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Connecting the Community

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MINUTES of THE GENERAL MEETING OF MADCA INC. HELD in The Green Room MAPLETON PUBLIC HOUSE WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026 at 5:30 for a 6:00 pm start

Meeting opening
President's welcome and recognition of traditional owners. Peter Gamgee welcomed those present and acknowledged the traditional owners
New members approval: Rod Hill approved
Members present:17 as per attendance register
Call for Apologies: 6 as per attendance register

Minutes of previous meeting:
Lyndall Hulme moved, seconded Max Standage that the minutes of the previous meeting of 5th AUGUST be accepted as a true and accurate record. Carried.

Business arising from minutes:
Mapleton Community Benefit Fund: information from Shane Josey as per Treasurer's report
In August 2026, MADCA has invested the $25,000 bequest from the late John Reynolds OAM with Australian Community Foundation, or ACF for short.

I would like to thank Max Standage for researching and identifying this as a suitable platform, and Peter Hulme for being our trailblazer and setting up the first fund.

Firstly, a named fund titled the Mapleton Community Benefit Fund has been established with an initial balance of $10,000.

I then arranged for a second extension fund titled "Mapleton and District Community Benefit Extension Fund" to be established with an initial balance of $15,000.

The minimum balance for a fund with ACF is $10,000.

Some of the key features are:

ACF invests responsibly and currently the returns are approximately 9%.

There is an administration fee for both funds (Named and Extension), and that is currently 2.5% of balances up to $100,000 at which point it scales back to 2%, then 1% over $5M. Once we get to $10M we negotiate the Admin fee.

There was no establishment fees. We consider the bequest to be the "seed funding", which we expect will grow over the longer term and be used for suitable grants to worthwhile project(s).

Anyone can donate directly to either fund, or further bequests can be accepted into the funds. Anonymous donations are possible.

Why were 2 funds created, and what is the difference?

Donations to the Named Fund can be tax-deductible.
Example : If I was to personally donate $100 today, I can claim that donation as a tax deductible gift of $100 on my 2026-27 tax return. Unlike a gift to the Red Cross or salvos etc. the $100 tax-deductible gift

has not yet been distributed to a not-for-profit organisation. It will remain under management by ACF and be invested and grow until some future time when MADCA requests it to be granted.

Grants from the named fund can only be distributed to not-for-profit organisations with DGR 1 status. DGR stands for Deductible Gift Recipient.

To clarify, MADCA is a not-for-profit organisation however we do not have DGR status, and some of our current commercial-like activities means we don't qualify at the moment. Electricity
The establishment of the named fund Mapleton Community Benefit Fund provides a way for people to donate and receive tax deductions for projects or goals that MADCA establish and control.

Donations that are made to the extension fund i.e. the second one which has the 15k balance, are not tax deductible. This is suitable for people that wish to donate however are not after a tax deduction. This is the logical fund for bequests to be made, as tax is not much of a priority in those circumstances.
The extension fund does not have the restriction of granting to DGR 1 not-for profit organisations. e.g. the P&C, Mapleton Choir, Kindy, Soccer club etc.

Mapleton Community Battery: Max Standage advised this project is progressing; the woking group has met with Virtual Wattts to determine the next steps. An EOI will be circulated to obtain 20 to 40 households or businesses who would be happy to provide information to allow a theoretical feasibility model to be developed. (Data include Interval data from the electricity provider and information on solar equipment and large loads e.g. EV). Subject to proving feasibility, those people may be invited to participate in the Pilot Virtual Power Plant. Note the success criteria is for contributors to benefit as the electricity contributed would provide a better return than is currently available; and consumers would benefit as electricity used would be cheaper than currently available**.**

Treasurer's Report:as at 01/09/2026
Everyday Account 2420 $12,647.56
Saver Account 1563 $31,816. 28
Term deposit $15,000.00
(a full report is attached with the minutes)

Shane Josey moved, seconded Cal Roberts that the Treasurer's Report be received and any accounts listed be passed for payment. Carried

Correspondence August 6th to present

Date	Correspondent	Context	Action
06/08/2026	HQAG	Funds location with MADCA	To be discussed at meeting
07/08/2026	Australian Communities Foundation (ACF)	Mapleton CBF details	A/Treasurer actioned
07/08/2026	Shelley Heathwood	Request for approval to install storage shed	To be discussed at meeting
10/08/2026	Elissa Bartholomew / Mapleton SS P&C	Quote for seats	Secretary acknowledged; resent link
11/08/2026	Property management	FireBoar viisit 19/08	Forwarded to Jennifer Thomas,RangeCare
11/08/2026	Kay Bennett	Jordan KW building asbestos check	Forwarded to Jennifer Thomas,RangeCare
12/08/2026	Elissa Bartholomew / Mapleton SS P&C	Application for MADCA grant	Secretary acknowledged

