**MINUTES**

**RED HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**5.30 pm Thursday 16 March 2023**

**Scott House, Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill**

1. **Present**:David Maddocks (Chair); Bruce Kiloh; Brett Trebilcock; John Eldridge; Jane Reynolds (Minute Taker)
2. David Maddocks gave Acknowledgement of the traditional lands, elders and peoples.
3. **Apologies**:Carolynn Massola; Kerry Watson; and Rob Commerford.
4. **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting**:- Accepted

There was no substantive business arising as the previous meeting was concerned with arrangements for the February community event and official opening.

1. **Secretary’s Report**: A summary of correspondence was circulated to members and two items were highlighted being Minutes to the Residents Association Meeting and Cr Gill’s email inviting community organisations to notify any problems and concerns about community (capital) projects. It was agreed that there should be discussion at the April meeting as to whether RHCA should submit a summary to Council on issues encountered with the Community Reserve and Station projects.

Detailed correspondence over the month regarding the administration for the February event was not reported and it was noted that all thank you emails have been sent save for Sommerville Meats which needs to be a letter by stamped envelope. Red Hill Agricultural Society (Show Committee) also needs to be thanked for use of trestles and chairs **(JR to action)**

There was brief discussion on Councillor Gill’s email regarding state government regulations and interference with the work of local councils representing their electorates. It was agreed that no further action would be taken with respect to this matter.

1. **Social media Report:** Deferred until April (or otherwise on Kerry’s return).
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** As previously circulated and tabled. . Report noted and accepted.

It was agreed that John Eldridge would enquire about a Bunnings (Rosebud) fund raising BBQ to bolster our income.

1. **Opening Ceremony and Community BBQ :-** Committee members gave very positive reviews in regard to the attendance at the Official Opening and the BBQ and the excellent

community feedback received. Committee members noted that people enjoyed and appreciated Daniel’s Welcome to Country and the Smoking Ceremony. Soul Rangers was very well received at the opening and at the BBQ. Aussie Wildlife got a lot of attention as did Michael’s children’s art workshop.

Hill n Ridge have or will publish an article (drafted by Kerry) with images. Members expressed interest in receiving any photos. Members had not seen any other media coverage (although Southern Peninsula Leader sent a photographer to the event).

[*BBQ supplies were not reviewed at this meeting but should be ahead of next BBQ event as we had significant surplus*].

1. **Red Hill Station Reserve – Requests for Morn’ Pen’ Shire:** It was agreed that an email should be sent to the relevant senior officer requesting that a regular maintenance program be put in place to keep the surrounding grounds in tidy order including if possible native plantings. Committee members asked that this email include an RHCA offer that some Committee members would like to be part of the program and would volunteer practical help. **(JR to action email)**
2. **Re Power:** John Eldridge reported that the Red Hill group had a Stand at the Red Hill Show; has convened several times now with good attendance. A sub-group is leading external communications and their plan has been submitted to the central Repower group. There is also a sub-group exploring a community battery. Shire is funding courses available to members on things like giving community talks and advisory work. John’s outstanding work getting Red Hill Repower up and running was acknowledged.
3. **Planning Issues:** David Maddocks raised concern about private property owners removing medium growth tree stands in the name of bush fire management and has discussed this with Cr Gill (who is supportive of this concern). It was agreed that David should continue those discussions and keep RHCA posted.

There was brief discussion about Energy Co work in the district on road verges trimming trees away from power lines - and how unsightly the result is, often well in excess of the regulated 2 metre standard. No further action was agreed on this issue noting that this regulation was an outworking of Black Saturday and the Royal Commission.

1. **Shoreham Rd Upgrade:** Appears to have been completed with good result in terms of road surface. Members noted the frequency of the white posts along Shoreham Road and more particularly expressed concern about the more recent installation of approximately 6 very large black and yellow safety signs opposite the Shoreham and Pt Leo Roads corner leading toward Arthurs Seat Road. These signs seem excessive, disproportionate relative to the presenting risk, are unsightly and are inconsistent with what was agreed in writing between RHCA President and the Shire department officer. Action agreed was email to be sent to relevant Senior Officer expressing those concerns including images. If unsatisfactory response, President to take up on her return requesting removal. **(JR at action)**
2. **Other business:**
* Jane Reynolds reported that as per agreement at a previous meeting, she has been researching background to community hubs – including at Balnarring, Crib Point and Flinders - with the view to providing more information at the April meeting. It was restated that this research is designed to inform RHCA so that we can better assess the merits and potential of such a project at Red Hill (which has been strongly promoted to us by Cr Gill). She offered to bring some snap-shot census data on Red Hill demographics too.
* Jane Reynolds reported that Steph de Bruin, CFA (central) Community Based Bushfire Management Facilitator, who set up a desk at the community BBQ, would like to attend our April meeting to explore the potential for a community meeting on fire management. It was agreed that Jane should confirm her attendance in April. It was agreed that we may actively support such a community meeting but not hold ourselves out as fire management experts. It could potentially be convened with the support and involvement of the local brigade Captain Sam Norris – to be explored at April meeting.
* Arrangements for April ANZAC Day Service were discussed and confirmed as well ‘in hand’ by David Maddocks. Bruce Kiloh confirmed that he is in contact with Red Hill Consolidated about Choir involvement - which was so successful last year.
1. **Next Meeting –** 5.30 pm Thursday 20 April
2. **Community Coffee Catchups:** Community Coffee was not convened in February and March because the Secretary overlooked sending invitations. It was agreed that an Invitation should be send for Friday 31 March at Food on the Hill.

**Meeting Closed at 6.50 pm**