



DRAFT MINUTES
ACT RED HILL BUSH REGENERATORS INC
Annual General Meeting 2013
9 am, 1 December 2013 at Red Hill

1. Attendees

Ross Kingsland, Michael Mulvaney, Paul Ratcliffe, Sue Ross, Sue Parr, Miranda Gardner, Norm Pushak, Muriel Ryan, Peter Clay, Colette Barton Ross, Angela Ivanovic, Geoff Thompson, Andrew Arch, Helen Arch, Robyn Tulloh.

2. Apologies: Fred Knowler

3. Minutes of the 2012 AGM

The draft Minutes were accepted without dissent. Moved S Ross, seconded P Ratcliffe

Moved: P Ratcliffe

Seconded: M Gardiner

4. Business arising from the Minutes

All business arising was dealt with elsewhere in the meeting

5. Correspondence addressed to the AGM

Correspondence tabled as at Attachment A.

6. President's report

The President spoke to the following report:

Red Hill Regenerators (RHR) has worked with energy on a number of fronts this year.

Highlights

- The monthly Sunday activities have been dominated by the work removing Cootamundra wattle on the northern slopes of Red Hill (above Mugga Way). The area up to the fence was cleared, including the hazard-reduction burn area close to the summit road. Other activities included the removal of woody weeds, thistles and verbascum as well as the annual count of the Button Wrinklewort.
- A book, *Moments from Red Hill*, has just been published. It celebrates the flora and fauna on the Reserve, through poetry, line drawings and more. Michael Mulvaney initiated this project on behalf of the RHR. He published it locally through Belgrove Press and it is being sold for \$15 (Orders to mulvaney@netspeed.com.au). The proceeds from the sale of this book after costs will assist RHR with its work.
- We continue to gain new members who attend the monthly activity while the number attending these sessions has not changed. The placing of membership information signs by



Paul Ratcliffe at entrances to the Reserve has proven to be productive and more signs will be placed other entrances.

- As part of the campaign last year to end the plans to build embassies on the undeveloped part of the Federal Golf Club lease, RHR wrote to Simon Corbell, Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, seeking the transfer of this 15 hectare area to the Red Hill Nature Reserve. This has been followed up a number of times with the Minister, Minister Shane Rattenbury and a number of government officers, including taking some of these officers on a guided walk of the area in question. Government activity includes discussions being undertaken with the Golf Club and inter-departmental meetings being held but no decision has been made as yet.
- Following the discontinuation of plans to build embassies on this part of the Golf Club lease, the RHR President has had a number of meetings with the President of the Club. These meetings have been cordial and constructive. Topics have included the future of the undeveloped section of the Club lease and the planned apartments/hotel developments near the Clubhouse.
- RHR hosted a meeting of the Parkcare and Landcare Coordinators on 6 August and a guided tour of the area was provided.
- Michael Mulvaney led a wildflower walk at the AGM on 4 November 2012 and will do so again at the 2013 AGM on 1 December 2013.
- An afternoon tea was held at the Red Hill Lookout café on 30 August. Fourteen people attended including Jasmine Foxlee, Parkcare Coordinator. This event was a trial aimed to reach out to more people on the RHR mailing list and as a way of exchanging ideas and information. A number of ideas were generated that are being considered by the RHR Committee and further such meetings will be held in the future.
- The Centennial Trail was launched recently and the separate walking and bike paths through the Red Hill Reserve are the existing paths negotiated by RHR with the ACT government.
- We currently have 41 financial members and 103 members and friends on our group email list.
- **Volunteer hours**

Activity	2011-12	2012-13
Number of Sunday Activities	10	11
Average number of participants	9	10
Total number of volunteer hours*	323	314

- These hours represent on-reserve work and education of members but not meetings, preparation of submissions, etc.

My thanks again to all members for your time and effort in helping us achieve a better nature reserve. Thanks particularly to the Committee of Michael Mulvaney, Paul Ratcliffe, Sue Ross, Andrew Zelnik, Miranda Gardner and Fred Knowler. The Committee's knowledge and commitment has ensured the RHR continues to be effective in caring for the Reserve and making a significant contribution to its long-term wellbeing. Specifically, thanks to:

- Michael Mulvaney as our "guru", writer of submissions and authoritative reports, running our Sunday work and much more.
- Paul Ratcliffe for his work as Treasurer and for his continued maintenance of the RHR website and Twitter account in amongst other contributions.

