

Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited

Organising Committee

Minutes

Date: 31/08/2023
Scheduled Start: 7:30 PM
Venue: n/a
Audio: <http://dte.coop/audiominutes>
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#	Item	Raised by:
1	<u>Acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land</u>	
	<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>	
2	<u>Meeting Started</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	07:50PM	
3	<u>Meeting coordinators</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	Chairperson: Mark Rasmussen Minute Keeper: Charlie Dalton-Twist Zoom Host/s: Mark & Suzie Helson Attendance monitor:	

4	<p><u>Attendance</u> CC Meeting attendance register https://dte.coop/online/cc-attendance</p> <p>OC Meeting attendance register https://dte.coop/online/oc-attendance</p>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Aaron Shipperlee</u> • <u>Brett Dalton</u> • <u>Charlie Dalton-Twist</u> • <u>Chris Watkins</u> • <u>David Cameron</u> • <u>David Cruise</u> • <u>Ian Hales</u> • <u>Jack Wells</u> • <u>John Reid</u> • <u>Kathy Ernst</u> • <u>Kim Chadwick</u> • <u>Lance Nash</u> • <u>Lindy Hunt</u> • <u>Malcolm Matthews</u> • <u>Mark Helson</u> • <u>Mark Rasmussen</u> • <u>Marte Kinder</u> • <u>Peter Tippett</u> • <u>Ray Higgins</u> • <u>Rick Gill</u> • <u>Robin Macpherson</u> • <u>Simone Monet</u> • <u>Suzie Helson</u> 	
5	<u>Confirmation of previous minutes</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<p>Previous Minutes Dated : 27/07/2023</p> <p>Link: https://dte.org.au/minutes/2023-07-27%20OC%20Minutes.pdf</p> <p>Corrections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. – 2. – 3. – 	<p><i>Mvd: Charlie Dalton-Twist</i> <i>Sec: John Maygor</i> <i>PBC</i></p>
6	<u>Matters Arising</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Red Energy and Telstra completed payment 2. MR Unable to f/up Kate due to death - ongoing 3. SH placed Brian's funds into his personal account 4. Brief discussion on state of site and river water level 	

7	<u>Correspondence</u>	
	<p>5. Invoice - Origin Energy - Direct Debit</p> <p>6. Edward River Council changes of planning permissions - alerting us to new prohibitions</p> <p>7. Invoice - Servers Australia - Paid</p> <p>8. Invoice - Big Little Numbers - SH to Pay</p> <p>9. Linkt Account - being closed - SH has negotiated return of all fees</p> <p>10. Transgrid update</p> <p>11. Ray Verbal Report - Dean Erwin from Pasture Protection viewed site during the week, noted a lack of priority weeds, large amounts of hore hound and box thorn. DE may be able to offer a day of spraying should it be approved. DE has also suggested using a tractor attachment to collect roly polys - email correspondence to come when report arrives.</p>	
8	<u>Budgets - Funding Applications</u>	
	<p>1. Agenda Item - 14301 Andrew Wilkinson Fuel - Fuel for work onsite to maintain the property, oil and parts for vehicles - \$3000 Motion: Approve Budget Application for 3000</p> <p>Item by: Kevin Taylor https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vPBcAYwclp_qeyQhqDfl-rJX4OpGgMz0/view?usp=sharing</p>	
9	<u>Payments</u>	
10	<u>Action Tasks</u>	
	<p>OC Action list - https://dte.coop/oc-tasks</p> <p>CC Action List - https://dte.coop/cc-tasks</p> <p>12. John Reid to respond to board and OC on cameras</p> <p>13. Suzie Helson to arrange payment of 3k to Andrew Wilkinson</p> <p>14. Charlie DT to forward Kevin's email re. working bee to Membership mailing list</p> <p>15. Charlie DT and Malcolm to draft and send an email to find a volunteer to be trained by Malcolm</p> <p>16. Kevin T and John M to start looking at a group to go over Emma's proposal and moving forward on the weed issue</p>	
11	<u>Relevant Forms & Folders</u>	
	<p>FUNDING APPLICATIONS FORM - https://dte.coop/budgets</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM - https://dte.coop/membership</p> <p>ACTIVITY FORM - https://dte.coop/activity-form</p>	
12.1	<u>Motions</u>	

