhorst

Seconded: Jeanette Pritchard

All in favour

8.6 Risk Management Report

No report.

Aimee asked that all members with a Working with Children Check please send a copy to her as soon as possible. This information is required before the Council will make any further payments for the Partnership Funding.

9. Health and Sustainability

Boomerang Bags

Aimee reported that Theresa is keen to get these up and running with Karen Martin. They propose to make around 200 to be made available for the Merry Monbulk night.

Jill asked about the use of reusable vege bags. Aimee will follow up with Theresa on this.

Transition Convergence

Cheryle reported on attending a Transition Convergence in September with Aimee, Theresa and Jeanette. It was an informative day with lots of information gathered and contacts made in the arena of grass roots community development.

10. Youth

Belinda reported that there are now 63 young people in the program. She was happy to note that recent achievements were around a couple of young guys who were getting into so much trouble at school, constantly in time out etc who have joined the program and are now an active part of the Tribe group along with reengaging in school.

The Tribe group will be moving into the meeting room at the Monbulk Hub which is a great opportunity for the group to set up a space of ownership.

Belinda has also had meetings with James Merlino and CIRE Services regarding further funding.

11. MEMG

Barry reported that he had attended an afternoon tea put on by the Council at Mont De Lancy recently for township representatives to talk about emergency plans. They spent the afternoon talking to each other and it was seen that Monbulk had the best plan of all to date – they are coming to us to find out what to do with their own plans.

Peter reported that Powell Town are doing an emergency evacuation this coming weekend with relevant authorities and the Council have asked township representatives to attend the debriefing afterwards.

12. Youth Project

Jeanette Pritchard reported on the Monbulk Primary program she is working on. The program has started well with 10 children and 10 community members working together with an end game to hold a community event. The program will help children to understand volunteering and participating in their wider community.

13. Car Show

Report attached:

Peter reported that plans are coming together for the Show. There has been a good response from community groups regarding stalls. The Fun Run will also be held prior to the Show.

14. Roundabout

Luke reported that the work on the roundabout has been completed. Discussion ensued on the second roundabout and ownership (owned by Vic Roads).

15. Merry Monbulk

Aimee reported that Merry Monbulk is going big this year on Friday December 6. They are hoping to close off the main street and run the Market all the way up the main road. There will be a kid's play area, free activities, Santa on the Fire Truck and a photographer, bands and carols.

16. Film Nights

Aimee spoke about the first film night to be held this coming Friday night. The Bank and the Cricket club are putting the night on and they hope that it will prove to be a fun night for all.

17. Community Consultation at Monbulk Primary School

Aimee reported on the community consultation night with discussion happening around the grant given by James Merlino of 7.1m to the school. The school is working together with the rec reserve & the community regarding joint spaces.

18. General Business:

18.1 Historical Society

Jill reported on the work of the Historical Society. Jill has been working with Jeanette Scott to put a mural on one of the outside walls of the Hub. The mural is possible with sales from their book 'When Roads Were Tracks'. The Society has also won the 2019 Victorian Community History Award with a prize of \$2,000 for this book.

Aimee wished to acknowledge all the work done by Jill and the History Society and congratulated them on receiving this award. All agreed it's well deserved.

Jill also noted that she has been working with Jeanette to move the Historical Society to a space in the library.

18.2 Table Tennis

Jeanie spoke to the meeting about trying to set up a public table tennis/ping pong table. There will be information available at the car show about this project where she hopes to set up a fundraising project to pay for this (around \$10,000). Jeanie is very excited about getting this up and running in Monbulk and has already had some conversations with council representatives about this.

18.3 COG Bikes – Presentation

Joel, Deb, Mike and Danielle put on a presentation about incorporating a pump track into a community space on the old soccer pitch. The presentation was well received bringing excited conversation about how the space could be used for the community. The space put forward included; pump track, walking paths, children's play space, orchard, community vegetable garden, bbq area and meeting space. Everyone thanked them for the time they had put into their presentation and how it was very much appreciated. It was agreed that these ideas could go forward to our community consultation event where it was hoped it would help to give attendees incentive to think about what they would like to have in their community.

Meeting Closed: 8:10pm

Next Meeting: December 9, 2019 – Annual AGM and Committee Meeting.

Councillor update

MADCOW Meeting 21 October 2019

Australia Day Awards Now Open

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond in your local community? Why not nominate them for a Yarra Ranges Australia Day award.

