

## ConFest Committee

# Minutes

**Date:** 9/3/2023  
**Scheduled** 7:30 PM  
**Venue:** Zoom Meeting Room 2362803699  
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#	Item	Raised by:
1	<b><u>Acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land</u></b>	
	<p>When we gather in person, we meet on the stolen, unceded lands of the Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the Eastern Kulin Nation - CERES in so called Brunswick East is on Wurundjeri country.</p> <p>Indigenous sovereignty has never been ceded in Australia. It always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.</p> <p>We would like to pay our respects to the elders of these lands, past present and emerging, also to the elders of the lands you might be listening from.</p> <p>We recognise the past atrocities against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this land and that Australia was founded on the genocide and dispossession of First Nations people.</p> <p>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.</p>	<i>Procedural</i>
2	<b><u>Meeting Started</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	07:38 PM	
3	<b><u>Meeting coordinators</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<b>Chairperson: Mark Rasmussen</b> <b>Minute Keeper: Kate Sarah</b> <b>Zoom Host/s: Mark Rasmussen</b>	

4	<p><b><u>Attendance</u></b>  <b>CC Meeting attendance register</b>  <a href="https://dte.coop/online/attendance">https://dte.coop/online/attendance</a></p> <p><b>OC Meeting attendance register</b>  <a href="https://dte.coop/online/attendance">https://dte.coop/online/attendance</a></p>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<p><b>Acknowledgement of Country</b></p> <p><b>Attendees:</b>  Aaron Shipperlee, Bryan Isaacs, David Cameron, Darren Geraghty, Ian Hales, Jessica Townsend, Kristen TJ, Lance Nash, Leo Klein, Rick Gill, Deborah Moerkerken, Kate Sarah, Emma Bennett, Lindy Hunt, Robin Macpherson, Kevin Taylor, David Cruise, David Angellin, Andrew McLean, Trevor Pitt, Caryn Kettle, David Cruise, Matt English, Simone Monet, Marte Kinder, Peter Tippet, Kathy Ernst, Shardae Reed, Taisha Reed, Mark Rassmussen, David Wolfe, Walter P, Darryl Reid, Malcolm Matthews, Rob Legg-Bagg</p> <p><b>Eligible to vote - <a href="https://dte.coop/online/cc-attendance">https://dte.coop/online/cc-attendance</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to link above</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b><u>Confirmation of previous minutes</u></b></p>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<p><b>Previous Minutes Dated :</b> 02/3/2023  Moved: Mark Seconded: Bryan</p> <p><b>Corrections:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peter T said that there were names that were present in the chat that have not been listed. Minutes not altered - item deferred. [See below - Matters Arising]</li> </ol>	<p><i>Moved: Mark_</i>  <i>Seconded: Bryan</i>  <i>PBC</i></p>
6	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attendance 23/2/2023 - Peter T's list differs from the minutes. Other names are also in the chat. Robin did minutes for 23/2/2023 and says that he based his on audio roll-call and listened to the audio of the meeting. States that the people were present for OC not CC.</li> </ol>	
7	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presented by Robin  Full list unavailable at time of circulation.</li> </ol>	
8	<p><b><u>Action Tasks</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>CC Action List</b>  <a href="https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current_meeting/tasks/index.php">https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current_meeting/tasks/index.php</a></p>	
9	<p><b><u>Relevant Forms &amp; Folders</u></b></p>	

	<p><b>CONFEST FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOLDER (2023)</b>  <a href="https://dte.coop/online/applications">https://dte.coop/online/applications</a></p> <p><b>FUNDING APPLICATIONS FORM</b>  <a href="https://dte.coop/online/images/forms/DTE_Funding_Application_22-05-2022.pdf">https://dte.coop/online/images/forms/DTE_Funding_Application_22-05-2022.pdf</a></p> <p><b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM</b>  <a href="https://dte.coop/images/forms/DTE_MembershipApp_20210329.pdf">https://dte.coop/images/forms/DTE_MembershipApp_20210329.pdf</a></p> <p><b>ACTIVITY FORM</b>  <a href="https://dte.coop/online/activity-form">https://dte.coop/online/activity-form</a></p>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Discussion: Order of the Meeting</b>	
	<p>Should budgets be discussed first or should discussion go to other items on the agenda which discuss whether Easter can be held?</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Shardae: Some attendants are coming to present budgets week after week</p> <p>Chair advised decision that submitted budgets are to be heard as first agenda items</p> <p>Outcome: To hear budgets first as per previous revolutions past.</p>	
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Pre-Budgets Discussion</b>	
	<p>Discussion around how much money is left of appropriation. Need further clarity. Caps have been put on village budgets.</p> <p>Capital infrastructure &amp; Consumables -  Expenses incurred by villages and whether funding is realistic. Some choices affect budgets and village viability. Ongoing theme of whether we buy or rent things like tarps etc. Secure storage concerns need to be considered/re-considered.  Theoretically should only buy things once and then have them for re-use  Discussion around whether are we buying the same things over and over. Does it actually make more sense to rent or buy.</p> <p>Outcome:  General agreement of the floor that all of the above depends on a range of factors.</p>	
<b>10.3</b>	<b>Motions</b>	
<b>Discussion with Chair</b>	<p>Kate: Important to state upfront whether budgets are 'passed' or 'passed in principle'?</p> <p>Mark: All budgets passed are subject to the terms and conditions which include that we reserve the right to take budget back.</p>	
<b>10.4</b>	<b>Budgets Approved</b>	
<b>Cooking Circle Budget Passed</b>	<p>That the Cooking Circle budget of \$5543 is approved for Confest 2023.</p> <p>Discussion re: essential expenditure due to not having working cooking circles and infrastructure items needed.</p> <p>Budget presented by: Shardae Reed  Primarily Replace all infrastructure</p>	<p><i>Moved:  Shardae__  Seconded:  Kristen__  PBC</i></p>
<b>10.5</b>	<b>Site Operations Budget</b>	

