

## Mapleton Market Report for MADCA General Meeting

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

1. This market of 13th September, 2009 our 5th market raised \$655.  
There will be some minor expenses.
2. Mayor Bob Abbot attended to:
  1. Dedicate council supplied park bench to pioneering family which he did an excellent job of.
  2. Play Harmonica with Red Kettle Folk Club which he did very well too.
  3. Meet and greet.
3. 6 community organisations participated
  1. Back to Mapleton 120 years Reunion
  2. Hinterland Business Centre Inc.
  3. Teralba Association Inc.
  4. Blackall Range Care Group Inc.
  5. SCOPE Quilting Project
  6. Community Gym
4. Community Gym ran the Sausage Sizzle again very competently at 4 days notices. The Tennis Club let us down again sadly. They gym sold 400 sausages, 25kg onions and 20 loaves of bread. They were very happy!
5. 4 local students busked.
6. First time attractions included 3 bush poets, jumping castle and merry go round & Range Independent School students band playing on Red Kettle "stage"
7. 40 stalls including Enigmas & community library
8. 2 people in Community Produce Tent
9. Festival of Walk walkers group returned to market after walk

The committee met last Thursday to review the market strengths and weaknesses plus look to next market.

1. It has been decided to change the market hours from 8am -2pm to 7:30am to 12:30pm. After 12:30 it fairly much stops and stall holders have been requesting this. Also good chance of a storm in Summer afternoons...
2. John Major happy to have Bush Poets speaking every market and very keen to be involved.
3. Have more hay bales around to sit on and be sold.
4. Community Hall is having Hirer's Expo on same day as December Market
5. Library will have big Book Sale
6. We hope to have Morris Dancers again
7. We want to have Santa and 2 elves (suggestions/applications)
8. Range Independent school very keen to get involved with entertainment and help with market. Came to the meeting.

9. Keep Red Kettle (in their new 6x3 tent) under tree like this time.  
Worked very well
10. Have more entertainment happening at Fishtales garden
11. Permaculture talks by Elisabeth Fekonia
12. Chris Garvie from Fishtales alerted us to the copywrite issues of having live music in public space with out APRA licence and possible fines.  
He has a licence for his land.
13. Framed certificate of appreciation from market presented to Chris Garvie for supporting us and allowing us to use Fishtales and Red Kettle Folk Club. Others being arranged.
14. Thank you to the Mayor to be written.
15. All suggestions and feedback from anybody very welcome.
16. 80+ photos of day posted to web site.
17. The Range News published my story with lots of photos...
18. I am attending a Council Market Stakeholders dinner this Thursday night for input.

Don't forget to send me your details for the web site Mapleton Calendar.

David Penrose  
President, Market Market (sub-committee)  
[www.mapletonmarket.net.au](http://www.mapletonmarket.net.au)

**Mapleton Community Library Inc.**

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We are still re-organizing the books in the new section, but are confident it will all be done soon. The result will be that titles in the non-fiction collection will be much easier for our borrowers to find.

Due to the drastic cut in our funding from Council, we have been trying to think of innovative ways to keep some money coming in. A number of our borrowers have indicated they would like to buy a book for our shelves, so at the moment we are asking folk if they would like to help us they may:

1. Make a cash donation
2. Subscribe to a magazine
3. Buy a newly released book.

This is not compulsory of course, just a practical way to help if you want to. Membership fees have been mentioned, but we want to avoid this if possible.

The Mapleton Community has always generously supported the Library and we expect they will continue to support our raffles. A new one begins this week.

Some of our volunteers will be doing afternoon tea duties at the Choir Event on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. This is a fundraiser for us.

The Mapleton Craft Group has generously agreed to allow the library to host another fundraiser, a Jewellery Exhibit on the morning of 28<sup>th</sup> October.



Doreen Browne  
Convenor

## Bush Jui Brigade

Members attended Fire at Perogian Springs during weekend. Training Proceeding for New Members and New Members welcome

## School

Has started final Term today. Small increase in number of pupils keeping a ~~at~~ steady school population.

## RSL

Next event will be Remembrance Day over 11th November at 11 am. Muster at 10.45 am in Memorial Park.

## HALL REPORT FOR MADCA

5<sup>th</sup> October 2009

The winning tickets for the Father's Day Raffle were:-

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – White ticket H15 won by Matt

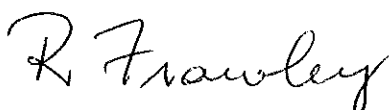
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Purple ticket Q19 won by Russell Callow

We had a working bee about a month ago and did some touch up painting to the hall inside and out but it looks like the railings are peeling again.

