

**Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited**

**ConFest Committee**

**Minutes**

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2019  
**Scheduled Start:** 7.30 PM  
**Venue:** Ceres Learning Centre, Lee St East Brunswick  
**Audio:** <http://dte.org.au/audiominutes>  
**Register on line:** <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>  
**Zoom Connect:** <https://dte.coop/to/zoom>  
**Phone Connect:** (02) 8015 2088 Meeting ID Number 2362803611

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<b>1</b>	<b><u>Acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land</u></b>																															
	We gather on the lands of many Aboriginal Nations. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. Indigenous sovereignty has never been ceded in Australia and we should endeavour to be mindful of this in everything we do, given our focus is gathering to create better ways of living in our society, not just for festival attendees but for all.																															
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Meeting Started</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																														
	<b>8 PM</b>																															
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Meeting coordinators</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																														
	<b>Chairperson:</b> Tania Morsman <b>Minute Keeper:</b> Coral Larke																															
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																														
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<b>5</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of previous minutes</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																														
	<b>Date</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 <b>Moved:</b> Robin MacPherson <b>Seconded:</b> Coral Larke <b>PBC</b> <b>Correction:</b> 1. 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019 2. Darryl Reid not Dark Reid																															

<b>6</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>				<i>Procedural</i>
<b>7</b>	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>				
<b>8</b>	<b><u>Action Tasks</u></b>				
	8-8-19	Communication from the Facilitators Retreat	Melody to send notes taken at the Facilitators Conference to Jordan Hammond. To gain approval prior to sending them to distribute to the CC	Melody Braithwaite	<u>NO PROGRESS</u> <u>WORK IN PROGRESS</u> <u>COMPLETE ☺</u> <u>NO LONGER RELEVANT</u> <u>TAKEN OVER BY</u>
	8-8-19	Reports	Bonny is collating Facilitator reports and will send to the ConFest Committee.	Coral Larke	
	8-8-19	Summer festival	Tania will organise a pathway to Summer ConFest Subcommittee	Tania Morsman	
	8-8-19	Bowling Club Tickets	Troy will follow this up with the Bowling Club and report back	Troy Reid	
<b>9</b>	<b><u>Waste management at ConFest</u></b>				<i>Coral Larke</i>
	<p>At the last ConFest 44 gallon drums were not filled with water, and so people ended up using them for garbage. I also assume that the reason was that many of them have rusted out and we need more.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That new drums are purchased for fire suppression</p>				<i>Moved Coral Larke</i> <i>Seconded Marty Schwartz</i> <i>Deferred to Chris Wilson</i>
<b>10</b>	<b><u>Bowling club tickets</u></b>				<i>Coral Larke</i>
	<p><b>Agenda details: Questions:</b> What was the gate verification process when locals presented for having purchased a ticket at the bowling club? What arrangement was made with the bowling club? How many tickets were sold?</p> <p>Troy took the questions of notice and will report back.</p>				
<b>11</b>	<b><u>Reimburse family village</u></b>				<i>Coral Larke</i>
	<p><b>Agenda details:</b> Family Village went over budget, however, given the value of the work and the small initial budget of \$1200. The extra should be allowed.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To approve the family village facilitator Simone Monet an additional \$508 above the initial \$1200 budget, making it \$1708</p>				<i>Moved Coral Larke</i> <i>Seconded Marty Schwartz</i> <i>PBC</i>
<b>12</b>	<b><u>Confest surveys</u></b>				<i>Martin 1731</i>
	<p><b>Agenda details:</b> Directors have recently discussed bringing in a paid external person to put together a survey for our gathering. This is a CC matter not a board matter.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That any surveys conducted by the coop for ConFest remain the responsibility of the CC as per our rules.</p>				<i>Motion Withdrawn</i>
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Risks</u></b>				<i>Coral Larke</i>
	<p><b>Agenda details:</b> When too few people are in charge of vital ConFest areas then ConFest is at risk.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To continually identify where ConFest is at risk due to the possibility of single points of failure. To create pathways for volunteers to become involved and share responsibilities.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> It was identified that the topic of co-facilitations and single points of failure was discussed at the Facilitators Conference, however, none of those details were</p>				<i>Motion wandered off track.</i> <i>Need to revisit.</i>

	<p>communicated back to the ConFest Committee. It was decided to get reports from Bonny and that Melody will send through her notes. She want to get verification from Jordan Hammond first.</p> <p><u>Off topic / restructure of the CC</u></p> <p>Troy presented a chart illustrating how Down To Earth can be restructured so that Sydney and Adelaide ConFest can come under the ConFest umbrella. Troy will raise this at a later date when raised as an agenda item.</p>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Survey Update</b>	<i>Coral Larke</i>
	Coral will send out a doodle poll for people interested in the survey. That there is a plan to go through each question, identify the structural weaknesses and clarify the purpose.	
<b>15</b>	<b>Summer ConFest</b>	<i>Tania Morsman</i>
	<p><b>Agenda details:</b> A few of us at DTE have been ruminating about when a Summer Confest could happen. It seems like we have enough momentum to get the ball rolling. Somethings that were unclear previously have become clear through some of the conversations we've been having....Let us have an inspiring conversation about SUMMER CONFEST</p> <p><b>Discussion Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to check if we have two permits</li> <li>• Concerns that the RFS couldn't service the site during seasonal holidays</li> <li>• To form a subcommittee to explore a summer festival at other areas where a different Council may amenable and appreciative of the festival.</li> <li>• There was a failed attempt to work with the Sydney RFS, the request was sent back to the local RFS at Deneliquin</li> <li>• To use EES to fulfill compliance and documentation.</li> <li>• Tania will steer the pathways to Summer ConFest and G&amp;CS.</li> <li>• To serve the DA to use that application.</li> <li>• Chris Wilson is a RFS member next to our property, advised that cooking circles are still allowed in Summer. There is a new head of the RFS that we don't have an adequate firefighting equipment, Main RFS concern is that it is staffed by farmers who take a break at Xmas time.</li> </ul>	
<b>22</b>	<b>Approved Motions</b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<b>Reimburse family village Amendment</b> To approve the family village facilitator Simone Monet an extra \$508 above the initial \$1200 budget, making it \$1708 <b>Moved Coral Larke Secoded Marty Schwartz PBC</b>	
<b>23</b>	Meeting ended	<i>Procedural</i>
	10.07	

