



Co-operative Society (Victoria) Limited
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A Special General Meeting of the Down To Earth (Victoria) Co-operative Society Limited will be held at 7.30 PM on Thursday 31st May, 2018.

Location: CERES Learning Centre, 7 Lee Street, Brunswick East, VIC and
<https://dte.coop/live.meeting>

Order of Business

1. Opening of meeting
2. Election of Chairperson & Minute Taker
3. Acknowledgement of Country
4. Acknowledgement of members participating online
5. Ratification of previous meeting minutes
6. Presentation of reports (if applicable)
7. Code of Conduct Complaints Review Panel Selection
8. General business on notice

a. Appropriation for Organising Committee

Motion “That an additional appropriation up to \$16,000 is made available to the Organising Committee for cooperative operating expenses for financial year ending 30 June 2018.”

Proposed by Coral Larke and supported by Troy Reid & Kate Shapiro

b. Appropriation for ConFest Committee

Motion “That an additional appropriation up to \$16,000 is made available to the ConFest Committee for ConFest related expenses for financial year ending 30 June 2018.”

Proposed by Kate Shapiro and supported by Mark Rasmussen & Coral Larke

c. Appropriation for 2018 Spring ConFest

Motion “That an appropriation of up to \$200,000 is made available to the ConFest Committee to conduct 2018 Spring ConFest should that committee choose to do so.”

Proposed by Don Royal and supported by Tania Morsman & Steve Poynton

Note: Officially Spring runs from 22 September to 21 December this year. The bushfire danger period starts 1 October. For more information see

<http://dte.org.au/spring/spring.html>

d. Gatherings Temporary Suspension

Motion: “That the cooperative puts a freeze on releasing any funds for future gatherings until upgrades are completed to the water extraction, filtration, storage and distribution systems to make them fit for purpose. That the work to the upgrading of the water system be confirmed by qualified trades as fully operational and adequate to service no less than 7,700 festival attendees, the market stall holders and their needs, villages and all other essential services of the festival.”

Proposed by Aaron Shipperlee and supported by Mark Rasmussen & Troy Reid

e. Water Infrastructure Upgrades

Motion: “That the cooperative approves an appropriation of up to \$50,000 for Asset Management to upgrade the water extraction, filtration, storage and distribution systems to make them fit for purpose.”

Proposed by Aaron Shipperlee and supported by Mark Rasmussen & Troy Reid

f. Appropriation ‘4 Arts Sake’

Motion: “For DTE to assist artists with materials and equipment needed for a range of arts practices and to enable an artist’s residency on site. That funding is made available throughout the year for such purposes and for Tania Morsman and Coral Larke to establish a new sub-committee of the ConFest Committee called ‘4 Arts Sake’, the purpose of which is to assist both existing and emerging artists and their arts practice for ConFest and that an initial appropriation of \$20,000 be allocated to ‘4 Arts Sake’ up until financial year ending 30 June 2019. This funding allocation is to be reviewed annually based on a yearly report.”

Proposed by Tania Morsman and supported by Kristen Tunney & Bruce Pinney

g. Carbon Emissions Reduction & Offset Policy

Motion: “That the cooperative form a sub-committee to develop a comprehensive carbon policy for the organisation. That this sub-committee report back on their progress to the membership in 6 months.”

Proposed by Aaron Shipperlee and supported by Emma Bennett & Troy Reid

h. Climate Change Policy

Motion: “That the cooperative form a sub-committee to develop a comprehensive climate change policy for the organisation. That this sub-committee report back on their progress to the membership in 6 months.

Proposed by Aaron Shipperlee and supported by Emma Bennett & Troy Reid

i. Country Acknowledgement at Meeting Commencement

Motion: “That the cooperative takes the necessary steps at the next General Meeting to incorporate an additional clause under rule 33 as follows:

‘At all meetings of the cooperative, as a minimum, the chair is to acknowledge the country on which the meeting is being held at the opening of the meeting.’”

Proposed by Aaron Shipperlee and supported by Ellen Brogan & Troy Reid

j. Meeting Room

Motion: “That DTE continues to hold meetings (including all ConFest Committee, Organising Committee and General Meetings) at a physical location and that DTE retains the use of CERES until a better location is found or CERES is no longer available in which case, an alternative venue is to be found.”

Proposed by Kathleen Ernst and supported by Lars Nissen & Peter Tippett

k. Use of DTE Property #1

Motion: “That no DTE property (including, but not limited to, real estate, IT equipment, heavy machinery or other fixed or moveable assets) is to be used by other groups, organisations or incorporated bodies or by individuals except for DTE purposes without approval at a General Meeting by a motion detailing conditions of use.”

Proposed by Kathleen Ernst and supported by Peter Tippett & Vanessa Ernst

l. Use of DTE Property #2

Motion: “That all agreements for other groups, organisations, incorporated bodies or individuals to use DTE property, except where used for DTE purposes, be withdrawn.”

Proposed by Kathleen Ernst and supported by Peter Tippett & Vanessa Ernst

9. SGM Meeting Close

10. Possible Board and/or OC meetings to follow