The next Jazz Nite will be held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. featuring "The Jazz Factory". These are fun toe tapping nights and cost \$20.00 a person including supper so please book your seats early by calling Roxanne on 54457611.

We plan to hold an Expo at the hall on 6<sup>th</sup> December which also happens to be International Volunteers Weekend. The Mapleton Markets have kindly encouraged us to hold it on the same day as the Market so we are hoping that the community will all come along and acquaint themselves with the various crafts and activities that will be on show at the hall. Along with all our hirers we hope that everyone in the community who has a craft, sporting group or special talent to offer will also participate. It will be a totally free day and we hope to be able to entertain everyone with plenty of activities on show for the whole family to join in on. If anybody is interested on putting on a display, demonstration or fun activity please contact us on 54457611. It would be wonderful to make it a real community day for all!

Our financial audit is in the process of being completed and we will hold our A.G.M. on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15 p.m. Nomination forms for office bearers will be available from Roxanne on 54457611 and must be lodged two weeks before A.G.M. (28<sup>th</sup> October).



Roxanne Frawley  
Secretary  
Mapleton Community Hall & Sports Ground Inc.

• COTTAGE -

• Council have granted a 50% discount on building & plumbing applications reducing the cost to \$433.50 & \$155.00 respectively. This has been paid.

• E.B.I. & <sup>Engineers</sup> have attended a "STRUCTURAL CHECKING & CERTIFICATION OF TIEDOWN" at a cost of \$385.00

This company required payment upfront before issuing their report. This was paid late last week

• ~~Hopefully~~ The "PUMPING COMPLIANCE" Report was issued last week.

Hopefully the engineering report will be complete, & able to be submitted to Council & then the FINAL INSPECTION attended, prior to possible construction of ~~veranda~~ ramp.

• MEMORIAL TREES

The 4 trees removed by the tennis club have been replaced & nicely woodchipped.

Another tree has been planted for pioneers MR & MRS. G.H. Biggs

The other 3 trees to be replaced will be planted this week behind the cottage & woodchipped.

Several more loads of woodchip are required - 1 or 2 trees appear to be dying or dead (stress-related)

The Trustees

~~We~~ are obtaining quotes & no doubt will have to lodge a grant application for funds to achieve this (i.e. <sup>purchasing</sup> woodchip & spreading of it)

This will benefit these memorial trees — for all to enjoy & hopefully ~~for~~ well into the future. We have been advised that this shouldn't need to be repeated for a few years. The small plaques are also receiving some consideration (tree raising etc. etc.) Quotes are being obtained.

If you want to be involved, please contact the 'Trustees' or 'Back to Mapleton' committee

• TENNIS COURTS —

The official opening took place last Saturday, 3rd Oct. at "Back to Mapleton Day."

The Trustees have been invited to a meeting this Friday to discuss improvements of boundary between Sportsground & neighbour.

Mapleton Observatory - Laine Adams.

We were successful with our grant application  
for a new telescope & our condition or I would like to  
thank Andrew <sup>on behalf of MADCA</sup> at the library for their letters  
of support.

We hope to have the telescope in place  
at the beginning of next year as there is no  
telescopes in Australia and there is a 3-4 month  
wait for an optical tube.

# Friends of the Old School House Gardens

## September report

On Saturday 26 September seven garden members volunteered their services for our monthly working bee in the gardens and continued painting the table setting. Whilst watering the plants, the water pump blew-up which means that now we need to replace it. Once this is installed we are hoping that some of the Information volunteers will water the plants during their quieter moments when needed.

Silt is appearing in the little lilypond as a result of the pumping out of the bigger lilypond. This is an eyesore, which has not happened before and needs attention.

Our request for the Council to prune and remove some trees has not yet been addressed. Some tree limbs are hanging over TOSH's roof. They should be removed before the storms arrive.

Thank you for getting SCRC to address the drainage issue at the back of TOSH.

The solar panels for security lights have been installed and work well. These will be of great benefit with groups using the BBQ facilities during the coming Christmas festivities. Thank you MADCA.

Next month's working bee on 31 October will involve cleaning and re-staining of the timber deck and the larger wooden table and seats in preparation for the Christmas functions coming up.

We are very fortunate to have a couple of ladies to prepare a very welcome morning tea for the workers. A huge thanks to Cecille and Joan.

Over the last two months there has been a drop in volunteer numbers due to commitments elsewhere. We only work once a month for approximately 2 - 2½ hours on the last Saturday of the month in the morning and would love to see more volunteers at our gatherings and get togethers afterwards. Should any public members be wanting to join or help the 'Friends of the Old School House Gardens' group please contact Janine or Allan on 5445 7397 for more information.

