

Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited

## ConFest Committee

### Minutes

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2018  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Venue:** CERES, Learning Centre Rm,1-2 Lee St, Brunswick East VIC  
**Audio:** <http://dte.org.au/audiominutes/2018-10-11%20CC%20OC.mp3>  
**To register attendance:** <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>  
**To online meeting:** <http://dte.coop/to/zoom>  
**Phone:** 02 8015 2088 **Zoom ID:** 2382803611 #  
**Status:** Confirmed 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

| # | Item   | Raised by:        |
|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | <b><u>Meeting Started</u></b>  | <i>Procedural</i> |
|   | 8 PM   |                   |
| 2 | <b><u>Election Of Chair</u></b>  | <i>Procedural</i> |
|   | <b>Confirmation of Chairperson:</b> David Cruise<br><b>Confirm Minute Keeper:</b> Coral Larke  |                   |
| 3 | <b><u>Attendance</u></b>   | <i>Procedural</i> |
|   | Cruise David<br>Ernst Kathy<br>Freddie Jason<br>Gregory Steven (Scouse)<br>Hunt Lindy<br>MacPherson Robin<br>Mathews Malcolm<br>Morsman Tania<br>Newcomb Craig<br>Pitt Trevor<br>Rasmussen Mark<br>Reid John<br>Reid Troy<br>Schwarz Marty<br>Shapiro Kate<br>Tunney Kristen<br>Wells Jack |                   |
| 4 | <b><u>Approval of minutes from last meeting</u></b>  | <i>Procedural</i> |
|   | Not done   |                   |
| 5 | <b><u>Proposal for a Facilitator Conference for the Cup Day Weekend</u></b>  | <i>Troy Reid</i>  |

|          |  |  |
|----------|--|--|
|          | <b>Motion:</b> To hold a conference for a facilitator meeting at Moulmein costed at \$150 per person   | <i>Moved Troy Reid<br/>Seconded Robin Macpherson PBC</i> |
| <b>6</b> | <b><u>Facilitator Catch Up</u></b>   | ROBIN MACPHERSON   |
|          | <b>Motion:</b> To hold a Facilitator catch up on 25 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018   | <i>Moved Robin Macpherson<br/>Seconded Troy Reid PBC</i> |
| <b>7</b> | <b><u>Aboriginal Relationships</u></b>   | <i>Mark Rasmussen</i>                                    |
|          | <p><b>Discussion:</b><br/>Jason Freddie informed that the Desert Families will be meeting in Alice Springs and this will extend to ConFest '19.</p> <p>Next ConFest the camps will be centralized, it wasn't meant to be spread out as what happened last festival.</p> <p>Mark will ensure that the older elders with unique needs will be more comfortable.</p> <p>Some of the elders are uncomfortable with nudity and are concerned about their families, one avenue to deal with this is to close the thoroughfare in the camp and provide signage to the general public and in particular when ceremonies are being held to educate attendees of the Aboriginal rules that apply.</p> <p>Jason Freddie will apply for a budget and be given a debit card.</p> <p>Malcolm Mathews our fire chief requested information on the type of controlled mosaic cold burn that occurred at the Wemba Wemba camp. Uncle Chris had taught Jason to burn in that particular way. On site they had to be careful with water at hand because of the burn that was going into the ground. That they don't burn roots but get rid of leaf litter, twigs and prickles.</p> <p>There is an aim to get older Aboriginal women to attend ConFest, a budget request will be made to assist with transport.</p> <p>Mark wanted information on the handover of Aboriginal Relationships from Elle Brogan. Jason is planning to be an interim facilitator, to hold the space for an indigenous person.</p> <p>Jason wants a budget for artistic pursuits, there is a delicate balance of having people get involved in Aboriginal culture without it spilling over into cultural appropriation. He will communicate with 4ArtsSake for assistance.</p> |  |
| <b>8</b> | <b><u>Training for fire fighting</u></b>   | <i>Mark Rasmussen</i>                                    |
|          | <p><b>Discussion:</b> To follow up with RFS with the possibility of getting Summer ConFest back, who suggested we gain training.</p> <p>Mark, Troy and Kate want to speak with RFS to look at our requirements for Easter and to regain a Summer ConFest. That we gain training, and become involved in the NSW community fire unit. Malcolm informed that this Community Service comes out of a paid unit, they are not a part of RFS, they will only go out to a 60 Kilometers from Deniliquin. The community service is Fire Rescue Service not RFS. They are a service that has 4 training modules, provide uniforms and a trailer with firefighting equipment. Malcolm suggested that each village has a trailer that could deal with</p>   |  |

|           |  |                       |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|
|           | protecting their village assets. The new fire chief at Deniliquin doesn't know the current state of ConFest or that people have attended training.<br><b>Action task:</b> Mark Rasmussen / To research what process is needed for members to undergo training to facilitate a Community Fire Unit.   |                       |
| <b>9</b>  | <b><u>Extend the cover between the shipping containers.</u></b>  | <i>Kate Shapiro</i>   |
|           | Discussion regarding purchasing or moving 2 shipping containers and extending the canopy between the containers, to protect the new equipment.   |                       |
| <b>10</b> | <b><u>Moving EMU Emergency Management Unit</u></b>   | <i>Kate Shapiro</i>   |
|           | This is a significant project that needs detailed plans so deferred until further work is in place.  |                       |
| <b>11</b> | <b><u>Keydate Schedule</u></b>   | <i>Coral Larke</i>    |
|           | Coral Larke and Trevor Pitt will use a free trial of Smart Sheets to project manage the facilitation of ConFest, to ensure that areas that depend on each other are being done to a timeline to avoid a domino effect of mishaps. Once trialed and if happy with the with Smart Sheets will gain a license to use it, there is only a need for one or two people to get the license. The price is \$15 pr person pr month, \$250 for a Not For Profit. It will come out of the ICT budget. |                       |
| <b>12</b> | <b><u>Skip Bins</u></b>  | <i>Mark Rasmussen</i> |
|           | Mark Rasmussen sought permission to contact the waste management company and look at taking some of the bins off site. David informed that having the bins taken away from site is more expensive than having them emptied. Malcolm will go through xero with Mark to show how that it is more expensive to having them removed.<br><b>Action:</b> Mark will take ownership of looking after the process of bins.  |                       |
| <b>13</b> | <b><u>Continuing Ceres</u></b>   | <i>David Cruise</i>   |
|           | David wanted to keep Ceres going due to the older people who have attended Ceres for many years. Due to being a lone person and especially when needing a break when chairing meetings it may not be viable to keep Ceres going.   |                       |
|           | <b><u>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time Confirmation</u></b>  | <i>Procedural</i>     |
|           |  |                       |
|           | <b><u>Meeting Ended</u></b>  | <i>Procedural</i>     |
|           | 10.16 PM   |                       |