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MINUTES of THE GENERAL MEETING OF MADCA INC. HELD in the Green Room at MAPLETON PUBLIC HOUSE WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE at 5:30 for a 6:00pm start

President's welcome and recognition of traditional owners. Peter Gamgee opened the meeting and acknowledged the Jinnabarra and Kabi Kabi people, their elders, past, present and emerging.
Meeting opening: Peter Gamgee advised there are a number of matters on the agenda requiring community input
New members approval: No new members to approve
Members present : 23 as per the attendance register
Call for Apologies: 2 as per attendance register

Special Presentation: Community Battery for Blackall Range Deferrred to General Business

Minutes of previous meeting:
Lyndall Hulme moved, seconded Catherine Standage that the minutes of the previous meeting of 6th MAY be accepted as a true and accurate record. Carrried.

Business arising from minutes:
Mapleton & District Award Peter Gamgee advised he is drafting additional guidance for the proposed youth award.

Treasurer's Report: as of 02/06/2026
Everyday Account 2420 $6,341.48
Saver Account 1563 $31,225.26
Flexirate until 07/08 $40,000.00

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 miniutes)

Correspondence May 7th to present

Date	Correspondent	Context	Action
07/05/2026	Paul Whittaker	Thank you	Vice President actioned
09/05/2026	Hayley Hirschfeld	Request to borrow gazebos	Secretary responded, Max actioned
11/05/2026	Nicklin office	Mapleton Falls toilet ready	
15/05/2026	RangeCare	40 year celebration @Opp shop 29/06	MADCA to participate
17/05/2026	Donna Klease	Cemetery upgrade	To be discussed at meeting
18/05/2026	Bernie Miller	Festive & Commemorative grants	Referred to Grant's Officer
18/05/2026	Jackie Hart	Agreement with Mapleton SS &	President completed 22/05

		Community user risk assessment	
20/05/2026	Marc Cornell	Concerns re Lily ponds Holiday Park	Acknowledged
21/05/26	AUS LCIS	Certificate of Currency	Treasurer actioned
21/05/2026	Bernie Miller	Festive &Commemorative grants	Referred to Grant's officer
24/05/2026	Sally Hines/ Australian Community Foundation	Establishment of community fund	To be discussed in foundation report
26/05/2026	Shelley Heathwood/ David Law	Réponse re TOSH maintenance matters	President, Secretary actioned SH acknowledged 28/05
28/05/2026	OSCAR	GM 28/05	Referred to Max

Lyndall Hulme moved, seconded George Kachaniwsky that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed. Carried

RangeCare 40 year celebration MADCA plans to have a table at this event on 29/06 from 10:00 till 1:00 . If you would like to participate on a roster, please advise to madca.inc@ gmail.com

Cemetery upgrade Donna Klease advised the niche wall was cleaned mid May. Donna had approached the Council to provide weather protection of the Niche Wall. The Council Cemeteries team responded with a proposal that MADCA find funds to place a granite veneer on the Wall, at a cost of $32,000. Cr Law has advised that the Council will fund this work. In addition Council will seek approval from families who have a family member interred in the wall prior to doing the work. Donna is keen that the community be informed of the outcome of the upgrade. Peter advised the project would be added to the MADCA list for monitoring and further community engagement if needed.

TOSH Maintenance Peter Gamgee advised of the ongoing discussions with Council Property Management. Peter Gamgee advised that MADCA is up to date with the maintenance requirements. The sticking points are the structural requirements: ie that the gazebo be demolished, add new posts and fix old posts under the main building and that a full paint be undertaken . MADCA currently has an application with the GCBF to fund the painting. Peter Gamgee advised that rent increase next year may effect the viability of TOSH. A letter has been sent to the Council outlining MADCA position regarding structural work and painting. Cr Law also indicated he did not understand why MADCA was being asked to complete structural work.

Subcommittee and Working Party Reports
(attached with minutes)

- Pumpout
- Christmas concert
- TOSH
- Markets
- Grants
- HQAG Report
- OSCAR Report
- Disaster management Report
- Foundation Report (a per Max Standage presentation Mapleton Community Benefit Fund)
- Communications
- Lily ponds Caravan park update
- Community grant scheme update
- Mapleton-Flaxton path

- Streetscape
- Defibrillator access

Cr David Law report: David Law spoke to the recent Council budget where a large deficit was noted due to the allowance for depreciation of $170M ; the asset base continues to grow (e.g. new estates handed over from developers); a general rate increase of 9.7% **Mapleton budget highlights are: toilets in RSL Park are to be investigated and redesigned next year; fence in Lily ponds park to be repaired; PO Road bus shelter to be built; quarry to stay under Council management . If people are struggling to pay rates it is important to have a payment plan in place before the due date**

Community battery on Blackall Range Rod Hill spoke of his interest in engaging with the community and having community input as early as possible in the development of a community battery. Other towns and communities had established a physical battery. He spoke of the possibility of establishing a cooperative; which is community driven, environmentally friendly, with overall reduced costs for participants. Rather than the development of a solar farm/ battery model, Rod spoke of the possibility of a virtual battery solution with power electronically distributed. Rod is of the view that this is a long term concept/ strategy. Those interested in participating in the discussion can contact either Max Standage or Peter Gamgee.

Mapleton Community Benefit Fund
Max Standage presented an overview of the challenge of establishing a registered charity that could leverage the tax deductibility for donors to attract money to help other community organisations. (Presentation attached). The proposal was to have a fund established (The Mapleton Community Benefit Fund), within a larger organisation that provides the overhead and regulatory controls required for a registered charity. There was discussion as to how this could benefit organisations in the district who could leverage the Mapleton Benefit Fund through MADCA for their own major fundraising.

Motion: That MADCA commence the application process to establish the Mapleton Community Benefit Fund within the ACF MainFund with the deposit being the $25,000 bequest from John Reynolds Estate.
Moved: Max Standage
Seconded: George Kachaniwsky
Carried.

General Business: The meeting agreed to schedule the next General Meeting on August 5th 2026 5:30pm for a 6:00 start at the Green Room Mapleton Public House.