

Confest Group - Sydney

Minutes – Meeting 18th May 2003

Present: John McCallum, Dianna Horvath, Greg O'Donnell, Will Gray, Azur Free, Tim Walker-Smith, Hal Johnson, Glen Ceff, Don Royal, Anne-Marie Taylor, Linda Menczer, Derek Ellison and Eric Vigo

NO	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<p>Preparatory Weekends: Agreed to have two preparatory weekends leading to the set up of the Summer Confest in December. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Affinity Group weekend to be held in late July '03 for 20 to 30 people. This would involve group co-ordination, team bonding and developing site works skills such as setting up a toilet, shelter and cooking facilities b) Training Weekend to be held on October 6th long weekend for 50-60 people <p>The group aims to stage a Confest in the Sydney region during October 2004.</p>	
2.	<p>Preparatory Weekend Site Criteria: Group members invited to start looking for possible sites through personal contacts based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 hours from Sydney • Greenfields (undeveloped) and reasonably flat site • 10 – 100 acres • Away from road and close neighbours • Free flowing water preferable 	All group members to look for possible sites
3.	<p>DTE update: from John McCallum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group gave John McCallum a warm welcome and thanks for travelling up from Melbourne especially for the meeting • Greg O'Donnell to be responsible for DTE's \$250 meeting allowance • It was suggested that a portion of the Sydney Confest Group become members of DTE (currently 2 are members) subject to active membership clarification regarding preparatory weekends. • DTE rules would need to be changed to permit another Confest committee which may take until the end of 2003. Alternatives include joining Melbourne Confest committee by conference call or being the active part of Melbourne Confest committee outside Easter and Summer period 	John to provide update from DTE regarding Sydney Confest
4.	<p>Communication: Greg O'Donnell to be current communication point for group via email mailto:gregodonnell@mosman.com</p>	Greg
5.	<p>Internet Forum: Derek Ellison to organise internet forum which is accessed via the DTE website with password 'octoberfest'. Derek to email sample to group before next meeting.</p>	Derek
6.	<p>Meetings Generally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held monthly unless required more frequently • Current venue and time approved for future meetings (current coordinator Dianna Horvath). Please respond ASAP if you have any objections to ongoing bookings at EJ Ward Centre. • Chaining meetings to be rotated amongst members of group with Chair to collect items for agenda, distribute agenda and organise minutes. 	All group members
7.	<p>Next Meeting: 5-7pm Sunday 22nd June 2003 EJ Ward Centre 189 Underwood Street Paddington Chair: Will Gray Please send your agenda items and suggestions to Will by 19th June - mailto:willbgray@yahoo.com.au or phone 0421 203 687</p>	Will
8.	<p>Addendum to Minutes emailed from John McCallum: I think that it would be advisable for a group of you to have a one day get together on the selected site before having a weekend . The main reason for this is so that you can dig a test toilet hole or two before committing to that site. The worst thing that can happen on the first day of a weekend get together is to dig a toilet hole and find that you hit ground water or solid rock before the hole is deep enough. Using a one day visit to dig toilet holes is one way to overcome this. Just something to consider.</p>	