	<p>Agenda Item - 14301 Agenda item: Andrew Wilkinson Fuel Agenda details: Fuel for work onsite to maintain the property, oil and parts for vehicles Motion: Approve Budget Application for \$3000</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vPBcAYwcLp_qeyQhqDfl-rJX4OpGgMz0/view?usp=sharing</p> <p>Discussion: Discussion concerning what card/account for cash to go onto, discussion re. last year's petrol (approx 7.5k) and diesel expenses (approx 10k), discussion re. previous budget request (noted that it was deferred/withdrawn).</p>	<p><i>Mvd: Kevin Taylor</i> <i>Sec: Malcolm Mathews</i> <i>PBC</i></p>
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	<p>Agenda item ID: 14302 Agenda item: 16th September till 8th October working bee Agenda details: 16th September till 8th October working bee Motion: Approve budget application for \$3200</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r9qG9xlvFN8QZyl851uly2iGxt1aLfn/view?usp=sharing</p> <p>Discussion: Breakdown of costs and duration. Noted that Kevin, Ray etc. will rally folk and direct onsite. Noted that fuel is put aside to assist with costs of those driving who need it. Noted that it has been put on the confest page and the group on FB, OC mailing list and membership group to be sent.</p>	<p><i>Mvd: Kevin Taylor</i> <i>Sec: Suzie Helson</i> <i>PBC</i></p>
12.3		
	<p>Agenda item ID: 14303 Agenda item: Upgrade electricity in woolshed Agenda details: Currently the power to the water filter container is way below requirements when running. To upgrade the supply cable, switch board & water container feed so as to reduce voltage drop Motion: Approve Budget application for \$2900</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/19fGXvUferNelyYttgIS2hiHfLRpVizGV/view?usp=sharing</p> <p>Discussion: Kevin explaining the lack of power and safety to the woolshed, and that there was no main earth/no earth at all in the woolshed at all - work to be done by Kevin. JR requests further detail on what to be done, requirements re. running cables underground and switchboard replacement. Brett would also like further details of the plan. Discussion re. changing to underground cables, noted that at this point it isn't required. Work proposed to be done in September/October Working Bee. Kevin to report back once done.</p>	<p><i>Mvd: Kevin Taylor</i> <i>Sec: Brett Dalton</i> <i>PBC</i></p>
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	<p>Agenda item ID: 14304 Agenda item: 20 litres of Amine 625 Agenda details: With all the moisture onsite and as we move into the growing season for three corner jack and Roly Poly. To purchase 20 litres of Amine 625 herbicide so as too test and spray an area away from the main festive site.</p>	<p><i>Mvd: Kevin Taylor</i> <i>Sec: Marte Kinder</i> <i>Withdrawn</i></p>

	<p>Motion: Approve Budget application for \$330</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/10dZ6lgTe6bqAR_GOh_ucbTMna-o_oT5V/view?usp=sharing</p> <p>Discussion: KT explained motion and the fact that he advised he would raise again this meeting and no one contacted him between meetings. Mark noted that this was not on Confest site but rather a small trial elsewhere on the site. Brett submitted an article explaining how this needs to be done over several years. Lindy noted that Emma has submitted a detailed plan for managing the site. Ian Hales advises that the plan is waiting on further reports. Noted that the plan to spray has always been voted down. Marte Kinder adv'd that he hasn't seen a report from Landcare person that Emma spoke with. Noted that most public places are treated with herbicides and gave further info on the specific one being suggested. Further discussions re. pros and cons. John Magor notes concern about how hard it is being pushed for in limited time & suggests this needs more time and consultation. Lance notes that we should be getting a contractor to do this due to liability issues should it go ahead. Ray notes that the priority weeds have to be dealt with or the options will be taken out of our hands, OC needs to move on this. Aaron asks where and how big the test area will be? KT respond that he'd like to look at doing the ticket booth and carpark area. Ray notes that the priority weeds are not in this area and are along the old site along the river. John Magor would like to join a working group for the management of the land and Emma's plan (see below).</p> <p>Marte notes the Aboriginal heritage doc and notes that it has specific instructions re. removing weeds (no mechanical removal) and does specify using a selective herbicide. The local council professional advises it will be best to use a selective herbicide.</p> <p>Emma B came online briefly and adv's there is a draft management plan for the next 16 years of weed and land management prepared by the Catchment Management Authority. This includes eradication plans for box thorns and other priority weeds. Plan also includes funding for the 16 years + funding beyond that. Suggests put it aside until plan is finalised as this will not cost DTE if we wait on the full plan to be moved.</p> <p>DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN DOC from Emma: https://petertippett.com.au/dte/files/get_file.php?id=1522</p> <p>ARTICLE from Brett: https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/news/a-prickly-problem-rolled-over?fbclid=IwAR0uIN3sDj6JyKry8sRgSBpiNHnpq2L8fC3O-wpq_0NtDbPySPw-FyCbe0M</p> <p>WITHDRAWN - Likely to be raised again next OC. Kevin would like input</p> <p>Kevin T and John M to start looking at a group to go over Emma's proposal and moving forward on the weed issue. David C and Ian H interested in being part of it.</p>	
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	<p>Agenda item ID: 14305 Agenda item: Appointment as a bank signature to the OC account and to look after the OC account</p>	<p><i>Mvd: Malcolm Matthews Discussion Only</i></p>

