

Simon's Unofficial ConFest minutes 25/9/97

As always, the minutes book is the accurate record of the meeting.

Chair: Simon Minutes: Laurie

Meeting opened 7:30pm

Previous meeting minutes read in brief

### Correspondence

Matilda on the Murray: Letter proposing river transport between Tocumwal and Site, 6 return trips per day at \$75 per return trip, boat holds 34 passengers & luggage. Decision on whether ConFest pays for transport, or we charge users held over to (later, budget?) meeting.

M Pacheco & J Brew: Request for a marketplace application form

Dr Marc Cohen: Request for better lighting equipment, power supply and water supply to First Aid. Decision held over.

Bryce Pratt: Request for marketplace application form

Peter Cruise: Request to run a food stall at the Arts Village. As outside Market area, health issues discussed. Unofficial precedents: Forest Village. Decision deferred to Market committee.

Cann River Permit Notice letter (held over from last week). No further action to be taken with respect to Cann River site. Letter to be filed.

### Finance

Tocumwal site trip, petrol, Bryce Pratt \$38.56 - consensus

### Business items

Site Visit Was made yesterday, only 4 attended due to mid-week (delayed as it was raining at the site on Saturday). Graham reported that Levee Bank will require some form of surfacing (earth?) to cope with ConFest traffic.

John O'Neil that the beaches were excellent. An area of the site is reserved (no camping) as it is full of 1 metre high River Red Gum saplings which came up in the last floods. We want them preserved.

### Ticketing

Need to verify sales agents for inclusion in next newsletter: David Cruise and Robert to action

#### Newsletter

Discussion to do two mailouts: a newsletter to members including AGM dates and motions, RGM dates and motions, survey results and other contributed articles. Deadline for this issue next week (October 2).

Mailout set at October 9. Action: Janet

AGM dates need to be set at next weeks Director's meeting.

A later mailout to everyone on the mailing list with ConFest info and poster.

#### Poster

EarthJohn circulated 3 poster ideas, and comments were made by various members.

EarthJohn to do further work on the poster for presentation next week.

Motion: Funding of \$500 for Dergholm site trip - possible site for next year - transport (by train) and meals for 4 members. Moved: Paul Grant,  
Seconded: Laurie. For 1, Against 7 No abstainers. Failed

#### Discussion

Steve Herrmans: The situation with regard to using DTE/Poster art on a commemorative ConFest t-shirt. Money making venture, Steve supplies capital. Silk-screen prints on-site. Precedent of mugs previously made with DTE logo. DTE gets publicity value of T-shirts being worn. Referred to Director's meeting for decision on use of logo/poster art, Market committee for application as a trader.

Motion: Funding for seeding a Spring Festival at Lake Lonsdale, end of October. Moved: Paul Grant Seconded: ? For: 2 Against 11. Failed

Motion: That a Melbourne Cup "weekend" be held at the site Sat 1st - Tues 4th Nov.

Moved Bryce: Seconded: David. Consensus - passed.

#### Meeting adjourned

There will be an event at Wolfgang's Palace (Colac) at about the same time as the "weekend" at the site.

Next weeks ConFest committee meeting to be complete by 8:30 as there is a large agenda for the Director's meeting.

Next week's ConFest meeting to discuss members of market group (as defined in motions passed in current RGM). The following have already put their names forward:

Jessica, Janet, Steve \*, Leighton \*, Bryce \*, Robert, Anna \*, Linda Fries, Brad \*, Kathy, Hugo \*, Robert. Those with asterisks are market vendors, and would have no responsibility for money collection or on-site decisions to do with the market as per amended RGM motions.

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Simon

Simon's Unofficial ConFest minutes 09/10/97

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Chair: Simon Freidin. Minutes: Marty Hurly, Mattie Hanane

Meeting opened 7:45pm

Previous meeting minutes

Correspondence

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None

Finance

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Bryce Pratt \$14.30 - toilet module

Business items

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Poster Art: still being developed

Theme: Final themes proposed and voted on:

Around the Bend

Secret Policeman's Festival

Back in Touch (12 votes)

and the most popular theme: "Tread Lightly (Forest Murmurs)" (13 votes)

Toilets: Bryce Pratt:

The dunny modules we have used are no longer manufactured. We have 30-40 in stock, some with broken lids Bryce proposed the "Recycled box and dunny seat", manufactured for \$14.30 + liner bag. Gives a very low seat. 30% squats would reduce costs.

Site: David Symons - site visit on weekend:

Site has great shade, beaches, firewood.

Also has some problems:

Site road runs through owners backyard. Solution: we move a woodpile which gives us straight road access to rear gate. Car park is some distance from site: we will need more hand trolleys. Very close to town & neighbours: loud music may be a problem. We'll have to discuss this Front paddock is irrigated - no vehicle access. Cattle: we'll need to install an electric fence so gates can be left open.

Levee bank: Need to fill either side so it isn't so steep. Cattle trucks drive over levee, so water trucks should be okay.

