

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

Minutes

Date:

Scheduled 7.30 PM

Start:

Venue: Formally: Ceres Learning Centre, Lee St East Brunswick

Minutes: <https://dte.org.au/minutes>

Audio: <https://dte.org.au/audiominutes>

Register on line: <https://data.dte.org.au/meeting>

Zoom Connect: <https://data.dte.org.au/zoom>

Phone Connect: (02) 8015 2088 Meeting ID Number 2362803699

#	Item	Raised by:
1	Acknowledge, and pay respect, to the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land	
	We gather on the land of the people of the Kulin nation. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.	
2	<u>Meeting Started</u>	Procedural
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3	<u>Meeting coordinators</u>	Procedural
	Chairperson: David Cameron Minute Keeper: Alex Milne Host:	
4	<u>Attendance</u>	Procedural
	<u>Aaron Shipperlee, Andrew Wilkinson, Brian Denham, Bryan Isaacs, Darren Geraghty, Darrylle Ryan, David Cameron, David Cruise, Debeorah Moerkherken, Emma Bennett, Ian hales, Jessica Townsend, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Taylor, Kristen TJ, Lance Nash, Malcolm Matthews, Mark Helson, Mark Rasmussen, Marte Kinder, Peter Tippet, Ray higgins, Robert Legg-Bagg, Robin MacPherson, SimoneMonet, Suzie helson, Walter Padovani, Rick, Gill, Alex Milne, John, Andrew, Suzie, Mark, Sunny (cottage) , Robin, Kristen Joy, Simone Monet, Keisha, Michelle Baker, Alex Milne, David Wolfe, John Magor, John Reid, Khee Win, Meena Gurung, Michelle Baker, Paul Hutchison, Peter Tippet, Rick Gill, Robert Leg-Bagg, Robin Macpherson, Simone Monet, Sony Richards, Suzie Helson, Taisha Reed, Mark R, Kate Sarah,</u>	
5	<u>Confirmation of previous minutes</u>	Procedural
	Date: 9/03/2023 Moved: Emma Bennet Seconded: David Cameron	
6	<u>Matters Arising</u>	Procedural
	WE GOT THE INSURANCE!!!	

	Medical team is asking for half of \$67,000 (\$33,500) in advance, for vital purchases.	
7	<u>Correspondence</u>	
	There does not appear to be any correspondence to report.	
8	<u>Action Tasks</u>	
	Someone contact Tom, to let him know that the tickets can now be released. Rumours that numbers will be limited by the insurance rules are false. Ticket prices are to be found on Confest.org.au. Update: they are now live, and the first ticket has been sold.	
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	<p>Taisha Fire Circle Brian Denham Passed, 18 in favour, 4 abstentions.</p> <p>Fire Circle (Taisha). Fuel prices have gone up 3x, blowing a hole in the budget. The amount of fuel that is proposed to be bought for this year's Confest is about one half the amount at the last CF. Proposed budget for the firecircle for 2023 is \$4,622, proposed by Taisha Reed. This is over the \$500 to \$3,000 limit for each village, but it was established that the fire circle is not a 'village'. Overall budget is a little over \$300,000. We are currently actually under budget.</p>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>
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	<p>Peter Tippet Darrel Reid Motion is 'parked' until we get some more information (there was a lot of discussion, but no resolution).</p> <p>The CC declined a loan of \$20,000 from the OC (I'm hoping that these acronyms mean something to someone). The money did not arrive, and is not needed, anyway, and should be declined.</p>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>
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	<p>David Cameron Brian Denim Passed by consensus</p> <p>that 50 % of the \$67,000 first aid budget be paid before the festival, with the remainder being paid after the festival. Briefly, medical personnel constitute the majority of the budget and include a locum, 4 nurses, 4 first-aiders, augmented by an army of volunteers. There are also accommodation expenses. There may be a need for extra funding for extra needs, eg, morning after pills, extra sunscreen, etc.</p>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>
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	<p>Matt English Suzie Henson Passed by consensus.</p>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>

	That a security budget of \$52,919 be approved. Most of that pay will go on wages, taking into account that it's a 24/7 service that incorporates 4 public holidays	
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	<p>Matt English Brian Denham Passed by consensus</p> <p>that we ratify and approve the Rangers budget of \$2,328</p>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>
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	<p>Emma Kristen Passed by consensus</p> <p>Wellbeing budget of \$1,200 approved. This amount may be reduced if some sleeping bags are found.</p>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>
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	<p>Brian Denham Emma Bennett Passed by consensus</p> <p>\$6,281 budget approved for the fire crew. This includes fire extinguishers in all the cooking circles. There may be a need to purchase new water drums, which is not factored in with the budget.</p>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>
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	<p>Kevin Taylor Robin McPherson Passed by consensus</p> <p>Front gate ticketing, \$1,600 budget approved. This includes \$10,000 for scanners and \$3,000 for 3 new laptops. Some concern re the late budget entries but, as the budget is 'live', all figures are current, meaning that the \$1,600 is accounted for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For some reason I typed '\$1,600' twice, but surely that should be \$16,000? – Alex 	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>
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	<p>Kristen Brian Clifford Passed by consensus</p> <p>Holy Colours \$500</p>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>
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	<p>Kate Sarah Emma Bennett Passed by consensus</p> <p>Open Stage budget of \$1,500, chiefly power, stage and lighting. There appears to be other items (like power) that are not accounted for in the \$1,500.</p>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i></p>
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	<u>Bryan PCV</u>	<p><i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i></p>

	<u>David Cruise</u> <u>Passed by consensus</u> Massage budget of \$500	<i>PBM</i>
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	Darryl Kate Bennett Philosophy Café budget of \$0.	<i>Moved</i> <i>Seconded PBC</i> <i>PBM</i>
21	<u>Carried Resolutions</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	Please see above and below for carried resolutions	
22	<u>Next Meeting Date & Time Confirmation</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	7 30 PM on Thursday, 23 March	
23	<u>Meeting Ended</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	Approx 10 45	

Art, Red, Yellow and Green budget of \$400
(amended)
Moved by Emma
Seconded by Mard
Passed by consensus

Wavefinders. This is a way of navigating at night. Budget is for 12-volt batteries, lights, etc. \$556.

Moved by Kristen

Seconded by Marte Kinder

Passed by consensus

Fuel Budget amendment: The fuel budget should be cut from \$16,700 to \$5,800 for gas for kitchens, with the fuel for vehicles and machinery (\$10,000) being passed back to the OC.

Moved by Marte

Seconded by Bryan Isaacs

Failed to pass

Back to the original Fuel Budget of \$16,700: Passed, with a single objection from Marte.

Motion to get the tickets on sale ASAP.

Moved by Emma, Seconded by Bryan.

Passed by consensus.