

ConFest Committee

Minutes

Date: Thursday 11 November 2021
Scheduled Start: 7.30 PM
Venue: Online via Zoom data.dte.org.au

1	<u>Meeting Started</u>	<i>Procedural</i>																												
	7:45 pm																													
2	<u>Meeting coordinators</u>	<i>Procedural</i>																												
	Chairperson: Mark Rasmussen Minute Keeper: Melody Braithwaite																													
3	<u>Acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land by Robin MacPherson</u>																													
	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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5	<u>Confirmation of previous minutes</u>	<i>Procedural</i>																												
	Minutes from CC held on Thursday 14th October 2021	<p><i>Moved: Suzie Helson - Seconded: Robin MacPherson</i></p> <p>PBC</p>																												

6	<u>Matters Arising</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	None	
7	<u>Correspondence / Payments</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None reported by John Reid There are no payments due, nor invoices received that are a CC liability <p>NOTE: Currently there is no proper correspondence communications channel for the CC</p>	
8	<u>WH&S</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoVid Safety Plan Marty Schwarz contacted Kate Shapiro (OC) to send a plan. <p>ACTION: Lance Nash to formally write on behalf of the CC to Marty regarding the plan Steve Poynton is heading up the group developing it.</p> <p>In NSW when 95% vaccination reached, or 15 December 2021 there will be significantly less restrictions - no density limits, proof of vaccination no longer required by Public Health Order. May be different for Victorians</p>	<p><u>NO PROGRESS</u> <u>WORK IN</u> <u>PROGRESS</u> <u>COMPLETE ©</u> <u>NO LONGER</u> <u>RELEVANT</u> <u>TAKEN OVER</u> <u>BY</u></p>
9	<u>Action Tasks</u>	
	If there is a ConFest gathering in April 2022, paperwork needs to be lodged with Council	
10	Agenda item ID: 13556 Sydney ConFesters Budget Application for January 2022 Gathering	
8:30pm	<p>Agenda details: Sydney ConFesters has paid a \$2000 deposit to secure the hire of The Outdoor Adventure Company's 'Castle Mountain' site for its January 2022 5-day gathering. The site has an open camp kitchen with stainless steel benches and a tiled toilet/shower block where CoVid sanitisation regimes can be easily maintained. For an estimated 100-200 attendees - the gathering aims to remit back to DTE a modest profit. 70+% of the budget requested goes to pay the site hire fees. Chai teas and meals (lunch & dinners) are estimated to cost less than \$5 per person as the majority of fresh food is supplied by attendee donation.</p> <p>Motion: That the sum of \$18,740.00 be approved for expenses for the Sydney ConFesters 5-day Summer 2022 Gathering (4pm Friday 21 to 3pm Wednesday 26 January 2022).</p> <p>https://data.dte.org.au/files/220121_Syd%20ConFesters%20Budget%20Jan%202022%20REDACTED.pdf</p> <p>ACTION: Sydney Confesters are to report back to the CC after gathering.</p>	<p><i>Moved by Melody Braithwaite</i></p> <p><i>Secoded by Kevin Taylor</i></p> <p>PBC</p>
11	Agenda item ID: 13570 ConFest Facilitators Summit	
	Agenda details: It has been a while since we met and it would probably be a good idea given NSW might be able to host an event sooner than many anticipated. Vaxxed or unvaxxed. Item by: Robin Macpherson	

	<p>Motion: Robin MacPherson along with interested people who are facilitators or would like to be a facilitator of an area gather online in the 1st/2nd week in Dec for a catchup</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ConFest gathering is only 5-months away - this time will go fast • Anyone interested can come along, including people doing background, administrative and other background jobs • Best to meet before Xmas, and suggest walk the site without background noise, encourages people will take responsibility <p>ACTION: Robin to report back to the CC on the progress of this initiative</p>	<p><i>No motion required for this suggestion</i></p>
12	<p>Agenda item ID: 13573 Making Woorooma site grounds fit for purpose</p>	
9:47pm	<p>Agenda details: A few villages and OC area facilitators went to site at Easter and found the property is in need of a great deal of maintenance, knee high prickles are everywhere, leaves and dead wood litter the ground, anything plastic has baked in the sun and there's a fair amount of hazardous junk. We need to overcome these problems to make the site fit for purpose. First Aid report that most of the attendees who seek assistance are for injury to the feet from thorns etc. Similarly Bike Crew reports all of the many punctures are due to thorns. In the current state any physical contact with the ground (such as sitting, kneeling, placing a hand down) will cause prickles to stick in your skin. Walking among them, even with long drill trousers, gaters and work boots is hazardous.</p> <p>Motion: CC request the DTE Board to make the Woorooma Site fit for the purpose of holding the planned Easter 2022 ConFest and specifically address the eradication of prickles (black tumble weed, 3 cornered jacks, burs, bindies and thistles), remove dead wood littering the ground, and removal of hazardous junk. This requires taking remedial action as soon as practicable in consideration of lead times of eradication processes.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/confestbikecrew/photos/2965881920398342 Photos taken at Easter 2021 Working Bee</p>	<p><i>Moved by Marte Kinder</i></p> <p><i>Seconded by Robin MacPherson</i></p> <p>PBC</p>
13	<p>Agenda item ID: 13574 Budget request for slashing weeds</p>	
	<p>Agenda details: The ConFest site needs major slashing prior to a gathering.</p> <p>Motion: Budget Application: That Andrew Wilkinson be given a budget for diesel to prepare the site for ConFest. That the amount of \$3000.00 is transferred into his account.</p> <p>Item by: Coral Larke on behalf of Andrew Wilkinson</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jurisdiction belongs to OC (Landlord) for CC (Tenant) • Needs plan for best results, debate on whether slashing is effective, considered that it cuts the plant up and leaves the burrs on the ground • Wide consultation required including local land owners and Aboriginal burning practices <p>ACTION: Marte Kinder to write to DTE Board/OC requesting they make the Woorooma Site fit for the purpose of holding the planned Easter 2022 ConFest</p>	<p><i>Motion deferred to the OC</i></p>

14	<u>Carried Resolutions</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
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15	<u>Actions to be taken</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
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16	<u>Next Meeting Date & Time Confirmation</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	Thursday 9th December 2021 at 7:30pm	
17	<u>Meeting Ended</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	9:50pm	