

**SMRRAinc**  
**Snowy Monaro Ratepayers & Residents Association**  
**General Meeting**  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Cooma Ex-Services Club 2pm



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Committee present: Andrew T, Mathieu N, Nicole V, Alisa T, Shawny J, Charles K.  
No recording or live coverage.  
Apologies: 10 members  
Members: 1  
Visitors: 2  
Treasurer report: nil  
Minutes from February accepted. Motion Shawny J, second Charles K.

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Open: Andrew T as Chair (2pm)

- Explained the SMRC Business Paper, where to find the minutes, live viewing option off SMRC website of the Thursday council meetings, printed option of Business Paper available from Cooma SMRC office by arrangement.
- SMRC job advert: CEO David Hogan announcement.
  - Permanent Executive Team members needed at SMRC.
  - Local government election set to be Sept 2024.
  - Election may be delayed one year due to possible de-merger.
  - Live streaming in the past has clocked up to 1,000 views.
- SMRRA resignation by Andrew T as President and also as a SMRRA member.
  - Andrew is openly not liked by SMRC staff and their connected community.
  - SMRC GM will not let Andrew participate in SMRC locations and activities.
  - These things make it impossible to represent SMRRA to council.
  - Members need to be involved to make SMRRA work.
  - Andrew resigning as President and member to remove any association with

SMRRA.

Letter tendered by Andrew to SMRRA committee, accepted by Shawny J, Nicole V.  
Andrew leaves the meeting.

Matt N resumes role of Chair (2.45pm)

- SMRRA was inherited as a dysfunctional organisation.
- Thank Andrew T for his efforts to date to keep SMRRA going.
- Members need to support SMRRA for it to succeed.

Five Point Plan for SMRRA:

1. Specific
2. Measurable
3. Achievable
4. Realistic
5. Timely

Matt sees SMRRA as a community group that collectively supports each other. Individual problems no to be passed onto SMRRA to solve. General advice can be given but SMRRA may not be able to help directly for legal reasons.

Other comments:

- Some positive things have happened with members help, for example there are now SMRRA stickers available that a member arranged.
- General consultation suggested to grow member numbers.
- Meetings held
- Creation of focus groups AKA subcommittees. Ability to join with other community groups and associations, create partnerships.
- Internal Governance to be strengthened. Some positions vacant.
- It takes time, communication and skills to maintain SMRRA.

Issues:

- SMRC refuses to acknowledge or partake in continuous improvement > Water tank explosion and then lack of action an example of this.
- SMRC does not play fair.
- Matt seeks to improve consultation with community by SMRC.
- SMRC gives out UCC, this is unacceptable.
- Mayor Chris Hanna has not been forth coming to create a relationship with Matt.
- Stonewalling community members by SMRC is not acceptable.

Shawny suggests audit the community to see who else has been ignored by SMRC and in what way. Need a scope of audit. Then go to a higher authority to report findings.

Matt looks to put some articles in the Monaro Post in the future.

Meeting closed 3.30pm