

# Mallacoota and District Recovery Association Incorporated 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



## MINUTES

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 16 August
<b>Time</b>	7:00pm
<b>Place</b>	Mallacoota Golf and Country Club, Nelson Drive, Mallacoota 3892 Victoria

### 1. WELCOME

The Chairperson, Paul Preston, welcomed and thanked members for their attendance at the Mallacoota and District Recovery Association 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Acknowledgement of Country:

*We acknowledge All Traditional Custodians of this Land on which we live and recognise their continuing connection to Land, Waters, and Culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

### 2. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

The Chairperson introduced the Interim Chair, outgoing committee members, members, Zoom invitees and apologies.

#### **2.1 Interim Chair**

Ken Spackman

#### **2.2 Outgoing Committee Members**

Outgoing Committee Members in attendance were:

Kate Cowden	Graham Dempster (Zoom)	Ken Grime
Peter Hancock (Zoom)	Carol Hopkins	Rosy Morton
Jeanette Obri	Phil Piper	Paul Preston
Bryce Watts-Parker		

#### **2.3 Members attending in-person**

Meg Allan	Sabine Amos	Jude Benton
Dianne Blood	Brian Bobbin	Pam Bobbin
Judith Brooke	Sue Brown	Marion Bruce
Christy Bryar	Marie Connellan	Callista Cooper
Kate Cowden	Maryanne Crocker	Leonie Daws
Shirley Dixon	Max Donovan	Tammy Donovan
Michael Dunne	Max Elliot	Peter Giddings

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Mark Ginnivan	Alison Green	Ken Grime
Nyssa Gyorgy	Lyn Harwood	Martyn Hiley
Tricia Hiley	Carol Hopkins	Mark Keating
Joan Kimm	Maggie Langdon	Jenny Lloyd
Kieran Martin	Rosemary Martin	Jenny Mason
Cass McNamara	Karen Mitchell	Rosy Morton
Jesse Nation	Liza Newby	Ria Nieuwland
Thomas Nolan	Jeanette Obri	Leo op den Brouw
Phil Piper	Paul Preston	Jim Sakkas
Madeline Sands	Mike Smith	Ken Spackman
Lester Sturgess	Trindi Suratman	Katie Symes
Bryce Watts-Parker	Jan Wiggins	Jo Wohler

#### **2.4 Members attending via Zoom**

Paris Brooke	Graham Dempster	Eva Grunden
Peter Hancock	Ash Turner	

#### **2.5 Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Mike Amos, David Appleton, Di Appleton, Don Ashby, Eileen Buckland, June Drake, Michael Drake, John Hendrickson, Pip Masters, Andrew Roberts, Rick Southgate, Ann Thoroughgood

### **3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

The Chairperson declared that a quorum was present and the Meeting was open.

### **4. DECLARATION OF PROXY VOTES**

The Interim Chair, Ken Spackman declared that 7 Proxies had been received. All proxies gave their votes to Ken Spackman as Chair of the meeting.

### **5. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Notice of Meeting was made available to all Members and was taken as read.

## 6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes were sent to all members following the last AGM and have been made available on MADRA's website.

"Motion that the 2021 AGM Minutes be received and accepted"

Moved by: Jeanette Obri                      Seconded by: Kate Cowden                      All in favour

Motion carried

## 7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson, Paul Preston, delivered his Report.

Questions or comments from members regarding the Chairperson's Report?

Liza Newby thanked Paul Preston for an amazing year of being Chair of MADRA.

"Motion that the MADRA Chairperson's Report 2021-22 be received and accepted"

Moved by: Lester Sturgess                      Seconded by: Sue Brown                      All in favour

Motion carried

## 8. ANNUAL REPORT – FINANCIAL

Treasurer's Report: Graham Dempster

The Treasurer referred the Meeting to the Association's Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Thank you to Glenda Philips for keeping the books in order and providing a great deal of assistance. I will not be seeking re-election, but thank you to the committee for trusting me to represent them over the last two years. It has been a gratifying experience to meet and work with people I would not otherwise have had the pleasure to meet. Thank you to Paul Preston for all his contributions and hard work.