	<p>Agenda details: Rule 53 (2) All cheques drawn on such designated accounts may must be signed by three Directors or two directors and an active member (approved by the board) of the committee charged with managing the account. The role also involves uploading the tax invoices into Dext for the OC account.</p> <p>Motion: for discussion</p> <p>Malcolm would like someone from the OC to step up to manage the OC account (who is not a director). Charlie has suggested putting it to the membership email group to find a volunteer.</p>	
12.6		
	<p>Discussion: Water onsite</p> <p>John noted there seems to be some areas where taps appear to be on in the forested areas due to wet areas. Possible worth having someone on the working bee go round and check all taps are off and reminder that folk need to turn taps off.</p> <p>Water still available on the plane.</p> <p>Suzie suggests a big water bee possibly in 2024</p> <p>Peter suggests a tap type that you have to hold to use.</p> <p>Charlie/John note expensive and difficult to wash hands and use water. Trevor observed during confest that people are great at turning taps off if the taps are running, but leave them on if no running water.</p>	<p><i>Discussion Only</i></p>
12.7		
	<p>Agenda item ID: 14300</p> <p>Agenda item: Consider and trial alternatives to Zoom</p> <p>Agenda details: "Zoom has changed their Terms of Service. They now claim ""perpetual, worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, sublicensable, and transferable license"" to redistribute, publish, access, use, store, transmit, review, disclose, preserve, extract, modify, reproduce, share, use, display, copy, distribute, translate, transcribe, create derivative works, and process Customer Content. No change will be enacted or enforced by this motion - this only serves to notify members and volunteers of this potentially problematic change to Zoom ToS, and suggest a possible path forward."</p> <p>Motion: AH to deploy and test Jitsi Meet on the DTE colo server. Any online meeting alternative options proposed by the community will also be considered.</p> <p>Item by: Andrew Hosie - not present, John Reid speaking to it.</p> <p>Discussion: John Reid explained the issue. Brett Dalton (works in industry) notes this is not a new clause. The issue came up from the addition of AI which has since been removed. The clause is standard, gmail, google docs etc, apple phone, android phone etc. so that they can share info between people - like transmitting our voices in a zoom meeting. Jitsi is good, but we need to consider cost, scalability, and running it if something happens to Andrew. Robin agrees with Brett on both Zoom and Jitsi. Notes there are some scalability issues. Is concerned about another tool being added to the mix. Suggests Google Meet as an option. Peter Tippet adv's Google Meets was tried and</p>	<p><i>Mvd: John Reid Sec: Lindy Hunt PBC</i></p>

	<p>it didn't work too well. Likes alternatives but is concerned about how the Board will react due to issues with the initial Zoom account and changeover period. Mark points out that for non-IT people changing the platform could be quite difficult. Lindy and Marte both point out this is a request for permission to trial not actually switch over. Robin points out that the server is going to be taken offline in a few months.</p> <p>Ian Hales objected on basis of zoom being a working and known system. - WITHDRAWN</p> <p>John notes that testing the system could still have value as a potential risk mitigation by having a backup to zoom later.</p>	
12.8		
	<p>Ian Hales notes that there seems to be concern with the new power lines potentially going in due to cattle etc. not being allowed within a certain distance from them. There is questions regarding how close we can get to them, how it will impact Confest. Can we run Confest within x distance from the powerlines.</p> <p>John Reid notes that power lines from Lorne to Melbourne have sheep and cattle under them without issue. Usually, the only think prohibited under them is buildings.</p> <p>Charlie shared the easement zone info - https://www.transgrid.com.au/media/3tkdd5lr/easement-guidelines.pdf</p> <p>Peter advised worksafe guides may cause some issues for onsite work. Kevin notes that he has spoken with people being paid to put the lines on our site, and advises it is 70m high towers and super high voltage - he told them they will need to buy the property as they will render it will not be useful as there won't be anywhere on site we can get away from them.</p>	<p><i>Mvd: __ Sec: __</i> <i>PBC</i> <i>PBM</i> <i>Failed</i> <i>Withdrawn</i></p>
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		<p><i>Mvd: __ Sec: __</i> <i>PBC</i> <i>PBM</i> <i>Failed</i> <i>Withdrawn</i></p>
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12.11		
		<p><i>Mvd: __ Sec: __</i> <i>PBC</i> <i>PBM</i> <i>Failed</i> <i>Withdrawn</i></p>
13	<u>Carried Resolutions</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
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14	<u>Next Meeting Date & Time Confirmation (or expectation)</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	28/09/2023 at 7:30PM	
15	<u>Meeting Ended</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	10:47pm	