**MINUTES**

**Red Hill Community Association Inc**

**Thursday, 20 June, 2019 at 6 pm Epicurean 165 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South**

Attendance

David Maddocks, John Eldridge, Libby Gott

Apologies: Kerry Watson, Tom Orr Felicia Virgona

**Members present:** Hannah and Roger Stuart Andrews

**Member apologies:** Helen Sali

David welcomed and thanked the members present.

Acknowledgement

Libby, gave acknowledgement to the Bunurong/Boon Wurrung people, the traditional owners of the land.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the RHCA committee meeting of May 16, 2019 were circulated and accepted.

Moved: John Seconded: David Carried

Matters Arising

John informed Hannah and Roger of decisions made by committee on issues that they raised at the May meeting.

Any items arising will be picked up in the agenda items.

Treasurer’s Report

David presented the Treasurer’s report.

Report Accepted: Moved: David Seconded: John

Correspondence & Secretary’s Report

John presented the following correspondence report.

**Correspondence**

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| 17/5 | From Jo Pittendrigh to contacts | Koala talk |
| 17/5 | Planning Matters | Misc. |
| 20/5 | Libby Gott | Re lack of success with Public Records Grant |
| 21/5 | To and from David Maddocks and | Nicole Fitzpatrick (MPS Project Officer) Re RH station project |
| 22/5 | Mary Drost | Misc. |
| 22/5 | EJA | Seeking Donation |
| 27/5 | MPS to contacts | Re Draft NCS and WPCV Strategy – Have your Say |
| 27/5 | Planning Matters | Misc. |
| 28/5 | MPS | RAM minutes |
| 4/6 | Mary Drost | Misc. |
| 4/6 | Bendigo Bank | Statement |
| 8/6 | Eagle | Seniors half price Thursdays |
| 14/6 | Helen Sali | Meeting apology |
| 14/6 | R & H Stuart-Andrews | Coming to meeting |
| 14/6 | Planning Matters | Misc. |
| 17/6 | David Gill | RAM minutes |
| 17/6 | Mary Drost | Misc. |

Report Accepted: Moved: John Seconded: Libby

David mentioned that it is now time for membership renewal, **John** to send notice to members.

Activity Reports and Updates

1. **RH Station Shelter:**  David referred to correspondence with Nicole Fitzpatrick and Alex Chisholm regarding the project, which resulted in David drawing up plans for the shelter and seeking a quote for removal of 17 pines. Libby thought that the shire would be handling this, while technically correct, David was doing it to keep the project moving forward.

Roger Stuart-Andrews mentioned the need for more quotes, David said that the shire would be doing this. Roger also gave David contact details for another tree feller.

1. **RAM Meeting:** David referred to the agenda indicating that there were 4 projects listed for Red Hill: the RH Station platform, 2 projects at the RH recreation reserve and the RH mechanics hall. David also referred to the 2019 federal election commitments for the MPS and the intention to see that they are delivered. David tabled the Ethos Urban draft report on the Neighbourhood Character Study, with the opportunity to Have Your Say on line and at the RH Mechanics hall on 26 June.
2. **Planning Issues:**  The RG BBQ issue was mentioned, there was nothing new to report. Regarding cypress hedges, at the RAM meeting David Bergin reported that currently nothing can be done to stop the planting. David Gill will be trying to get change to stop the blocking of significant landscapes.

Other Business

General discussion ensued around how roadside weed removal can improve landscape views, Hannah referred to pittosporum removal in McIlroys road, Roger mentioned the NZ method for hedge control. David mentioned the vegetation offset and the trade-off between the Land Sustainability rebate and Rate reduction and the $300k annually benefit to the budget that results.

Hannah spoke of the need for fire-fighting water up the hill rather than the need for trucks to go down the hill for water. David spoke of additional tank installations for this purpose.

Hannah also spoke of the feasibility study to supply recycled water to the area for agriculture that Russell Joseph is driving, David indicated that David Gill is on board with this.

Next Meeting

**Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 165 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South at 6 pm.**

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm