

Mallacoota and District Recovery Association Incorporated 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



MINUTES

Date	Tuesday 31 October
Time	7:00pm
Place	Mallacoota Golf and Country Club, Nelson Drive, Mallacoota, 3892 Victoria

1. WELCOME

The Chairperson, Carol Hopkins, welcomed and thanked members for their attendance at the Mallacoota and District Recovery Association 2023 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.

Things move at the pace of trust with traditional owners. We are on the journey, even though it's slow. Hopefully one day we have a connection with cultural owners who lived here over many generations.

We were set up to assist our town after the devastating bushfires. The impact of climate change is also showing its effects, and isn't over yet. Hence we are still here going into year four of MADRA.

Thank you for attending tonight. We appreciate our members' support.

2. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

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

2.1 Interim Chair

Ken Spackman

2.2 Outgoing Committee Members

Outgoing Committee Members in attendance were:

Sue Brown	Christy Bryar	Peter Giddings
Ken Grime	Carol Hopkins	Jenny Mason
Rosy Morton	Jeanette Obri	Phil Piper
Ash Turner	Jo Wohler	

2.3 Members attending

Meg Allan	Tricia Hiley	Ria Nieuwland
Michael Amos	Carol Hopkins	Patricia O'Grady

Sabine Amos	Greg Hopkins	Mary O'Malley
Jude Benton	Peter Hoskin	Graham Oakley
Judith Brooke	Kate Jackson	Yolande Oakley
Paris Brooke	Julie Jolly	David Perry
Sue Brown	Caroline Jones	Phil Piper
Marion Bruce	Mark Keating	Paul Preston
Christy Bryar	Margaret Langdon	Stephen Price
Marie Connellan	Patsy Lisle	Fiona Raitt
Barry Cowden	Kieran Martin	George Raitt
Kate Cowden	Rosemary Martin	Mike Smith
Lea Davis	Jenny Mason	Richard Southgate
Michael Dunne	Peter Mason	Ken Spackman
Max Elliot	Ele Mason-Sakkas	Luke Thompson
Peter Giddings	Rini Mason-Sakkas	Etienne Van Der Merwe
Alison Green	Pip Masters	Yvonne Van Der Merwe
Ken Grime	Liz McKay	Jo Wohler
Jocelyn Grunden	Karen Mitchell	Diana Wolfe
Lyn Harwood	Rosy Morton	

2.4 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

David Appleton	Sue Edmondson	Liza Newby
Diana Appleton	Michael Groom	Jeanette Obri
Don Ashby	Eva Grunden	Jane O'Shea
Helen Bull	Mitchell Hargreaves	Brian Page
Callista Cooper	Margaret Kurz	Amanda Schott
Leonie Daws	Peter Kurz	Lester Sturgess
Ray Edmondson	Jenny Lloyd	Ann Thoroughgood

2.5 Guests attending

Michelle Dowsett, Jason Fowler, Justin Hede, Alexandra & Rod Tuson, Tess Vanderslik, Jodie Willmer

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 13 Proxies had been received - nine to the Chair and the remainder to other members.

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 provided to all members following the last AGM and made available on MADRA's website.

"Motion that the 2022 AGM Minutes be received and accepted"

Moved by: Peter Giddings Seconded by: Phil Piper All in favour

Motion carried

7. CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

The Chairperson, Carol Hopkins, delivered her Report.

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

"Motion that the MADRA Chairperson's Report 2022-23 be received and accepted"

Moved by: Sue Brown Seconded by: Yvonne Van Der Merwe - All in favour

Motion carried

8. ANNUAL REPORT – FINANCIAL

Treasurer's Report: Ken Grime

The Treasurer referred the Meeting to the Association's Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

It is my pleasure to have been Treasurer of MADRA. I'll be standing down but available for support if required. The strength of MADRA is that it is a great cross-section of the community which gives weight to our voice to government.

Accounts: \$157,000 - this includes monies that are pledged to others and grants. Of this amount the following is allocated: \$50,000 for scoping study for fuel management zone around town, \$25,000 for timber milling program, and \$2,000 for fuel management grant. About \$80,000 remains uncommitted. We are registered as a charity. Some donations came in this year.

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

"Motion that the MADRA Financial Report for 2022-23 be received and accepted".

Moved by: Lea Davis Seconded by: Christy Bryar All in favour

Motion carried

9. GUEST SPEAKER - Jodie Willmer, Happy Changemakers

I have worked with the committee on a strategic planning project. I work with not for not for profit orgs and social enterprise. We took on a strategic planning project for MADRA.

What we have achieved:

Funding was received to create a plan. The plan identifies what is challenging for communities and to work out priorities. The planning enabled the committee to see what was working well and what needed improvement. We have created a plan on a page. This will help current and future committees, funders and donors.

1. Strengthening committee and working parties
2. Key Focus Projects
3. Strengthening long-term resilience

A recommendation was to review working projects and identify skills and talents in the community. One thing that has been most impressive has been the communication skills of this current committee. The work achieved makes the future look very bright.

10. 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: Phil Piper Seconded by: Fiona Raitt All in favour

Motion carried

11. 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”

Moved by: Jo Wohler Seconded by: Lea Davis All in favour

Motion carried

12. 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 - Ash Turner

11.4 Treasurer - Peter Giddings

Nominations for Ordinary Members of the Committee:

11.5 Ordinary Members (up to 8)

Christy Bryar, Pip Masters

In addition, applications are pending for Justin Hede and Patsy O’Grady and they will become members in due course

Questions or comments

Diana Wolfe : I’d like to thank the members of MADRA. The work that has been done since the fires has been extraordinary. I’ll move a motion of formal thanks.

“Motion that the MADRA members in attendance formally thank all those who have served on the MADRA committee in recognition of their hard work and commitment.”

Moved by: Diana Wolfe Seconded by: Ken Spackman All in favour

Motion carried

Ash Turner: Can there be a post-AGM consideration for people who do not want to make themselves known in this forum, but would like to nominate as an ordinary member after the AGM?

Ken Spackman: Yes, this is correct. They would just need to contact the committee members already elected to express their interest..

12. CLOSE

The Chair thanked members for attending MADRA's Annual General Meeting and advised that light refreshments were available..

There being no other business, the 2023 Annual General Meeting closed at 7:46 pm.