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MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING OF MADCA INC. HELD AT MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST 2025

Meeting opening
President's welcome and recognition of traditional owners.
New members approval: Neil McKee – approved
Members Present: 22 as per attendance register
Call for Apologies: 4 as per attendance register

Minutes of previous meeting:
Marissa Bartlett, seconded Ann Michael that the minutes of the previous meeting of 2nd July be accepted as a true and accurate record. Carried

Business arising from minutes: John Reynolds bequest/foundation
No update

Special BRLUPA presentation: This presentation by members of the Blackall Range Land Use Planning Association will assist you to make a submission re the hinterland community's needs and aspirations to the current Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme public consultations

BRLUPA members Audrey van Beusichem and Lindsay Holt spoke. They have been reading the new Planning Scheme but have not yet reviewed it all: there is a great deal of information. To date, they have found some positive aspects and some concerns. They are concerned about the trend towards developments being "code assessable", which means the public has no formal role in the assessment. For some developments that will have an impact on community amenity and values developments should be "impact assessable" which requires public consultation and consideration of all submissions. Other key concerns relate to watering down of the current local plan provisions for Mapleton and other hinterland towns, inadequate protection of good quality agricultural land and sensitive environmental areas from inconsistent use (e.g. cabins and tourist venues). Note also that this Planning Scheme is slated to be in place for 20 years, so it will be important for a long time.

Everyone is encouraged to review the Planning Scheme and make a submission. Note that you can enter your own address to start with very local information, and move outwards as you desire. The SCC is running events about the new Scheme, such as community meetings and pop-up stalls. See SCC web site for details. Also, all are welcome at the BRLUPA AGM where the Scheme and issues identified by BLUPA members will be discussed in detail. BRLUPA and MADCA will distribute their submissions for members to use as a basis for individual submissions.
Important dates: BRLUPA AGM – 26 August 2025, 6:30pm at Mapleton Library
Submission deadline – 19 September 2025

As at 05/08/2025

Everyday Account 2420 $18, 549.89
Saver Account 1563 $60,250. 98

Shane Josey moved, seconded Cal Roberts that the Treasurer's Report be received and any accounts listed be passed for payment. Carried (A full report is attached with Minutes)

Correspondence July 3rd to present

Date	Correspondent	Context	Action
04/07/2025	Gail Farlow	Market permit renewal	Peter Gamgee actioned
04/07/2025	GCBF	Acquittal completed	Grant's officer actioned
07/07/2025	OSCAR	Membership renewal	Treasurer actioned
09/07/2025	Renee Fougere	Thank you re advocacy Lily ponds caravan park development	Secretary acknowledged
09/07/2025	Jessica Foster	Response re renewal market permit	Discussed at meeting
09/07/2025	SCRC	Partnership grant acquittal due 31/08/2025	Referred to Grant's officer
10/07/2025	SCRC	Land permit renewal notice	Discussed at meeting
11/07/2025	Mapleton Tennis Club	Request for letter of support for grant application	Secretary actioned
11/07/2025	OSCAR	New planning scheme community group briefing	President attended
11/07/25	CEO Sunshine Coast Council	Letter of support for Dark Sky Reserve	President actioned
11/07/2025	SP Branch	Proposed Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme - invite to briefing to community groups 17/07	President attended
14/07/2025	SC Grant's team	Major grants open	Referred to Grant's officer
15/07/2025	Smarty grants	LtL grant application 2025/EoI Partnership grant 2025/26 received	Grant's officer actioned
16/07/2025	SCRC grants	Invitation to submit partnership grant	Grant's officer actioned
17/07/2025	Smarty grants	Partnership grant received	Grant's officer actioned
21/07/2025	OSCAR	AGM 24/07	Referred to Max
23/07/2025	Mapleton Ladies Bowls	Reminder re community day	Referred to Leigh and Shane
23/07/2025	OSCAR	Reminder GM 24//07	Referred to Max
24/07/2025	AGL	Electricity acct	Paid by direct debit 13/08/2025

