

**MORNINGTON PENINSULA BRANCH NATIONAL TRUST**

**MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**AT NEARKEY BIIK EDUCATION CENTRE AT ENDEAVOUR FERN GULLY**

**195 ARTHURS SEAT ROAD RED HILL SOUTH**

**FROM 11.00am**

1. **WELCOME:** Interim President, David Morris, welcomed guests and thanked them for their attendance. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners – The Bunurong Boonwurrung people was delivered.
2. **PRESENT:** D. Horscroft, M Fitzsimons, J Thomson, I Thomson, P Mammers, M. MacMillan, E. Saunders, A. Opper, G. Smith, K. Barrow, K. Jones, A. Jones, A. Renkin, P. Renkin, C. Morton, C. Anderson, A. Gibson, A. Howitt, B. Howitt, D. Morris, A. Smith, V. Sapkin, K. Towers, J. Walsh, S. Constantine, P. Greer, L. Costermans.
3. **APOLOGIES:**  
NT CEO Collette Brennan, Kate Drummond, Gillian Tolley OAM, Amanda Milledge.
4. **COMMENTARY ON ENDEAVOUR FERN GULLY.** The Interim President announced that due to most unfortunate circumstances, Gillian Tolley, who was to deliver the commentary was unable to attend and asked Adie Smith to come forward and comment on the development of Endeavour Fern Gully. The audience acknowledged Adie's words with acclamation (Comments attached.)
5. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2023**  
**Moved K Towers, Seconded A Smith – all in favour – Carried.**
6. **BUSINESS ARISING**  
There was no business arising.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer outlined the activities of the branch over the twelve month period between 1 July 2023 and 30 June, 2024; Ranelagh Walk, Pre-Loved Art Auction and the Ramsay House opening. Detailed income and expenses associated with the report stating that the closing balance was \$5,420.27 (Report Attached)  
Question arose as to the proceeds of the item relating to Ramsay House opening which was explained in full as one third of the income was agreed to be shared with the house owner which was evident in the net income shown.  
**Moved P Greer, Seconded K Towers – Carried.**
8. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Most recent figures state c.485 memberships on the Mornington Peninsula, second only to Geelong in the State.
9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The Interim President outlined the activities of the branch over the past twelve months, including the loss of its then Chair, the Late Victor Sullivan (report attached)  
**Moved D. Morris, Seconded P Greer – Carried.**

#### **10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

The Interim President noted that two vacancies existed on the committee due to the previously mentioned passing of the then President Victor Sullivan on 7<sup>th</sup> June and also committee member Di Horscroft who due to other commitments was no longer able to serve on the committee. Both Victor and Di were thanked for their contributions which were acknowledged .

#### **NOMINATIONS RECEIVED:**

**President: David Morris**

**Vice President: Karen Towers**

**Treasurer: Peter Greer**

**Secretary: Judy Walsh**

**Committee: Adrienne Smith, Vicky Sapkin & Sue Constantine**

These nominations were all accepted and uncontested and therefore duly elected.

Nominations were called from the floor but as none were received two vacancies exist for the coming year.

#### **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Nil**

#### **12. 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING To be determined by the 2025 Committee.**

**13. GUEST SPEAKER:** Leon Costermans OAM, renowned Geologist and Environmentalist, was introduced by Karen Towers. Mr Costermans delivered a most interesting power point presentation on the geology and environment of the Mornington Peninsula in particular. Questions followed and enthusiastic applause was given. V Sapkin thanked Mr Costermans and presented him with a small token of the committee's appreciation.

#### **14. CLOSE OF MEETING:** Meeting closed at 12.40pm and refreshments were provided.