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MINUTES of THE GENERAL MEETING OF MADCA INC. HELD AT MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER 2025

Meeting opening
The newly elected President Peter Gamgee welcomed everyone.

Members Present: 25
Call for Apologies: 3

Minutes of previous meeting:
Motion:
Lyndall Hulme moved, seconded Catherine Standage that the minutes of the previous meeting of 3rd September be accepted as a true and accurate record. Carried

Business arising from minutes:
Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme Peter Gamgee advised Max Standage had covered this item in his President's report at the AGM

Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer Shane gave details of the monthly transactions leaving balances as at 30/09/2025 of

Everyday Account 2420 $12,518.78
Saver Account 1563 $70,397.92

Motion:
Shane Josey moved, Cal Roberts that the Treasurer's Report be received and any accounts listed be passed for payment Carried (A full report is attached with the minutes)

Correspondence September 4th to present

Date	Correspondent	Context	Action
04/09/2025	Mark Engel	Condolences Valerie Zwart	Secretary actioned
04/09/2025	Shelley Heathwood	Down pipe MADCA responsibility@TOSH	Peter H actioned/to be discussed at meeting
09/09/2025	Dark Sky Reserve team	Acknowledgement of Max support letter 11/07/2025	Noted
15/09/2025	Zonta	Directory '26 invoice attached	Referred to Treasurer
16/09/2025	Property management	September newsletter	Noted
16/09/2025	Shelley Heathwood	Council will organise engineering inspection/report @TOSH	Peter H advised/ to be discussed at meeting
16/09/2025	Planning have your say	BRLUPA/ MADCA submissions lodged	President actioned
17/09/2025	SCC	Remittance advice	Noted

18/09/2025	SCC grants	Successs with partnership grant application	Grant's officer actioned
18/09/2025	Smarty grants	Funding agreement received	Grant's officer actioned
21/05/2025	OSCAR	GM 25/09/2025	Referred to Max
24/09/2025	Andrew Grant	QCCC report	To be presented to meeting
24/09/205	Mapleton Choir	Success with grant application	Secretary actioned
24/09/2025	Blackall Range Lions	Success with grant application	Secretary actioned
24/09/2025	Mapleton Rural Fire Brigade	Success with grant application	Secretary actioned
24/09/2025	Jessica Foster	Food vendor licence and insurane	Peter Gamgee actioned
24/09/2025	Blackall Range Lions	Receipt of funding agreement/ bank details	Referred to Treasurer
24/09/2925	Mapleton Rural Fire Brigade	Acknowledgement of receipt of grant	Noted
25/09/2025	OSCAR	GM 25/09/2025	Referred to Max
26/09/2025	The Mapleton Choir	Receipt of funding agreement	Referred to Treasurer

Motion:
Lyndall Hulme moved, seconded Di Fitzgerald that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed . Carried

Business arising from correspondence

- **TOSH maintenance** Peter Gamgee advised he and Peter Hulme are progressing the matters that MADCA and Council have identifed as requiring on-going maintenance/ rectification. A progresss report will be provided to future meetings to keep MADCA members informed.

Standing agenda items

- **Communications team Report** Not presented at meeting: attached with minutes
- **Disaster management Report** No report provided
- **Dulong Quarry Report** Anne Veivers thanked community members, MADCA, MVA and SCEC for endorsing The HQAG submission to the Sunshine Coast planning scheme.
- **Grants Update** Peter Hulme advised that funds for the Partnership grant from Council were paid today. This grant helps pay insurance and operating costs at TOSH
- **Light the Lights Report** Peter Gamgee advised there is no report, but planning is 'on track'
- **Market Report** Donna Klease reported the last market went well even though it was during the school holidays. The school car park provides good access for a range of community demographics. The next market falls near Halloween. There has been a significant uptake on social media following of the markets posts.
- **OSCAR Report** Max Standage reported OSCAR represents a diverse range of views which makes it difficult to reach consensus with a response to the Planning Scheme; the issues raised however included growth of circa 200,000 people, requiring 85,000 new homes; the Council wanting a 20 year horizon, when the Act requires a 10 year review; heavy rail investment; parking/ moving people across the Coast; need to protect green space with projected growth to 500,000 (by 2040), and ensure adequate transport and parking.
- **Pump out assessments/ Report** Brett Fairlamb's proposal is on hold
- **QCCC** Ben Cann reported a busy quarter; Open Day is planned for 6th December when activities for locals are planned. Blackall 100 is in 2 ½ weeks.