- Citizen of Year – above 26 years of age (at 26 January 2020)
- Young Citizen of the Year – under the age of 26 (at 26 January 2020)
- Environmental Achiever of the Year
- Ken McIntosh Memorial Award (Young Environmental Achiever) – under the age of 26 (at 26 January 2020)
- Community Group of the Year
- Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award - selected by the Mayor and peers

Nominations close Friday 13 December 2019, 5.00pm

Priority roads confirmed in 10 year road funding program

Yarra Ranges Council has endorsed its priority roads to be sealed under the \$150 million Federal Government funded road program announced earlier this year. Residents on affected roads will be polled to determine if the majority of residents wish road to be sealed with a \$7000 co-contribution from landowners for each development unit.

Roads in Monbulk area which will be under the scheme

2020/21	Prices Road, Monbulk** (<i>adjacent to school so no resident funding required</i>)
2023/24	Burns Way & Mayview Drive Group
2024/25	Anderson Rd + Moores Service Rd Group
2024/25	Hunter / Carcoola / Tavistock Group
2027/28	Allandale / Rankins / Spring / Vika Ave Group

Full details available from Council website

Council accelerates its commitment to act on climate change

Yarra Ranges Council has reaffirmed its commitment to taking action on climate change by supporting, at 10-Sep Council meeting, a report and motion recognising we face a global climate emergency, requiring urgent action by all levels of government.

The report highlighted the significant action Council had already been taking to reduce its carbon footprint, including the installation of solar panels on 36 Council and community buildings resulting in a reduction in council's greenhouse gas (GHG) levels by 30% from 2000 levels and annual savings of \$1M in electricity costs. A further reduction of 20% in GHG levels is locked in with Council committing to a renewable power purchase agreement.

Council is currently undertaking a feasibility study for establishing solar farms on closed landfill sites. Early indications are that if it proceeds Council would go to below zero emissions within a few years. Final feasibility study will come to Council in December.

Council's next iteration its Climate Change Action Plan will go out for public consultation in early 2020

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Exec Committee Meeting : Wednesday 2nd October 2019, 5:30pm

Place: Connect @ 68

Minutes

Committee Members: Aimee te Boekhorst (AT), Debbie Trewavis (DT), Teresa Schroder (TS), Cheryl Foster (CF), Belinda Grooby (BG)

Apologies: Hillary Mellis (HM), Helen Riethof (HR), Richard Liccardi (RL)

Kids at Meetings:

Standard model of rules state that anyone attending the MADCOW meetings needs to be over 18yrs. We need to look at having a Jnr. Version of MADCOW that maybe meets 30 mins before the main meeting so that the kids feel that they have a voice and that we are listening.

It could be something that comes out of the ABCDE learning project in 2020.

We love Mitchells enthusiasm however, due to the nature of some of the open discussions held at the meeting and the age restriction in our model rules Mitchell cannot become a MADCOW member at this time. We are keen to stay in contact with Mitchell and involve him in the construction of the kids voice for Monbulk. Aimee will send an email and consult with Mitchel & his parents on this.

ABCDE Learning:

Belinda Grooby does Asset base for a living and her job is all about it. Belinda has presented MADCOW exec with a Proposal to facilitate the project by a means of a snapshot of the community plan which is now out of date and needs to be updates giving us an updated version that will be about moving forward for the next 5 years. It will have what we do as a town and community currently, and what the gaps are currently, and then what we can fill the gaps with. There will then be a Workshop to gather more ideas for the future of our town and community which is then a time of discovering how we align with council and their plans, and then put forward grants, community alignment and move forward.

A brief is then produced and then there is a service delivery from a community development perspective.

Cheryl Foster – Cheryl has been heading up groups and team facilitation for the last 4 years in place making, how to bring groups together, & town team movement. Cheryl's suggestion is then to take both models of Transition towns and Town Team movements to formalize a plan for Monbulk , Community and the future for the next 5 years. This will govern how we as steak holders want to describe Monbulk! "Monbulk 2025"

We are recommending a payment to Belinda Grooby to the amount of \$5,000.00 to create our plan and facilitate the initial research that will guide our ABCDE process. Belinda will assess the community where it is now, through the community consultation process we will determine what is important and where we are going and what we as a town want for Monbulk in the next 5 years. Belinda will work in line with councils strategic plan and will create an outline working document (an updated community plan) to start the next stage of the process. Belinda will work in with Cheryl and the exec to collaborate and get the best outcome for the community.

Belinda will present the first stage of her work to MADCOW at the February meeting and we will proceed to implement community forums.

Meeting Closed: 6:45pm