



**Minutes of the Manawatu Lesbian and Gay Rights Association meeting  
14th January 2008**

**In attendance:** Kelly M, Christopher C, Tracy O, Tarns P, Bruno L, Matt K, Toni, Megan, Mel R, Seth, Robert S,

**Apologies:** Deidre R

The minutes from the MaLGRA meeting 4/12/07 are accepted as a true and accurate record.  
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**PART ONE**

**Mail In:**

Bank Statements

IRD Statement/GST Tax returns

Square Edge Rent Invoice

Telecom Bill – Was paid personally by a member in error. This is getting reimbursed, and Telecom are organising a reimbursement and the correct amount paid.

State Insurance Policy Renewal

Accountants Invoice

Newsletter from Sexual Health

Auckland Lesbian Newsletter

Spectrum Newsletter

MDR Lighting Letter

Closet Space – Christmas Card

**Mail Out:**

Membership Cards

**New Memberships:**

No New Memberships

**Executive Round:**

Closet Space

Closet Space has been on holidays, however will start up again mid to late February (when school starts up again). They will be approaching schools, building relationships.

Currently the group is trying to get a tax exemption. Matt has suggested changes to the letter they are submitting regarding this. Deidre is to provide the group with the Incorporated Society's Certificate or other such documentation.

The group has requested a special meeting with the executive committee members on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

A youth worker may be assisting closet space. Toni is assisting with this, also Nova M is assisting the group by passing on knowledge gained from the Wanganui Closet space while she was a part of this.

Kelly M has meet the organisers of Closet Space Wanganui.



WINZ has contacted Rob S and has passed on details of a Liaison Officer for the group.

#### Manawatu Lesbian Support Group

Successful bbq in December at the current leaders house (was previously going to be at the esplanade, however the weather did not allow.  
An email address has been created for the support group this is accessible from the MaLGRA website which has been updated with new details of the group.  
The group has provided an insert for the Newsletter that is being created for all support groups.

On the first night back the group will have a planning evening for the new years activities and focus.

Meetings will be restarting on Wednesday 23 January 2008.

#### CoffeeQ

There was a bbq at a members house in Rongatea, this went well with approx 9 people attending. The group went ten pin bowling on the last night.  
Coffee Q would like to thank Club Q for supplying biscuits to all the support groups for their meetings.

Meetings will restart Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

#### UniQ

No meetings currently, however did have a presence at Vinegar Hill.  
There will be a presence felt at Massey University regarding information in Orientation packs etc.

#### Club Q

A new fridge arrived for the club, however this was faulty, and was returned. The new fridge will be arriving soon.

The Pansy wine that was donated to MaLGRA/Club Q for the 30<sup>th</sup> Celebrations will be given to the support groups to organise raffles etc for funding. Each support group member must go to a working party member or meeting to organise their requirements.

Lights – Tony will be approaching MDR to take smoke machine in and discuss the lighting of the club.

30<sup>th</sup> T-Shirts will be sold at \$10.

Alex B will be starting on the door roster again, and one of the Duty Managers will work on either bar or DJ when he is working. This person must stay the entire night however.

New working party business cards will be created and a service emblem will be created for the club.



**General Business:**

Code of conduct

All support groups have own say on who attends the meetings or not. The support groups members do not have to be members of MaLGRA.

The support groups are to decide if they would like to organise a memorandum of understanding with MaLGRA and perhaps organise codes of conduct for the individual groups.

All groups that already have an existing code of conduct are to table these to committee to have on file. Rob S to send the code of conduct via email to Tracy (secretary). Toni will send a code of conduct template to Tracy (sec) to distribute with the minutes. Also all groups that have codes of conducts are to send these to the secretary.

AGM

Needs to start earlier this year, perhaps around July. For this to happen the letters/proxy forms need to be sent out a month in advance.

Newsletter

Toni would like to put information in the news letter regarding outside events e.g. Absailing, Bridge swinging, Tramping, adventure courses etc.

Toni will bring a proposal/draft forward to the committee for next meeting discussing these events in more detail, also costs involved. The committee may have a team building day alongside one or more of these events.

AIDS Memorial Day

Will MaLGRA be doing anything for AIDS memorial day? This is usually in May. Matt will contact the organisers of this event to assist MaLGRA in organising something or joining a pre-organised event.

MaLGRA Focus

This coming year the committee will try and steer MaLGRA's focus towards other activities, and the community/support groups rather than towards drinking/and the club.

Sexual Health Network Meetings

Matt K attends these meetings, Rob S gets invitations. Kelly stated that anyone who is a member is welcome to these meetings as MaLGRA has an open invitation to them. If people can go (as these are usually during the day) they are informative and information from these can be brought back to the Committee meetings. Also perhaps the details (time/place etc) need to be displayed for our members.

The meeting dates/details perhaps could be put on the MaLGRA website.

Aotearoa Youth Workers Network

Toni has been appointed on the Aotearoa Youth Workers Network as a part of Club Q. If anyone has ideas for Toni to put forward they would be passed on.

Renovations to pool room

The shelf/leaner beside the office needs to be reinforced as it is wobbly and a health and safety issue. Megan will be doing this during the week (Wednesday).



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**PART TWO**

Part two of the committee minutes deal with confidential information and, as such, is not available for viewing in the publicly released minutes.

**Next meeting time: 11 February 2008**

- ENDS – 7:55pm