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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

held at the MAPLETON PUBLIC HOUSE
Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 5:30pm for 6pm

Meeting Opening and Welcome

Present as per Attendance Register 29

Apologies as per Apologies Register 3

Confirmation of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st OCTOBER 2025

Motion that the meeting accept the Minutes are a true and correct record.
Moved Lyndall Hulme Seconded Shane Josey

President's Report and presentation of MADCA community grant's awards 2026

- Baroon song project
- Mapleton Men's Shed
- Mapleton Observatory
- Mapleton S.S. P&C
- The Lions Club of Blackall Range
- The Range Community Kindergarten
- ZONTA Club of Blackall Range

The Mapleton SS P&C and The Range Community Kindergarten representatives were not in attendance

The President presented his report as below:

Keeping an organization such as MADCA going does take significant time for several people, but it also means being serious in intent in keeping MADCA true to its objectives, and discipline around processes to keep the organization on track. At all times though MADCA must be flexible enough to respond as the need arises.

Our key objective is to "make Mapleton and District and Even Better Place in which to live" – so how have we gone with that over the past 12 months? And what might we improve?

1) **Multiplying the effort**. There is little point in MADCA holding funds and attempting within its own resources to make social and practical improvements to our district. Apart from being restricted in what we can do through Council and other regulations, we are also limited by the few active and older members combined capacity. The grant scheme was established three years ago and has continued to improve and expand with grant requests of nearly $30,000 this year. Whilst not all could be supported via surplus funding we have managed to assist and hopefully empower

seven organisations and from them a population of several hundred people. Through those organisations the “making better” covers numerous social and practical enhancements from considering health through Lions provision of a portable Defibrillator, to the arts in assisting the Baroon Song Project which will give musical identity to the Range. The MADCA supported Mapleton Country Markets provides not only the major financial contribution to these grants, but it also provides a social forum for the community and a gathering place once a month.

Another major achievement this year has been the establishment of The Mapleton Community Benefit Fund, which provides an avenue for any organization to be more effective in raising major sponsorship and project funding. Thanks to vale John Reynolds and his bequest for putting MADCA in a position to be able to do this…John’s legacy living on.

2) **The long term projects.** Of more challenge are those improvement projects that take many years to resolve. Perhaps our longest term project – Pumpout – not forgotten, we still have a direction which may eventually lead to a sewered Range – but don’t hold your breath (except on pumpout days for the smell). The pathway project – Mapleton to Flaxton and beyond – now becoming more than just a local access route. By touting it as a must see iconic story telling walk and eco tourist destination….to get funding which otherwise seems impossible.

   Another long term project initiated by resident input has potential to have financial benefit across a wide cross section of our community, especially those who cannot afford solar power or batteries. The Community Energy Project is at an early stage and may take up to a year to gain traction pending modelling and pilot establishment of its viability.

3) **Advocating on residents’ behalf**. In many cases this is about making sure actions of developers, local, state and federal government does not result in changes that would be felt by most residents as having a negative impact – i.e. making our district a worse place in which to live. Whilst promoting and supporting housing improvement and appropriate development, MADCA in conjunction with BRLUPA have responded to community requests to address the non-compliant and potentially harmful aspects of the Lilyponds Caravan Park and 3 Post Office Road developments. All too often the push for denser housing competes with the environmental requirements related to water consumption and waste water disposal. Thanks to the diligence and expertise of people within our community we have been able to identify to Council the serious technical shortcomings of the development proposals. On a larger scale we have also responded to State driven planning requirements e.g. the overlay of Bush Fire Management requirements over most of the district. The overlay may be sensible given the increasing risks, however the implementation fails to provide the enhanced Rural Fire Brigade Services, nor the public infrastructure (yes water again!) to address the risk wholistically.

4) **Keeping MADCA viable**. MADCA must be viable financially and also keep to appropriate objectives and members’ (& residents’) requests. Communications is a big part of that and having a team who can produce the “goods” so to speak, regardless of the situation, is very important – and we have that. It is great to see such well researched and comprehensive articles published in support of not just MADCA, but all participating community organisations, and robust web platforms that support MADCA business.

   Keeping MADCA viable also means making sure we are not burdened by prohibitive costs and processes that consume our ability to undertake all the previously

mentioned initiatives. Our treatment by Council on TOSH has been a big issue that has consumed far more time and energy than should have been necessary – both by Council and MADCA. We hope that has now turned a corner with the intervention of the Council CFO, however financial viability will continue to be a matter for concern as rents increase in the future.

Special thanks to all the Committee members who have made everything possible and contributed significantly over the year – Lyndall keeping me on track and keeping the organization administered, Ian for the huge comms program, Peter H for perseverance with TOSH and the many grants received and given, Shane for dealing with the increasing complexities of financial responsibilities, George for taking up the Pumpout and Pathway projects, Max for continued huge input on all things planning, keeping us connected with other organization of OSCAR and MVA, not to mention Community Power Project and Community Benefit Fund lead. Leigh – for supporting Shane, being our representative at various events and selecting the raffle wine! Stephen for the fresh and considered perspective and leading the charge of our one major event of the Christmas Concert.

