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Subject: RE: travel permits - request for information
Date: Thu, 3 Sep 2020 15:35:41 +1000

Dear John,

Thank you for your email.

If you fall into any of the permitted industries listed on the below link - then you will be able to obtain/issue permits for your workers.

If you do not fall into any of these categories it is not permitted:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/202008/Log%20of%20changes%20to%20the%20Permitted%20Work%20Premises%20list%20-%2009%20August%202020.pdf>

Kind Regards,

Steph

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From: ocmail@dte.org.au
Received: 03/09/2020 14:38:29
To: info@business.vic.gov.au
Subject: travel permits - request for information

Dear Business Vic people,

I have been trying to ascertain whether I can organise travel permits in Victoria for scrutineers of a postal ballot.

I spoke to one of your representatives by phone, he thought that permits would not be granted, and I am seeking confirmation in writing.

The background to this is at an Organising Committee meeting on 30 July 2020 a Special General Meeting was called for Down To Earth (Vic), to be held on 17 September. Around 19 August the Board resolved that motions to the SGM were required to be held by Postal Ballot. Usual practice has been to hold a poll during the meeting. Postal Ballots are required to have a Returning Officer and scrutineers. The motions raised for the SGM were for membership continuity, appropriations, and a working bee appropriation. Full text copied below.

I am part of Down To Earth's General Meeting Working Group, tasked with the day to

day requirements of seeing that the General Meetings happen.
Down To Earth's ABN is 77 380 803 219.

Regards,

John Reid
for the General Meeting Working Group.
0418 309 068

To: info@business.vic.gov.au

CC: Tania Morsman, John Reid

Down to Earth Co-operative Society

The motions for Special General Meeting to be held 17 th September 2020 are being put by postal ballot, and thus are referred to here as propositions.

Proposition 1

The Preamble: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak DTE has been unable to hold a festival, and is

unlikely to be holding a festival in the near future. Hours volunteering at the festival are the most

common method for submitting hours for active membership, however this is not possible in the

current situation because DTE has been unable to provide the opportunity for many of these

members to contribute directly to the festival.

These are not the only hours our volunteers contribute. There are countless hours in planning and

discussions and many other areas which are not claimed because of the difficulty of verifying these.

The following motion is designed to protect our membership base from declining due to the absence

of a festival. It is an adjustment of the motion from the previous SGM based on alleged legal advice

supplied to the board.

Proposition: That the board accepts that all currently active members who notify the board in

writing that they wish to continue to be involved and they have attempted and been available to

satisfy the requirements, along with a brief description of their involvement, have met their

volunteering requirements and remain as active members.

Proposed: Steve Poynton

Supporters: Tania Morsman, Kathy Ernst

Proposition 2

DESCRIPTION

On 27/6/2020 there is \$30,000 in the OC account with \$8,578.02 (remaining from the last Financial

Year) due to be returned to the Investment Account leaving \$21, 421.98

Estimated costs until the November are

\$6000 (submitted budget for FinCom),

\$4990 (submitted budget for legal costs),

\$3000 for the annual council rates,

\$3000 for Association Liability insurance,

\$2000 for motor vehicle insurance (assuming some rationalisation and cost savings),

\$2000 for Warooma and Bylands property expenses such as electricity and internet,
\$200 for General Meeting expenses

\$2500 contingency for property cleanup (tip fees, contractors).

Allowing contingency of \$2000, that adds up to a total of \$25,690, leaving a
shortfall of \$4268.02.

Page 2 Proposition: That \$4500 is appropriated for the Organising Committee and
together with the
remainder of the July appropriation is used for the following expenses; \$6000 for
FinCom, \$4990

for legal costs, \$3000 for council rates, \$3000 for Association Liability
insurance, \$2000 for motor

vehicle insurance, \$2000 for Warooma and Bylands property expenses such as
electricity and

internet, \$200 for General Meeting expenses, \$2500 for property cleanup expenses
approved by the

OC and \$2231.98 for general contingencies as approved by the OC. Any money not used
for these

purposes will be returned to the Investment Account.

Proposed: Kathy Ernst

Supporters: Deb Moerkerken, Steve Poynton, Vanessa Ernst, Denise Banville, Tania
Morsman, Don

Royal

Proposition 3

Proposition: That the OC be allocated \$6,500 for a September 2020 working bee. The
formal

budget submission for this allocation shall be tabled and discussed at the OC
following the

September SGM

* Please be aware that this application overwrites any previous motions

Proposed: Ellen Maree (most will know her as Ellen Brogan)

Supporters: Trevor Pitt, Barry Simmonds

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