<p><b>Site Ops Budget - Passed - \$6,480</b></p>	<p>That the Site Operations budget of \$6,480 be passed.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Antenna pole is essential infrastructure that is safety related</li> <li>- Works need to be done regardless</li> <li>- \$1,000 required immediately for infrastructure Some budget is an Issue of liability and therefore under Rule 46 this can be accessed via the board</li> </ul> <p>Budget presented by: Matt English</p>	<p>Moved: Matt __ Seconded: Mark_ PBC</p>
<p><b>10.6</b></p>	<p><b><u>Bike Crew Budget</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Bike Crew Budget - Passed \$2918.35</b></p>	<p>Motion: That the Bike Crew budget of \$2918.35 be approved for Confest 2023</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Marte: Bike Crew have a container, they are in a different location this year, Marte advised meeting that they are also part of OC but this comes under Confest expenditure</p> <p>Budget presented by: Marte Kinder</p>	<p>Moved: _Marte K_ Seconded: Peter T PBC</p>
<p><b>10.7</b></p>	<p><b><u>Shower Budget</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Shower Budget - Passed - \$450</b></p>	<p>Motion: That David Angelin's Hot Shower budget of \$450 be approved for Confest 2023.</p> <p>Budget presented by: David Angelin &amp; Emma Bennett</p> <p><i>Clarification: David owns and is providing most of it for use but needs a bit extra to put towards it to complete them so this budget will enable this project to be completed. This is not an Arts budget.</i></p>	<p>Moved: Mark R Seconded: Emma B PBC</p>
<p><b>10.8</b></p>	<p><b><u>Info Tent Budget</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Info Tent Budget - Passed - \$3972.50</b></p>	<p>Motion: That the Info tent budget of \$3972.50 be approved for Confest 2023.</p> <p>Discussion re: Exciting info improvements to come.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to ensure all consumables are included in provisions and recognition of the cost of consumables eg. chalkboard paint</li> </ul>	<p>Moved: Emma B Seconded: Shardae R PBC</p>
<p><b>10.9</b></p>	<p><b><u>Agenda item: Mapping</u></b></p>	

<p><b>Agenda Item - Mapping</b></p>	<p>Motion: <i>That the Confest Committee provides a brief to the mapping team, which includes a list of plans required, and outlines the purpose and required content for each plan.</i></p> <p>Maps Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scope of works to be undertaken</li> <li>- Communication with mapping team to check on progress</li> <li>- Identify capacity of team members and facilitator for 2023 and whether further resources are needed</li> <li>- Necessity of brief based on current timelines</li> </ul> <p>Widespread support.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trevor P to facilitate the above</li> <li>- Brief from Confest Committee to Mapping team to prioritise maps and define scope</li> </ul>	<p><i>Moved: Lindy H__</i> <i>Seconded: Peter T__</i> <i>PBC</i></p>
<p><b>10.10</b></p>	<p><u>Confest Committee - Budget Limit Allocations</u></p>	

	<p>Motion: <i>That the ConFest Committee consider motions allocating additional amounts to individual villages, workshop and activity spaces for ConFest '23, as needed and only up to the \$40k limit, so they are able to function safely and adequately.</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Debate of the extent to which the above motion is incompatible with recent SGM resolution (September 2022): "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" (Passed by Majority)</li> <li>- Objection that motion was out of order</li> <li>- Viability of compliance with SGM resolution discussed</li> <li>- Scope of resolution and whether the actual motion first put to the SGM is a GM or a CC issue.</li> <li>- Point of order: that motion is in conflict with GM resolution and should not be put to the floor</li> <li>- Significant debate about whether it was out of order at the SGM due to being in conflict with the rules back then due to scope of Confest Committee</li> <li>- Assertion that according to the rules of the organisation, the ConFest Committee is responsible for the decisions that it is responsible for</li> <li>- Assertion that the SGM Motion passed is not workable and is in conflict with the rules and not in DTE's best interests</li> <li>- Assertion that the ConFest Committee are in possession of, or are easily able to access specific information required to make such decisions and have the flexibility to efficiently change these decisions based on changed circumstances.</li> <li>- Asserted that a CC Meeting cannot over turn a resolution made at an SGM.</li> <li>- Discussion about whether GM/SGM is an appropriate place for [financial] caps to be placed. No: Scope of Confest Committee Yes: It's something that affects whole cooperative and all shareholders.</li> <li>- Discussion about whether that original SGM motion was out of order and should not have been allowed in the first place</li> <li>- Proposal that way forward is to have another SGM should be held and that the SGM resolution and that this should be rescinded in a GM.</li> <li>- Chair listened to all of the above and decided to allow the initial motion to be put to the floor.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Moved: Marte Seconded: Emma Kristen: PBM</i></p>
<b>10.11</b>	<b><u>SGM</u></b>	
	<p>Discussion about the necessity of an SGM because we now have a resolution in conflict. Feel of the room: Point made that the CC do not have ability to call SGM. SGM unworkable anyway - not sufficient lead time to fulfil requirements.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<b><u>Summary of Carried Resolutions</u></b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provisional budgets - As above</li> <li>2. Mapping Facilitation - Confest 2023</li> <li>3. Budget Allocation Limits</li> </ol>	
<b>12</b>	<b><u>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time Confirmation (or expectation)</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	16/03/2023 at 7:30PM	<i>Chair</i>
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Meeting Ended</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	22:38	<i>Chair</i>