- Sue Ross for her role as Secretary, major conduit to many groups that RHR links with and supporting the group's work in so many ways.
- Miranda Gardner for looking after our interests in relation to the ACT government.
- The Red Hill rangers and others in the ACT government who work with us to achieve our objectives.

Ross Kingsland
 President
 Red Hill Regenerators
 1 December 2013

There was some discussion following the President's report regarding involvement of scouts which has been done and will be suggested to the Parkcare Ranger. This is an activity that needs to be done carefully.

There was also a question on RHRG's position on the 15 hectares being sought for return to the Reserve from the Federal Golf Club lease. This is subject to an ongoing discussion currently awaiting further advice from the ACT Government.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statement is at Attachment B, and on the RHRG website.

The drop in income is due to no grants being sought or awarded during the year. Expenses are as detailed. The balance at 30 June 2013 is \$2,109.43.

The Treasurer's report was accepted without dissent.

Moved: S Ross

Seconded: M Gardner

8. 2013-14 Activities

A kangaroo count is planned for March. M Mulvaney noted the last count of about 800 is about the sustainable limit.

Woodland restoration funding is available in 2013-14 for the Callum Brae area which includes Red Hill. At this stage the proposal is for chainsawing Cootamundra wattles, planting above Tamar Street, and importing logs to protect plantings and provide habitat. The total estimated cost is \$30,000 to \$40,000.

The RHRG work will include restoring the Callistemon plantings on the eastern side, near the summit café, clearing verbascum near Davidson's trig and possibly starting weekday sessions.

It is also possible that the monthly work day will change from the first Sunday to the second to enable the Parkcare ranger to attend.

9. Election of office bearers

Norm Pushack was nominated as the returning officer noting all current office bearers were re-nominating, except for Julie Thoms.

R Kingsland requested two additional positions be filled – equipment officer and activities officer.

The following office bearers were elected unanimously. No other nominations were received.

Office	Office Bearer
President	Ross Kingsland
Vice President	Andrew Zelnik

Secretary	Sue Ross
Public Officer	Sue Ross
Treasurer	Paul Ratcliffe
Conservation Officer	Michael Mulvaney
Southern Area Catchment Group rep	Miranda Gardner
Parkcare Coordinators Rep	Sue Ross
Task Coordinator	Michael Mulvaney
Equipment officer	No nominations
Activities officer	No nominations
Web Manager	Paul Ratcliffe
Conservation Council rep	Andrew Zelnik
Nest box coordinator	Fred Knowler
Mynah Traps Coordinator	Fred Knowler

10. Other business

- a) M Gardner advised the Parkcarers Christmas party is to be held at Mulligan's flat between 5 and 7 pm on 11 December. Notice to be emailed.
- b) The first RHRG weekend activity in 2014 will be in February.

The meeting closed at 10 am.

**Red Hill Bush Regenerators AGM 1 December 2013
Correspondence 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013**

Date	To / From	Content
9 Dec 2012	To Aust Govt EPBC referrals	Canberra Centenary Trail
2 May 2013	To President Federal Golf Club	Response to the FGC's 'meet and greet' outlining possible developments at FGC
3 May 2013	To Minister Corbell	Seeking update on desired transfer of 15 ha of endangered woodland from the FGC lease
May 2013	To and from President RHRG	Various resident comments on the FGC proposal. RHRG President's response

Plus various meetings and emails

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2012 - 2013

INCOME

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT (\$)
2012-2013	Membership fees	40.00
2012-2013	Account interest	0.24
30/06/12	Total income for year	40.24

EXPENDITURE

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT (\$)
21/7/12	ACT Conservation Council 2012-13	55.00
26/3/13	CASE Membership 2013	20.00
26/3/13	CASE web hosting 2013	132.00
05/11/12	Flickr Membership 5/11/12 to 4/11/14	44.95
2012-13	Equipment purchases	215.98
30/6/12	Total expenditure for year	467.93

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

1 July 2012	Opening balance	\$2,537.12 (credit)
30 June 2013	Closing balance	\$2,109.43 (credit)

Paul Ratcliffe
 Treasurer, Red Hill Bush Regeneration Group
 1 July 2013