12/08/2026	Kay Bennett	RangeCare MADCA rental agreement	Secretary actioned
12/08/2026	ACF	Donation receipt211095	Referred to A/Treasurer
12/08/2026	Shelley Heathwood	Request re funding MADCA received/ Recipients of MADCA grants	Peter H responded
13/08/2026	ACF	Donation receipt 21106	Referred to A/Treasurer
13/08/2026	ACF	Donation receipt 21107	Referred to A/Treasurer
14/08/2026	Keith Parsons/ David Law	Advice re meeting with Property management	President actioned/to be discussed at meeting
17/08/2026	ACF	Donation receipt 21179	Referred to A/Treasurer
18/8/2026	Kay Bennett	Signed copy MADCA Range Care rental agreement	Treasure/ Secretary actioned acknowledged 19/08
20/08/2026	Blackall Range Lions	Application for MADCA grant	Secretary acknowledged
20/08/2026	Raz Babic ACF	Mapleton and District Community Benefit extension fund established	Treasurer actioned
22/08/2026	Mapleton Men's shed	Application for MADCA grant	Secretary acknowledged
25/08/2026	Ben Cann	QCCC compliance letter	To be discussed at meeting
25/08/2026	Mapleton Observatory	Application for MADCA grant	Secretary acknowledged
25/08/2026	OSCAR	GM 27/08/2026	Max actioned
26/08/2026	ACF	Donation receipt 21298	Treasurer actioned
26/08/2026	Catherine Standage	Baroon Song Project grant application	Secretary acknowledged
27/08/2026	Smarty grants	Acquittal received	Grant's officer actioned
27/08/2026	Shelley Heathwood	MADCA financial documents	Pete H actioned

Lyndall Hulme moved seconded Cal Roberts that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.Carried

Business arising from correspondence:
Location of HQAG funds Peter Gamgee advised that MADCA will continue to hold the funds as we have done. In future the capacity to invest with the ACF is now available

TOSH Tenure/ Council approval: Peter Gamgee advised of the 2 meetings, he Max Standage and Peter Hulme had with Council officers to try to resolve MADCA concerns re the ongoing maintenance and repair of TOSH. The first meeting with Keith Parsons CFO and Cr Law was an opportunity to raise concerns that they may not have been aware of; the second with the property mnagement team supposed to be on the specific outstanding issues. While these matters remain unresolved MADCA will maintain its current position that it is unreasonable and contrary to Council stated policy for MADCA to undertake structural repairs to TOSH. In the future, MADCA may need to seek community input as to their view re MADCA continuing involvement with TOSH (refer TOSH report in August reports of sub committees/ working party's)
QCCC Peter Gamgee advised in the matter of a noise complaint correspondence is available for people to read if they wish to do so; however it is not MADCA's role to intervene in neighbour to neighbour matters unless there has been a request from the community supported by MADCA membership.

Subcommittee and Working Party Reports
(attached with minutes)

- Pumpout
- Christmas concert
- TOSH
- Markets
- Grants
- OSCAR Report
- Disaster management Report
- Mapleton Community Benefit Fund
- Communications. (Noted correspondence received from Nita Lester advising that other posters besides MADCA and Range Community News had also been removed from notice boards).
- Lily ponds Caravan park update
- Defibrillator access
- Cemetery upgade
- Mapleton & district award
- 3 PO Rd development

Cr David Law report
David reported on 2 matters: The proposed niche wall at the Cemetery. Council is seeking feedback; council needs to hear from people who have burial rights (hold the right to use of a burial plot or niche). The strict controls re burial changes mean that people who have burial rites must be consulted prior to changes being made. The plan to renew the wall will increase the capacity of the cemetery; make the wall more accessible, and provide a longer lasting solution..
Update re the planning scheme : The SEQ regional plan is in the final steps with SCRC to provide feedback to State. Cr Law suspects that the State review will impose revised rules for subdivision of rural land – allowing more subdivision for housing. The timeline is early next year for the review to be complete.
General Business: Nominations for AGM 7th OCTOBER due 23/09/2026 **(at 5:30 for 6pm)**

Jan Collins advised the Lions Hinterland Dinner is on Thursday 22nd October at Flaxton Gardens. Community groups can participate with information stalls. The guest speaker is a Life Flight employee.

Next meeting will be held on 7th OCTOBER 2026 **(folllowing the AGM)** at Mapleton Public House .