Cr David Law report David advised that with 40,000 individual submissions it may take time to develop a further draft of the Planning document taking into account the ideas raised in the submissions. David spoke of the need to protect green space and wildlife. The old Caloundra Council building has been renovated as a library, with 12,000 visits in week1. The plan in 2002 was to re-locate Caloundra and Nambour Council offices to Maroochydore, with the buildings in Nambour and Caloundra re -purposed. A recent decision to push back the Nambour re- development 6 years and possibly further is a big loss to Nambour and has disappointed David significantly with the Hinterland missing out yet again.

General Business: Peter acknowledged Max Standage's work over the last 3 years and thanked him for his persistence in seeing many long standing issues through to conclusion. Peter welcomed the new committee and thanked Melissa Bartlett who is stepping down from the committee. In his address (see attached) Peter identified the current key matters for MADCA:

- increasing level of engagement particularly with younger people;
- TOSH maintenance/future;
- Quarry rezoning;
- Markets;
- Advocacy for the community;
- Pumpout;
- The living environment;
- Establishment of a foundation;
- Input and debate from residents and ratepayers so that the work undertaken is what the community want;
- Being prepared to support re-invigoration of the Hall and Sports Ground
- Further grants to strengthen the community.

A working bee will be held at TOSH on 26/10/2025

Next meeting will be held on 5th NOVEMBER 2025 at the Mapleton Bowls Club.

Incoming President address

Thanks and much appreciation to Max for his commitment to MADCA over the last three years and persistence in seeing many important matters through – many will be unaware of the amount of time and effort that has gone into many of the issues MADCA and our community have faced. Max is also not totally "off the hook" so to speak – as my other activities may well take me away quite a bit over the next year.

Thanks also to our new, and not so new committee members and to Marissa Bartlett who is standing down from the committee this year due to other commitments.

I have a question for you – overall do you think - our community is a great one. Most have come here from elsewhere, because of the location, the weather, the lifestyle, and many have stayed because of the added bonus of a great community. Few are here because they are forced to be here or have no other option. So whilst it is great – I support and re-enforce the ongoing MADCA objective – Make our community and district and even better place. A better place to live and a better place to work – yes it might surprise you to know that not all people in this area are retired!

To make our district even better I will work to further the level of engagement MADCA has with, its members, its committee, other community groups, and across all the demographic, especially where we do not have the benefit of input at present – our younger generation – yes younger than me! I would like to see our district be an even better place for our younger people. After all in a few years I will be in need of them to look after me!

Key matters still to be seen through:

TOSH and its future – the building is in need of drastic foundation work – is it viable? Do we really want to be burdened, or burden ratepayers with its maintenance for little or no return? In the coming years community input and a decision will be needed.

Quarry – appropriate development approval oversight/consultation through the QAG.

Our Markets – that have returned more than $25,000 to the community over the last two and a half years, in addition to supporting the direct fundraising of several community groups. We must strive to keep these markets alive and lively, refreshed and contributing to making our district and even better place.

Advocacy – on planning issues, and for other resident and home owner issues with local, state or federal issues.

Yes – pumpout – never forgotten, just not yet solved.

Living environment improvements – pathways, streetscaping, Lilyponds park maintenance and development.

Charitable foundation and the John Reynolds bequest.

Mapleton Hall and Sportsground – be ready to support re-invigoration when appropriate.

All of these matters require input from the community – complaints, ideas, debate, contribution, assistance, and ultimately support. MADCA Committee can not purport to represent "residents and ratepayers" per our constitution if nothing is sought and nothing is heard. To hear is also to hear directly and not via heresay. Hence my objective – engagement, engagement, engagement.

Ask not what MADCA can do for you…. You can all help by encouraging members of our community to get involved/participate, attend a meeting to share views and ideas etc – please encourage those you know, especially those with a "beef" to come and have their say.