I would also like to **thank the "loyal" members and volunteers** who continue to front up to meetings to provide input, questions committee actions and make suggestions, despite timing and venue changes…..
Speaking of volunteers – **special thanks** to all those who support the Mapleton Country Markets – of course **Donna and Paula** – and the many others on logistics, traffic, and the MADCA stall.

Also thanks to the **Mens Shed** for our Committee Meeting venue and **the Mapleton Public House** for the ongoing use of this Green Room for General Meetings.
David Law – also thanks for supporting MADCA and being responsive to our dealing with Council.

Whilst we talk about recognition we have also established a **Lifetime Citizen Award** for those who have had a lasting and inspirational contribution to our community.

One of my objectives for this year was to get younger people interested in MADCA and to become active members. This is certainly challenging, and not yet achieved – I had thought of resigning, but that would only increase the average age! At least I will be handing over to a younger president!

I move that the Presidents' report as tabled be accepted.
Motion that the meeting accept the President's Report as read.
Moved Peter Gamgee Seconded Cal Roberts

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented and the report is as below:.

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I am happy to report that our financial position is sound and the books and records well kept. In this report, I have only listed the highlights of our income and expenditure, however all the important details are here. Fully detailed reports are provided at each monthly general meeting.

In comparing our position to last year:

	June 2026	June 2025
Cash on hand:		
Everyday account:	$9,643.38	$15,025.58
Savings Account	$71,274.02	$60,174.32
Totalling:	$80,917.40	$75,199.90

Grant income/expenditure balanced out at $3,654.66 in the positive this year. Grant income was $9,968.71 and expenditure was $6,314.05.

The Old School House (TOSH) income was $19,575.81 against the costs of $13,924.01, being SCRC Lease ($5,346), SCRC rates ($1407.04) and Remondis Pump-out ($834.14), Insurance ($1,738.31), Electricity ($1,670) and Maintenance ($2,928.16). Surplus from TOSH was therefore $5,651.80 (up from $3,825.04 in the previous year).

Mapleton Country Markets income was $17,597.88 and costs totalled $10,410.88, resulting in an operating profit for the markets of $7,187 (down 1.6% from $7,305.94). It should be noted that only 9 markets occurred, rather than 10 in most years. The average surplus per market event was $798.56, up from $730 in the previous year.

Other expenses were Community Grant Donations to 3 local organisations ($8,900), Website operations IT and anti-virus software ($807.64), venue hire ($600), Fees and Registrations ($62.10), Advertising ($60), Insurance, other than Public Liability (1,241.34), Miscellaneous, e.g. Postage, Stationery, Raffle wine and other supplies ($1,345.20). HQAG expenses were $940.

Our other income, totalling $26,950.58 came from fundraising ($663), Bank Interest ($1,099.70), and Donations to MADCA ($100).

Overall **Surplus** for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 totalled **$4,275.35.**

Our accounts have not been independently audited this year, as the Management Committee decided that because MADCA's annual turnover is less than $300,000 and we are therefore by definition a "small incorporated association", we will align with the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act and MADCA's constitution, by preparing our own Verification Statement. Peter Gamgee, as President, has signed the 2025-26 Verification Statement on behalf of MADCA.

I move that my report be accepted.
Shane Josey
Treasurer

Motion that the meeting accept the Treasurer's Report as read.

Moved Shane Josey Seconded Peter Hulme

Motion that the Treasurer and President provide a verified statement that meets the requirements of the OFT

Moved Shane Josey Seconded Peter Hulme

Communication's Report
Communication's report as per September monthly reports for subcommittees/working parties

Resignation of committee

The incumbent committee stood down and Cr David Law chaired the meeting to elect a new committee**.**

Nominations for the following committee positions have been received by the closing date of 23 September as required by the Constitution.

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by	Carried
President	Steve Turton	Peter Gamgee	Max Standage	Yes
Vice president	Max Standage	Lyndall Hulme	Peter Hulme	Yes
Treasurer	Shane Josey	Peter Gamgee	Lyndall Hulme	Yes
Secretary	Lyndall Hulme	Ian Stannard	Steve Turton	Yes
Grant's Officer				
Communication's Officer	Ian Stannard	Cal Roberts	Catherine Standage	Yes
Committee member	Leigh Josey	Max Standage	Peter Gamgee	Yes
Committee member	George Kachaniwsky	Lyndall Hulme	Ian Stannard	Yes
Committee member	Rod Hill	Peter Hulme	Lyndall Hulme	Yes
Committee member	Peter Gamgee	Peter Hulme	Lyndall Hulme	Yes
Committee member	Peter Hulme	Max Standage	Lyndall Hulme	Yes
Committee member	Marissa Bartlett	Peter Hulme	Catherine Standage	Yes

Call for representatives to OSCAR meetings
Max Standage will be the MADCA representative to OSCAR

Call for representatives to the Mapleton/Flaxton Disaster Management committee

Burnie Collins, Peter Hulme and Peter Gamgee will be the MADCA representatives to the Mapleton/Flaxton Disaster Management committee

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The new committee was installed then the General Meeting followed.

Meeting closure 7:00pm