

MORNINGTON PENINSULA BRANCH NATIONAL TRUST

MINUTES FOR 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023

AT MULBERRY HILL 385 GOLF LINKS ROAD LANGWARRIN SOUTH

FROM 11.00am

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners – the Bunnerong/BoonWurrung People was given by the President.

- 1. WELCOME:** President Victor Sullivan welcomed guests and NTAV CEO Simon Ambrose, Mornington Peninsula Shire Mayor, Steve Holland and Councillors Kate Roper and David Gill.
- 2. PRESENT:** Sue Boggan, Sue Constantine, Sue Creasey, Ben Cullen, Ken Falconer, Peter Greer, Adrienne Herring, Di Horscroft, Jelena Ljubisic (Tasma), David Morris, Pamela Mammers, Vicky Sapkin, Karen Towers, Ross Towers, Adie Smith, George-Ann Sullivan, Victor Sullivan, Gillian Tolley, Noel Tolley, Judy Walsh
- 3. APOLOGIES:** K Stegley AM, E & U DeJong, Gill & Trevor Morgan, Marnie Fitzsimmons, Danielle MacKenzie, Julia Young, M Viner, Dirk Jensen, Michelle Hardie, P Carnaby, T Henderson, A & B Howitt, K Barrow, E Saunders.
- 4. ACCEPTANCE OF Minutes from previous AGM held on 17.11.2022**
Moved: Adrienne Smith Seconded Peter Greer – all in favour – Carried
4.1 Business Arising. Acquisition of Georgiana McCrae’s Silver Teapot from donor in Canberra has been completed and paperwork being processed.
- 5. TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Treasurer outlined activities in the past twelve months, highlighting the Elgee Park, Ranelagh Estate and McCrae Homestead events as fund raisers. It was also noted that \$2,000 had been donated to the refurbishment process at the Briars for the cotton voile curtains and \$2,000 for the restoration of the 1780 grandfather clock situated at The Briars. The Balance in the account at 30.6.2023 \$3,072.40
The Treasurer moved that his report be accepted – seconded by Adrienne Herring. All in favour – carried.
- 6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** The President outlined the major activities of the Branch for the year (attached) and thanked the committee for their generous time and effort contributed to the work of the Branch.
The President moved that his report be accepted, seconded Ken Falconer – Carried

The President then invited CEO Simon Ambrose to take the floor and report on Trust matters. Simon covered several topics – Endeavour Fern Gully Educational Building to be installed next week and officially opened early 2024, a few changes have occurred in management with Sarah Pellegrini joining the board and three positions - Andrew Logie-Smith, Peter Linell and Jacqui Healey to change at the AGM to be held at Como on 25 November. He also reported that attendances and memberships were on the improve and recovery after the Covid years, with Old Melbourne Gaol still being the best income earner for the Trust.

Pentridge tours are happening. Education programs are a big part of the Trust's work and three full time conservation staff now making a huge difference. Also currently working on conversion of existing buildings to provide accommodation at Trust property *Mooramong* for extra income stream.

7. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Report from Tasma that 431 memberships are currently financial with a high percentage being multiple members per membership.
8. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:** The President noted that two vacancies exist on the committee due to the retirement of Penny Carnaby and Adrienne Herring. He went on to praise the work these two members have contributed over a long period of time – 25 years in Penny's case and 12 in Adrienne's. Unfortunately Penny is an apology for this meeting but Adrienne was presented with a bouquet and well wishes of the committee.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED:

PRESIDENT:	VICTOR SULLIVAN
VICE PRESIDENT:	DAVID MORRIS
TREASURER:	PETER GREER
SECRETARY:	JUDY WALSH
COMMITTEE:	ADRIENNE SMITH, VICKY SAPKIN, DI HORSCROFT

POSITIONS WERE UNCONTESTED AND DULY ELECTED

NOMINATIONS WERE CALLED FROM THE FLOOR FOR TWO COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Di Horscroft nominated Sue Constantine, seconded by J Walsh – accepted by the nominee – duly elected.

Victor Sullivan nominated Karen Towers, seconded by Di Horscroft – accepted by the nominee – duly elected.

All committee positions now filled for the 2024 Committee.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Nil
10. **39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** To be determined by the 2024 committee.
11. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Ben Cullen , Area Manager South Central – Trust for Nature was invited to take the floor and gave a most interesting and in-depth explanation of the work of Trust for Nature with a special emphasis on the Mornington Peninsula. Questions followed and an enthusiastic demonstration of applause appreciation was given in appreciation.
12. **CLOSE OF MEETING.** Meeting closed at 12.30 with house tours offered and refreshments provided.