It certainly doesn't seem like 12 months since the last AGM. From a committee perspective, it has been at least as busy as MADRA's first year, but from a financial aspect our funds have had little change. The major flow through of funds was a \$50k grant for the Mallacoota Sustainable Energy Group to explore the feasibility of a stand-alone sustainable power system out at the ponds on Watertrust Rd.

There were a couple of private donations and several smaller grants from organisations such as GLCH & EGSC. These were used for Coota be Ready day at the Mudbrick, Connect & Share get together at the

golf club & a MADRA function. Main donations were made to the P-12 and a Rotary fire fund donation to the Tool Library. Pledges/LOS have been made to the Wilderness Workspace and 'Muddie' playground area.

Since the financial year end, we have transferred the balance of funds from MLC to the Youth Sanctuary as well as a donation to the Friends of Mallacoota to establish the endemic garden at the corner of Allan and Buckland Drives. The preferential use of the donations by the committee is for the funds to be used on projects that benefit the whole community. That is not to say other areas won't be considered. The new committee may take a different approach, but I am sure they will be open to suggestions from the community as long as reasons and costings are provided.

The role of MADRA into the foreseeable future is still very important for several reasons. MADRA has been able to build up relationships with governing bodies and politicians. A united voice is far more favourably listened to than individuals or smaller groups. The MADRA committee may not get everything correct but we need to remember it is made up of volunteers, so if you have some spare time and energy to keep MADRA moving forward, I urge you to think about putting your hand up to join the committee. Even if not the committee, helping out on subcommittees/working groups to broaden the load will bring about better results for the district.

There are projects committed to that are currently on the 'go' or with start dates in the next 12-18 months which if for no other reason is important for MADRA to continue and, in the words of the late Don Chipp "to keep the bastards honest".

Questions or comments from Members regarding the Financial Report? - None

"Motion that the MADRA Financial Report for 2021-22 be received and accepted".

Moved by: Bryce Watts Parker    Seconded by: Carol Hopkins    All in favour

Motion carried

## 9. JOINING AND ANNUAL FEES

The Chairperson confirmed the Committee's decision not to initiate joining or annual fees for Mallacoota and District Recovery Association Inc.

"Motion to accept that, on the recommendation of the previous committee, the Members resolve there will be no joining or annual fees for the Mallacoota and District Recovery Association Inc for the next financial year"

Moved by: Liza Newby    Seconded by: Leonie Daws    All in favour

Motion carried

#### **10. RESOLUTION OF RULE 53 SUBSECTION 1:**

“Motion to accept that the number of Ordinary Members on the MADRA General Committee will remain at up to 8 people, as it currently stands”

Liza Newby asked for clarification on the number of members required for the committee.

Ken Spackman confirmed that the MADRA committee can be made up of a total of 12 members: 4 office bearers and 8 ordinary members.

Moved by: Jeanette Obri                      Seconded by: Phil Piper                      All in favour

Motion carried

#### **11. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

##### **Nominations for Office Bearer positions:**

**11.1** Chairperson - Carol Hopkins

**11.2** Deputy Chair - Phil Piper

**11.3** Secretary - Rosy Morton

**11.4** Treasurer - Ken Grime

##### **Nominations for Ordinary Members of the Committee:**

**11.5** Ordinary Members (up to 8)

Sue Brown, Christy Bryar, Peter Giddings, Jenny Mason, Jeanette Obri, Jo Wohler,

With no further nominations, all positions were declared filled.

The new Chair of MADRA, Carol Hopkins, addressed the meeting: Thank you to MADRA 1 for the wonderful foundations they provided for us to work from. Thank you to MADRA 2 - we've been a great committee, worked hard, looked after each other and had a great time too. With MADRA 3, there's a lot of work to finish, but I'm excited that people are interested and have nominated and I'm sure we'll have a great year going forward. Thank you to everyone I have worked with - I have loved my first year with MADRA.

#### **12. CLOSE**

The Chairman thanked members for attending MADRA's Annual General Meeting and advised that light refreshments were available for members immediately after the Meeting closed.

There being no other business, the 2022 Annual General Meeting closed at 7:55 pm.