25/07/2025	Audrey van Beusichem	Inclusion of BRLUPA agenda items for August GM	Special presentation
25/07/2025	David Goodwin	Concerns re Lily ponds holiday park development	Discussed at meeting
25/07/2025	Ian Stannard	MADCA advisory Lily ponds holiday park development	President actioned
25/07/2025	Suncorp	Business Saver Statement	Referred to Treasurer
25/07/2025	Suncorp	Business Everyday Statement	Referred to Treasurer
25/07/2025	SCC	Rates Notice	Referred to Treasurer
28/07/2025	Mapleton Choir	Proof of expenditure	Noted
28/07/2025	Henriette Guest	Submission re Lily ponds holiday park development	Discussed at meeting
28/07/2025	Development I	MADCA submission re Lily ponds holiday park development	President actioned/discussed at meeting
30/07/2025	Suncorp bank	Updated customer details	Treasurer actioned/Suncorp acknowledged
31/07/2025	Matthew Crighton	Concern re Lily ponds holiday park development	Discussed at meeting
31/07/2025	OSCAR	Workshop re new planning scheme 09/08	Referred to Max
31/07/2025	Smarty grants	Acquittal due 31/08	Referred to Grant's officer

Marissa Bartlett moved, seconded Shane Josey that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed . Carried

Business arising from correspondence
Renewal of Market permit
Peter Gamgee spoke. MADCA has been running the Market for just over 2 years. We are in the process of renewing our permit with Council for the August Market. A letter of support is required from the School; all else is in hand. The August Market will celebrate our doggy friends. There will be a parade at 10am, followed by prizes for the best-dressed: one each for small dogs and large dogs. All dogs and their human friends welcome.
Sunshine Coast planning scheme – see above
Lily ponds holiday park
Max Standage spoke. The community has responded very well to the request for submissions; at least 37 noted by SCC, at last count. Many thanks to everyone who made one. We are now waiting for Council's assessment to proceed.

Standing agenda items

- **Digital Platform Update**

- Ian Stannard advised**:1. Server and Domain Status**
  All MADCA server systems are fully maintained and up to date as of 28 July.
- **2. Range Community News Feedback**
  The *Range Community News* continues to receive positive feedback from readers, reinforcing its value to the community. Some recent comments include:
- *"That is wonderful, thank you again, Ian."*
- *"I really appreciate your effort. I've sent this off to the Heart Foundation Walking Group State Coordinator—she loved it too."* – Donna Klease
- *"Thank you, your piece is beautifully written—perfect."* – Ian Lucas
- *"…thanks for that great article. I forwarded your review to both pianists. Berta responded immediately as she enjoyed it very much."* – Ian Lucas
- Despite the encouraging feedback and an increased number of published articles, viewing figures for July were lower than expected.
- **Note:**
  I continue to encourage both Members and Management Committee members to actively engage with the *Range Community News*—by contributing content, promoting the platform, and sharing news from Mapleton and surrounding areas. I often hear about local events only after they've occurred. I will be undertaking additional promotion of the site over the coming weeks.
- **3. Community Connect, MADCA Email Advisories, and RCN Round Up**
- The **July Community Connect** was published without issue.
- The **August edition** is scheduled for release in two weeks.
- The **July RCN Round Up** was also published successfully.
- Two **email advisories** were sent out during the month. The second email contained 2 broken links to documents, but this was corrected and resent within 10 minutes.
- Work has commenced on updating the *Community Connect* codebase from HTML 4 to HTML 5 to meet current web standards. However, formatting issues have been identified in some browsers. For now, *Community Connect* will continue to be issued in HTML 4 format until these issues are resolved.