Lease has arrived. Separate letters regarding cost of moving cattle off property (if owner deems it necessary 'cause we destroy all the cattle's feed), owners children's access to property during lease period.

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Techno - [on nearby site] (Laurie)
2. Water and power (David S)
3. Fire safety: equipment needs, pt'chang needs (Chris)
4. Site layout brainstorming
5. Ticket commissions & the new co-op rules (Paul)
6. ConFest mailout - table proposed newsletter (Janet)
7. Infrastructure budget (timeline)
8. Market committee members (passed on from RGM)

Meeting closed 8:50pm

see ya  
Simon

The Tread Lightly (Forest Murmurs) ConFest  
Committee Agenda for 23/10/97

1. Poster - EarthJohn's, Micheal's, Eugene's, Paul's graphic artist
2. Newsletter - final (?) Newsletter presentation - Janet
3. Tickets - artwork - pass-out process discussion - David C.
4. Roadwork contractors - report from trip to Toc - Graham
5. Market committee - set date for first meeting
6. Site Budget
7. Site Layout

Promotion - Simmeau

Techno -

Water & power - David S.

Fire Safety - Chris or Pt'Chang

Dust -

Toilets -

Drunks - Simon

Cows - Joe

Marquees/Shade structures -

Entertainment - Kay

Information flyers/booklets - Jessika (fire awareness, recycling & rubbish etc)

Speedboat - floating barriers

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Simon

Unofficial ConFest Committee Minutes 23/10/97 Meeting opened 7:45pm

Newsletter: Janet presented work to date. 18 pages, including 6 pages of survey results. For members. 7 days to print. Could go to printers on Monday.

Promotions: Motion: That the ConFest Committee budget the sum of \$2000 for promotion.

Consensus. Discussion on the need to promote outside Melbourne (Adelaide, Sydney, Byron Bay). Value of publicity. Simmeau to co-ordinate & present strategy next week.

Tickets: Discussion on 3 part ticket, legal conditions, pass out section.

Motion: That the wording of the ticket be changed to "Pets will be impounded at owner's own expense". Moved: John O'Brien, Seconded: Janet Gardiner. Carried 8 for, 0 against.

Alteration to ticket "DTE" be expanded to "Down to Earth Co-operative Society (Vic) Ltd"

Volunteer process wording on ticket: to be worked on by Jessica, Matti, David C. and presented next week

Roadworks: Graham Ennis. Has sought 3 quotes on 550 metres of roadworks into site, and smoothing levy access. Two lanes over levy with star picket dividers. Muldoon Contractors quoted \$5100 (\$1500 grading, \$3600 for 30 loads gravel/sand). Shire and another contractor to quote this week. Graham presented a map of the proposed road. David S. objected to layout. For discussion next week.

Market meeting: First meeting set for next Thursday, 6:30pm at Page St.

Site Trip (Melbourne Cup weekend). 20 seater bus has been booked. Seven takers. Booking to be confirmed.

Site Budget: Proposed \$50,000 plus \$5,000 roadworks. To be discussed next week

Site Layout: Held over

Motion: That the ConFest committee allocate the sum of \$500 for deposit and \$480 for rental for rental, mileage and fuel. Consensus

Confab: John O'Neill re moving Confab to Saturday nights. To be discussed next week.

Dergholm site trip: Paul presented quick report. Photos next week.

Meeting Closed: 9:30pm

Agenda for next week:

1. Poster proposals - Paul, Michael, EarthJohn(?)
2. Promotion proposals - Simmeau
3. Tickets: Volunteer process, selling Easter tickets on-site
4. Roadwork quotes: update
5. Site budget

Community Food

Techno -

Water & power - David S.

Fire Safety - Chris / Pt'Chang

Dust -

Toilets -

Drunks - Simon

Cows - Joe

Marquees/Shade Structures - Steve

Entertainment - Kay

Information flyers / Booklets - Jessika

Speedboats - floating barriers

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Apologies: Jessica, Janet, Paula

Roadworks: Graham:still awaiting additional quotes: to be picked up this weekend

Easter tickets:

Decision to sell Easter ConFest tickets on site in motion for next RGM

Volunteer process wording: Cost: \$50 (or \$30) plus 2 hours voluntary work. Process: on rear of ticket directed to Information (or via radio stations distributed throughout the site!)

Site Trip: This Friday, 20 seater bus leaving from David Cruises

Motion: That the ConFest Committee allocate a budget of \$1000 to investigate the repair of the Quad bikes. Consensus.

(Quote for one bike after last Easter was \$1400)

Report: Tom Henderson on equipment purchased for Roxstop which is coming back to DTE: Water filter cartridges, 10 x 12v lamps, 2 spare wheels for trailers + fittings. Joe to arrange receipts & present them next week

Promotions: Les (he's sent around separate e-mail)- full proposal next week.

Discussion on water: steps to improve quality, water pressure, holding tanks, duplicate filtration/sterilisation. Water tankers. Full discussion on water & power next week.

