

## SGM Meeting - 13th September 2022

# Special General Meeting Minutes

Date:	Tuesday 13th September 2022
Time:	7:30pm
Venue:	Online via Zoom
Minutes:	<a href="http://dte.org.au/minutes">http://dte.org.au/minutes</a>
Audio:	<a href="http://dte.org.au/audiominutes">http://dte.org.au/audiominutes</a>
Register on line:	<a href="https://data.dte.org.au/meeting">https://data.dte.org.au/meeting</a>
Zoom Connect:	<a href="https://data.dte.org.au/zoom">https://data.dte.org.au/zoom</a>
Phone Connect:	(02) 8015 2088 Meeting ID Number 6366060624

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1	<b><u>Meeting Started</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																								
	Meeting started 8:00pm																									
2	<b><u>Election of Chair</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																								
	<p><b>Chairperson:</b> Emma Bennett (<i>start to 8:55pm then from 9:17pm to SGM adjournment</i>) Peter Tippett (<i>8:55 - 9:17pm</i>)</p> <p><b>Minute Keeper:</b> Malcolm Matthews</p>																									
3	<b><u>Acknowledgement of Country</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																								
	<p>We meet tonight on the lands of many nations. We show respect to elders past, present and emerging.</p> <p>We send to condolences for the passing of Uncle Jack Charles.</p>	<p><i>David Cruise</i></p> <p><i>Lindy Hunt</i></p>																								
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5	<b><u>Confirmation of Previous SGM Meeting Minutes</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																								
	<p>Accept Minutes of previous SGM in 3 parts: 7th, 14th and 21st June 2022</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Peter Tippet</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> David Cruise <b>PBC</b></p>																									

<b>6</b>	<b><u>Financial Report</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial 'snapshot' report presented by Lindy Hunt listing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DTE Bank account balances as at 7/9/2022</li> <li>Appropriated amounts to OC, CC &amp; the Board</li> <li>Amounts put aside for next 3 gatherings</li> <li>Proposed Appropriations being submitted at this SGM</li> </ul> </li> <li>Unaudited Profit and Loss Statement from Xero for FY 2021-2022 as at 30 June 2022 - snapshot of expenditures</li> </ul>	<p>Moved Lindy Hunt Seconded: Melody Braithwaite</p> <p>Reports accepted</p>
<b>7</b>	<b><u>Other Reports</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://data.dte.org.au">data.dte.org.au</a> - presentation on the functionality of this website includes meeting schedules and portal, minutes, audio minutes, files, DTE Rules, Board &amp; Committee Members etc - statistics included 3000 hits per month, 800 files (searchable), 327 meeting notices, 2400 agenda items</li> <li>A number of members expressed appreciation for Peter's work</li> </ul>	<i>Presented by Peter Tippett</i>
<b>8</b>	<b><u>Agenda items</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Motion 1: Appropriation to ConFest Committee for Sydney ConFesters</b>	
8:27 pm	<p><b>Motion: That the sum of \$14,000.00 be appropriated to the ConFest Committee for Sydney ConFesters Inc. expenses covering their five-day Summer Gathering in January-2023 at Castle Mountain, Webbs Creek in NSW.</b></p> <p>Proposed by: Melody Braithwaite Supporters: Marie Sitter and Kevin Taylor</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> <a href="https://data.dte.org.au/files/get_file.php?id=1029">https://data.dte.org.au/files/get_file.php?id=1029</a></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Several members queried why DTE should be funding an incorporated association and that there should be an agreement between Sydney ConFesters now a legal entity in its own right and DTE</p>	<p>Moved Melody Braithwaite Seconded by Kevin Taylor &amp; Walter Padovani</p> <p><b>Voting:</b> 16-Yes 2-Abstain 1-No</p> <p><b>PBM</b></p>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Motion 2: Appropriation for the Market Committee</b>	
<i>Chair passed from Emma Bennett to Peter Tippett at 8:55pm</i>		
8:55 pm	<p><b>Motion: The Market Committee seeks an appropriation of \$12,580 to deliver the market for Easter ConFest 2023. This is made up of \$7570 for infrastructure and repairs including sullage, \$2400 for a trial grass conversion, \$2610 for lighting, playground and common spaces.</b></p> <p>Proposed by: Emma Bennett Supported by: Fulvio Gerardi and Corinne Armstrong</p> <p>Details at: <a href="https://data.dte.org.au/files/get_file.php?id=1028">https://data.dte.org.au/files/get_file.php?id=1028</a></p>	<p><i>Moved by Emma Bennet</i></p> <p><i>Seconded by Corinne Armstrong &amp; Malcolm Matthews</i></p> <p><b>PBC</b></p>
<i>Chair passed back from Peter Tippett to Emma Bennett at 9:17pm</i>		
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Motion 3: Limits on the Village Budgets</b>	
9:17 pm	<p><b>Agenda Preamble:</b> At an SGM last year a motion was passed that the next Confest would be limited to a budget of \$250,000. To stay in line with this our previous expenditure will need to be drastically curtailed. In the last few years the Village budget in total has blown out.</p> <p>Many individuals / groups have used the village budget process as a means of funding other events ie getting DTE to buy equipment etc that has them been used elsewhere.</p>	

	<p>As we have not had a festival in 3 years our resources have also decreased. Given that our compliance costs are likely rise steeply we need to be more economically efficient. In line with this I propose that for 5 festivals or years which ever is shorter. That there be an upper limit of \$3,000 (per year) for the 5 large villages Arts, Family, Gypsie, Permaculture and Tranquility and an upper limit of \$500 (per year) on all other spaces including smaller villages, workshop spaces.</p> <p><b>Motion: For the next 5 years or 5 festivals which ever is shorter that there be a cap on the villages budget of \$3000 each per festival for the 5 major villages Arts, Family, Gypsie, Permaculture and Tranquility, and cap of \$500 per festival for all other spaces including but not limited to workshop spaces and smaller villages.</b></p> <p>Proposed by Lindy Hunt Supported by Melody Braithwaite and Malcolm Matthews</p> <p><b>Amended Motion: That a total budget of \$40,000 be allocated to villages and workshops spaces with no more than 5 villages receiving up to \$3000 and the remainder up to \$500 for 2023 Easter Confest festival.</b></p>	<p><i>Moved by Lindy Hunt</i></p> <p><i>Seconded by: Malcolm Matthews</i></p> <p><b>Voting to accept amendment to original motion. PBC</b></p> <p><b>Voting for amended motion: 15-Yes / 2-Abstain /2-No</b></p> <p><b>PBM</b></p>
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Motion 4: Limits on the Village Budgets</b>	
10:15 pm	<p>Preamble: In the past DTE has spent a lot of money on renting / hiring / leasing equipment for use at Confest by people who already own the equipment outright. Hence they are being paid to use their own equipment / materials.</p> <p><b>Motion: DTE does not pay for the rent, hire or lease of any equipment, materials or merchandise that an individual, company, co-operative or village already own.</b></p> <p>Proposed by: Lindy Hunt Supported by: Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews</p>	<p><i>Deferred until next SGM (part 2)</i></p>
<b>9</b>	<b><u>Carried Resolutions</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
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	<b><u>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time Confirmation</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	Tuesday 20/09/2022 7:30pm	
	<b><u>Meeting Adjourned</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	SGM was adjourned at 10:22pm for one week	