

**MONASH UNIVERSITY
CLAYTON RESIDENTIAL
RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE**

Minutes of meeting 4/2009 of the Residents' Committee held on Monday 27 July 2009 at 6.00pm in the MRS Theatre.

29 July 2009

Alana Michell
Secretary/Treasurer ext 57150

Present:

2009 President	..	Jessica Fitzgerald
Deakin Hall	..	Ramie Wan
	..	Leah Uhe
Farrer Hall	..	Charles Morley
	..	Sarah Benkhauser
Howitt Hall	..	Gordon Latham
	..	Basil Curtis
Normanby House	..	Alex Johns
	..	Adam Direen
Richardson Hall	..	Alana Michell
	..	Matthew Dullard
Roberts Hall	..	Samuel Gibb
	..	Matthew Shearing
South East Flats	..	Lee Skeat
	..	Kiki Dhaliwal
Sports Coordinator	..	David Coulter
Environmental Coordinators	..	Huon McGifford
	..	Andrew Johnson
Residential Programs Coordinator	..	Charmaine Loke
Administration Manager	..	Cassianne Martin

Apologies:

Sports Coordinator	..	Johanna Kelly
College Heads' Representative	..	Nova Caddy

1 APOLOGIES

As above.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted. Items were added to Other Business.

- 2.1 Election of new Vice-President
- 2.2 Residential Programs – Walkie Talkie and Chatterbox
- 2.3 Event with Oaktree Foundation
- 2.4 NAAUC Feedback
- 2.5 New MRS Website

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO 3/2009

Minutes of meeting 3/2009 held on 19 May 2009 was confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING NO 3/2009

4.1 APPROVED – Residents' Committee Procedures – RES 5/2009, 20.4.2009

4.2 South East Flats Representatives

Ms Fitzgerald introduced the two new South East Flats representatives and also welcomed Mr Latham as the replacement for Ms Skimbirauskas as the returning resident representative for Howitt Hall.

4.3 Residents' Committee Photo Board

Ms Benkhauser provided the committee with a draft of the photo board poster but needed to make changes as there were replacements and new committee members to be added.

Action: Sarah Benkhauser

4.4 Submission of Residents' Ball Reports

Ms Loke was still waiting for the main Ball report from Ms Skimbirauskas. Ms McGifford volunteered to inform Ms Skimbirauskas about this matter.

Action: Huon McGifford

4.5 Halls Play

Ms McGifford reported that the Resident Advisor who was interested in organising this activity will be meeting up with her production committee this week. She will update this committee as soon as they have decided upon the details.

Action: Huon McGifford

4.6 DEFERRED to Meeting 1/2010 – Global email regarding increase bandwidth

4.7 Employment and Career Development Nights

Ms Loke reported that there will no longer be Career nights at Halls as the response/interest from students was very low. However, in support of the Employment and Career Development unit at the University, MRS will help to promote their existing programs through monthly posters displayed around Halls.

4.8 Proposal of cross country running at Halls

It was reported by Mr Coulter that the cross country event will be a fun run that will occur on Sunday, 11 October (week 11) after the Sports Awards. It was noted that there are many different sporting events happening in second semester so it is difficult to find a time to hold this event. The results from the fun run will not be included in the tally for the inter-halls sports competition (Sports Awards).

Action: Sports Coordinators

4.9 Major event in second semester

It was discussed by the Residents' Committee that the major event for second semester will be 'The Battle of the Bands', the same as last year's second semester event. It was reported that the current balance in funds was \$2053.32 from the Ball profits. The event will be held on the Thursday, 24 September from 6pm to 10pm. This leaves 2 month to organise the event. A new Functions Officer was elected: Mr Basil Curtis. A band planning committee was formed and will meet after the formal meeting this evening.

It was noted that last year's event had issues with judging as Rock bands received more response from the audience rather than the acoustic acts. It was proposed that this event has two sections, an acoustic and a rock section to counter these issues. People will be allowed to enter both sections providing they pay the required \$5 registration fee per band. It was suggested that there could be a battle of the DJs depending on interest from Halls residents. Last year approximately \$1000 was spent on food. Prize money was donated from the Clayton College Heads and Berwick Residential last year and Ms Fitzgerald will be writing to them again.

Action: Jessica Fitzgerald

Berwick and other campuses are still interested in competing (Berwick won last year). These Campuses will need to be contacted before the event.

Action: Charmaine Loke

Oaktree Foundation has been invited to be part of the event again. A raffle will be drawn and it will be a gold coin donation per ticket. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards Oaktree's fundraising efforts. There will also be collection tins around at the event for any additional donations. Oaktree are also welcomed to have a slide presentation or even material to hand out to interested parties.