Infrastructure budget:

Site search	1200
Site rent	5000
Permit	150
Insurance	1050
Tickets	3000
Marketing	4300
Power	2000
Water	1200
Toilets	2000
Transport	3000
Gate	3200
Communications	3800
First Aid	1800
Doctors	2000
Security	2000
Fire	3000
Rubbish	1500
Disabled	300
Workers	2000
Information/Signs	1100
Workshops	1500
Quad bikes	1000
Tools	500
Wheelbarrows	1500
Bicycles	200
Misc Hire	500
Tarps/Poles	2000
Market	1200
Storage	
Admin	200
Road works	5000
Contingencies	
Site internet	1000
Motorboat	

Total                   =====

58200

Agenda for next week

1. Site layout
2. Promotion proposals - Simmeau/Les
3. Roadwork quotes - Graham
4. Water & power - David S
5. Infrastructure budget

Community Food

Techno

Fire Safety

Dust

Toilets

Drunks

Cows

Marquees/Shade Structures

Entertainment

Information flyers

(fire safety / fire regs / volunteering / other policies)

Speedboats - floating barriers - signs

Site planting/regeneration

River boat transport to site

River gate

Cool room

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Apologies: Paula

Site reports: Graham Ennis (written report), Yeroa Bindy, John O'Neil, Peter Cruise, Les Spencer.

Rhonda: Fire strategies & speedboats

Motion: That the site map and pictorial location be taken off the website. Proposed Yeroa Bindy, Seconded: David Symons. Consensus

Presentation: Michael and Joe. Nuclear Free Village with representatives

from MAUM, Jabiluka etc. Budget proposal to come.

Finance: Laurie re telephone expenditure and petrol expenditure for DTE people. Village budgets to cover village expenditure on telephone and petrol. Phone: individuals to present records to cover cost of calls, not rental, as before. Fuel: Laurie to draw up a form to cover kms travelled.

Presentation: Fire Strategy: Anthony. 10 point plan.

1. Hand out leaflets at front gate.
2. Clear signs: signs to be constructed before ConFest. (eg Fire in safe firepits only, communal firepit here, A safe fireplace looks like this etc) "Total Fire Ban Today" signs to be stored at information.
3. Communal firepits to be dug by backhoe at village sites.
4. Fire patrols
5. Training
6. Buckets + 44's to be kept filled with water (+ detergent so the water won't be used for drinking)
7. Communications: Emergency mobile contact with CFA (available 24 hours/day)
8. Manual fire-fighting equipment: Sacks, polaski, macleod's, safety goggles, dust masks, detergent, buckets (150). Borrowed from CFA, BFB etc
9. Powered fire-fighting equipment: 2 quad bikes, 2 petrol or diesel powered water pumps and hoses on trolleys  
Road-building water tanker  
BFB fire-fighting vehicle
10. Co-ordination: Fire Safety Working Group  
Fire Safety Committee: Brad, Laurie, Steve, Paul, Simon, Anthony, Paula (co-opted)

Discussion: Site Layout. Road and vehicle access, don't push site up too far, levy bank as barrier, possible locations for spiral, market, car park, move front gate/techno to road, retain open space. To be discussed again.

Discussion: Water and power: David S. Take water from downstream arm of river and run to marketplace, supply power to coolrooms. Issue of cars running over polypipe. Proposal to lay polypipe now while ground is soft. Alternative energy rather than using the power grid. Run power from house to workers kitchen. ConFest has already reduced power needs to a minimum: runs off one 15 amp & one 10 amp (coolroom) circuit. Health issues a concern: power for first aid, food refrigeration. Water and power committee: Brad, David S., John, David C. Peter C., Laurie, Richard Swinton

Discussion: Drug and Alcohol Policy: Yeroa.

DrugFest. Prevalence of drugs. Young folk having drugs pushed on them.

Dealing with OD's. Rick: imposition of our values, freedom. Some

villages value drug-free status: Spiral, Spiritual, Yoga, Children's.

Need to create drug and alcohol free zone on site: where to position such space(es) relative to each other. Consensus on drug and alcohol free-space.

Newsletter: Ready tomorrow: Folding/Labelling: volunteers at David C's this weekend: Mattie, Cheryl, Mary etc. Use green poster (ship) until new poster presented.

Motion: That up to \$1500 be allocated for 100 main + secondary bamboo poles. Moved : Steve Herrmans. Seconded: Simmeau. Consensus.

Agenda for next week

1. Promotion proposals - Simmeau/Les
2. Roadwork quotes - Graham
3. Infrastructure budget - reconsidered
4. Total budget for Villages/Entertainment

Community Food

Techno

Dust

Toilets

Cows

Marquees

Entertainment

Information flyers (fire safety / volunteering / others)

Speedboats - floating barriers & signs

Site planting/regeneration

River gate

Securing the site

Cool room

River boat transport to site

Simon Freidin wrote:

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## Addendum

Correspondence: Sheridan Smith: Marketstall application.

see ya  
Simon