- **Disaster management Report** - none
- **Dulong Quarry Report**
  Anne Vievers from Hinterland Quarry Action Group spoke. HQAG started when SCC put out an EoI for private leasing of the Dulong and Image Flat Quarries, with no community consultation. Thanks to community support, HQAG were successful in keeping these quarries in SCC ownership. But, in that process, discovered that these two quarries, alone among the 73 in Queensland (public and private) have a status of "accepted development". This means that any changes can be made – increase in size, activity, etc – with no approval process at all, not even oversight by the Council's development team. Very disappointingly, this situation has not been addressed in the new Planning Scheme. So HQAG is now back in action to raise this issue and have the designation changed in the Planning Scheme.
  HQAG will be asking for as many people as possible to make submissions on this to SCC. Note that an increase in activity at Dulong Quarry means more trucks on the road down to Nambour, so we're all affected. HQAG will write a guide with extracted information and suggestions: to be available soon. They will also be providing information at venues such as Mapleton Market and Montville Market, and via portals such as MADCA communications. HQAG also have their own facebook page.
  If you'd like to receive emails from Council regarding quarry activity, go to https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/living-and-community/quarry-services/operations-and-community-information

- **Grants Update** - none
- **Light the Lights Report**
  Max Standage spoke. LtL planning is proceeding. The School has agreed to allow LtL to be held on their grounds every year, as a default. That is: we will no longer attempt to use the Lilyponds Park.

- **Market Report**
  "Locals" theme this Market: went well. David Law thanked us for the opportunity to be present and speak with locals. Next market is a "dogs" theme. Council will again be present: see David Law's report below.
  There was a reduction in profit for this Market because of reduced bread order, due to concerns with the weather.
- **OSCAR Report** –
  Held an on-line meeting on 24th July to discuss the Planning Scheme. They will have a workshop to develop a submission reflecting input from all 35 community groups that are members.
- **Pump out assessments/ Report**
  Peter Gamgee spoke. Brett Fairlamb, who is investigating the possibility of Mapleton sewerage processing, has had some households provide him with data, but he needs more. If you'd be willing to share your pump out volumes and frequency, please contact Brett at fairlambbrett@gmail.com
- **QCCC –** Open Day in December. More information later.
- **Recreation infrastructure/ community facilities sub-committee Update** - none
- **TOSH Update**
  Max Standage spoke. The previous paver path has been replaced with a concrete path, and there is also now a shed at the back. Many thanks to Peter Gamgee and others who assisted with the working bee. Market gear, such as gazebos and tables, are now stored in the shed. There is another issue with the covered area at the back of TOSH, which is leaning towards the pond. SCC would like MADCA to pay for a structural engineer to assess this, but we are putting it to Council that it's their responsibility.

Cr David Law report
The Council will attend the next Mapleton Market as part of noting the 7th year out from the Olympic Games. Information will be available on the current plans for the Olympics and, to celebrate the "net zero" and "sustainable" claims of these Games, Council will be distributing free trees.
This week is "Homelessness Action Week". David noted that this is an increasing problem, especially in Nambour, partly due to Moreton Bay Council's actions in forcibly clearing homeless people from their sites. These actions by MBC have since been ruled to be illegal by the Supreme Court, restricting MBC from continuing.
SCC members, including David, are working with the State Government to find some solutions; e.g. SCC have released land in Marcoola which the State will build dwellings on. A total of 22 dwellings are now being built using portable houses. Over 300 applications were made for these 22 dwellings, so the problem persists. Council is reviewing all the sites it holds for similar conversion. Audrey van Beusichem noted that SCC is making it easier for sites such as Mapleton Caravan Park to convert to dwellings only, excluding those who can only afford a tent or a caravan: possibly making the problem worse.

General Business:
Max Standage noted that SCC has committed to upgrading the toilets at the Lilyponds to include a disabled-accessible cubicle, and a hard-surface path across the grass. Thanks to David Law for suggesting the solution of a third cubicle in the existing structure, and many thanks to everyone in the community who spoke or wrote to Council about this. David noted that the input from the community was what powered the approval from SCC. Work is expected to begin in the next few weeks, with the half-court structure also being installed.
David also noted that the toilets at the Mapleton Falls lookout were burned down last year and are yet to be replaced. This is a State Government issue: the community might want to look now to start lobbying the State for action on this.

Next meeting will be held on 3rd September 2025 at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start at the Mapleton Bowls Club.