

# Special General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020  
**Scheduled Start:** 7.30 PM  
**Venue:** Online via Zoom  
**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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1	<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.																																											
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3	<b><u>Meeting coordinators</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																																										
	<b>Chairperson:</b> Tania Morsman, Kevin Taylor becomes chair at 8:01pm, Tania chairs at 8:45pm, Kevin chairs at 10:41, Tania chairs at 10:44 <b>Minute Keeper:</b> Vanessa Ernst <b>Host:</b> Tania Morsman																																											
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9	<b>Agenda Item 8545: That an appropriation of \$30,000 is approved for the Organising Committee</b>	
	<p>Motion: That an appropriation of \$30,000 is approved for the Organising Committee to last until the September SGM.</p> <p>Agenda details: The Australian Government has been quite clear that large gatherings such as ConFest will not happen until a vaccine for COVID-19 is available. It is unlikely that we will be able to hold a full scale ConFest next year, with some predictions estimating 5 years before events such as ConFest will be allowed to happen. We need to set aside \$500,000 for a full scale ConFest. \$400,000 was appropriated for 2020 Easter ConFest and there was a further motion for \$85,000 on the agenda before ConFest was cancelled. There was also spending from OC budgets to support the Easter ConFest. We can trim some of these costs but also need to be prepared for additional costs due to government requirements for things like increased sanitation. This allows us about \$240,000 to spend over the next 4 years i.e \$60,000 per year. This \$30,000 budget will allow DTE to function while adjust our expenditure to sustainable levels that we can afford. It will give groups time to come up with budgets and forward planning so that ConFest can happen again when restrictions are fully lifted. A further appropriation should be made at the September SGM based on detailed budget estimates.</p> <p>Item by: Kathy Ernst, Steve Poynton, Denise Banville</p>	P.B.C.
10	<b>Agenda Item 8546: That the board automatically accepts that all current members who have been active for 2 or more years</b>	
	<p>Motion: That the board automatically accepts that all current members who have been active for 2 or more years, and notify the board in writing that they wish to continue to be involved and they have attempted and been available to satisfy the requirements along with a brief description of their involvement, remain as active members.</p> <p>Agenda details: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak DTE has been unable to hold a festival, and is unlikely to be holding a festival in the near future. Hours volunteering at the festival are the most common method for submitting hours for active membership, however this is not possible in the current situation because DTE has been unable to provide the opportunity for many of these members to contribute directly to the festival. These are not the only hours our volunteers contribute. There are countless hours in planning and discussions and many other areas which are not claimed because of the difficulty of verifying these. In recognition of the many unclaimed hours that our long term volunteers have submitted over the years, The following motion is designed to protect our membership base from declining due to the absence of a festival.</p> <p>Item by: Steve Poynton, Coral Larke, Denise Banville</p>	Passed by majority
11	<b>Agenda Item 8547: work group be authorised to review receipts to check compliance with the use of DTE funds</b>	
	<p>Motion: That a work group be authorised to review receipts to check compliance with the use of DTE funds for the proposed purpose. to identify items that may qualify as assets of the Co-op. the work group is not restricted to these functions. The work group will have unrestricted readonly access to the Co-op's XERO cloud accounts. Appointment to the work group will be from members who can vote in the OC or CC, they may remain in the group provided they continue as active members of DTE Co-op The work group members are to be appointed by an OC motion</p> <p>Agenda details: That a work group be authorised to review receipts to check compliance with the use of DTE funds for the proposed purpose. to identify items that may qualify as assets of the Co-op. the work group is not restricted to these functions. The work group will have unrestricted readonly access to the Co-op's XERO cloud accounts. Appointment to the work group will be from members who can vote in the OC or CC, they may remain in the group provided they continue as active members of DTE Co-op The work group members are to be appointed by an OC motion</p> <p>Item by: David Cruise, Steve Poynton, Denise Banville</p>	Passed by majority

12	<b>Agenda Item 8548: Food</b>	
	<p>Motion: That DTE does not pay for any food or drinks.</p> <p>Agenda Details: With the uncertainty over when we can hold our next large ConFest, DTE cannot afford to continue the current expenditure on food. DTE’s generosity in providing food has been abused. People have shown that they cannot be trusted to make sensible and ethical decisions about food purchases. For example, a lot more food has been purchased outside gatherings than can be justified as food for meetings, food has been purchased on the way to site in contravention of DTE funding policies, expensive food and alcohol has been purchased. Examples of food and drink expenditure can be found at <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ghf9HxthMs8ChB1Ha3yaIpKcoefnyFnR?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ghf9HxthMs8ChB1Ha3yaIpKcoefnyFnR?usp=sharing</a></p> <p>Agenda details: That DTE does not pay for any food or drinks.</p> <p>Item by: Kathy Ernst, Steve Poynton, Don Royal, Tania Morsman, Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews, Bruce</p>	Passed by majority
	Meeting extended for extra 30 minutes at 10:24pm	
	<b><i>Meeting adjourned until 09/07/2020</i></b>	
22	<b><u>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time Confirmation</u></b>	
	7:30pm 09/07/2020	
23	<b><u>Meeting Ended</u></b>	
	11:01pm	