Action: Sarah Benkhauser

4.10 End of year Residents' Committee dinner

The end of year Residents Committee dinner will be held at the Notting Hill Hotel on Thursday, 27 August (week 6). It was decided by the committee that approximately \$15-20 (depending on how many people and how much of funds are available) will be given to each committee member for dinner and a drink. Further information will be sent out via email by Ms Michell.

Action: Alana Michell

4.11 Soccer game: Halls vs. Berwick

It was reported that the Halls vs. Berwick soccer game will be held on the Friday, 4 September (time yet to be determined). The Sports Coordinators need to organise a Halls team to compete in the game.

Action: Sports Coordinators

5 SPORTS REPORT

It was reported by Mr Coulter that one game of mixed netball had been played. There will be clash between women's netball and the AFL. This had tried to be avoided although timetabling with Monash Sport has had difficulties. It was requested that sports representatives bring down team earlier so that games can start on time. Table tennis is running soon in the Function Room. It was discussed that as long as the organisation was done in advance, sports starting in the first week of the semester would not cause a problem.

6 ENVIRONMENT REPORT

It was reported by the Environment Coordinators that 24 residents turned up for the I ♥ RES Clean Up day. The numbers from each hall were: Howitt-9, Roberts- 3, Richardson- 4, Deakin- 7, Normanby-1, Farrer-0, and South East Flats-0. They collected 9 bags of rubbish and 4 bags of recyclables. There was a team that went down to South East Flats as well.

The Recycling Challenge will be during the month of August, from the Monday 3 to Sunday 30. Residents will be able to recycle many different things, such as paper, batteries, printer cartridges, plastic bags and mobile phones. It was reported that College Heads have been supportive of providing a space to store the recycled items. Each representative was briefed on how to carry out the recycling challenge in their own Hall.

Ms McGifford raised the idea of having a Halls compost bin again. Ms Loke explained that this was not possible as due to OHS issues with rodents and smell.

There is to be a veggie garden picking day on the Sunday 16 August. It was reported that the veggie gardens could ideally have more maintenance. Many of the vegetables are almost ready for picking and use. Normanby is going to have a replanting day and previously had a roster program.

7 FOOD SERVICE

No issues were reported

8 ITEMS FOR OHSE ZONE 19 MEETING

It was reported that the laundry strips that were applied outside the Roberts laundry wore off very quickly the first time they were put down. They are now bolted down.

9 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Election of new Vice-President

Ms Huon McGifford was elected unopposed to be the Vice-President for Semester Two due to Ms Skimbirauskas leaving Halls at the end of Semester One. Updated contact details to be emailed with minutes, **RES 7/2009 – 27.07.2009**

9.2 Residential Programs – Walkie Talkie and Chatterbox

It was raised that the Walkie Talkie program is being introduced as part of the lead up to the 1000 steps challenge that Monash participates in each year. This program will recruit 3 walking team leaders from each Hall who will organise social walking groups to walk at least three times a week for eight weeks. All participants will be given pedometers from MRS and Monash Sport. The program is scheduled to begin early August. Monash Sport has been invited to give an informative talk at the launch.

The Chatterbox program was devised to assist students whose primary language is not English. It would be in a less intimidating social situation where they are able to discuss

different topics and meet people. It was raised that the program may receive a greater response if it begins at the start of next year in O-Week; however, it can still be trialled this semester to gauge the interest.

9.3 Event with Oaktree Foundation

It was reported by Ms Benkhauser that there is going to be an Oaktree Foundation Trivia Night on Tuesday, 11 August at 8pm in the Function Room. The fundraiser event is non-alcoholic and will cost \$7 with a culture card or \$9 without one. There will be 10 people to a table. There will be a meeting on the Wednesday, 29 July to organise posters etc. There will be prizes given to teams. It was requested that the Residents Committee support this event by promoting it around Halls.

Action: Resident Committee

9.4 NAAUC Feedback

Ms Benkhauser reported that the NAAUC Conference was a very positive experience. A wide range of topics were discussed and it was reported that it would be beneficial for everyone if there was more inter-Halls activities, possibly starting with O-week next year.

Action: Ms. Benkhauser

9.5 New MRS Website

Mrs Martin reported that there will be a new MRS website uploaded, so the committee could have a look and send any feedback to her of what they thought.

Action: Residents' Committee

10 DATE OF NEXT FORMAL MEETING:

Tuesday 25 August 2009 - 6.00pm in the Function Room.

CONFIRMED AS AN ACCURATE RECORD:

President Date

Membership:

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Deakin Hall	..	Ramie Wan
	..	Leah Uhe
Farrer Hall	..	Sarah Benkhauser (Publicity Officer)
	..	Charles Morley
Howitt Hall	..	Gordon Latham
	..	Basil Curtis (Functions Officer)
Normanby House	..	Matthew Jones
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For information

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Food Service Supervisor	Ridwan Tandijono
Administration Officer	Georgina James