

ACT RED HILL BUSH REGENERATORS INC
DRAFT MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

10.15 am, 2 December 2018 at Red Hill

1. Attendees

Ross Kingsland, Sue Ross, Robyn Tulloh, Sue Parr, Rob Douglas, Sarah Todd, Rob Parnell, Geoff Thompson, Jon and Zac Keily, Jacky Fogarty

2. Apologies: Libby McCutcheon, Michael Mulvaney, Wayne Fletcher and Trish Munro

3. Special note

The meeting was held in difficult weather conditions and therefore there was little discussion. Relevant documents had been circulated some days prior to the meeting.

4. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

Accepted. Moved G Thompson, seconded Sarah Todd.

5. Business arising

Nil.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence in chronological order: 1 July 201 to 30 June 2018.

Addressee and date	Subject
July 2017	Invitation (via ISCCC email) to participate in the Community Panel for the proposed FGC development
To Brett Phillips A/g Deputy Director General EPSDD 12 September 2017	Enquiring whether EPSDD endorses or supports Purdons consultation on S66 Deakin given the toxic waste, RH master plan etc issues
FOI request 13 December 2017	<i>"all documents relating to proposals to develop Section 66 Deakin, including all correspondence, emails, meeting notes, briefings, Ministerial correspondence, letters and telephone notes since 1 January 2014, including correspondence dealing with development, change of lease and Territory Plan matters".</i>
From Ben Ponton DG EPSD 20 December 2017	Responding to the letter to Brett Phillips of 12 September – consultation occurring although acknowledging LA motion. No reference to toxic waste.
To Manager Environmental Quality, Chief Minister,	Inquiry about illegality of Spoil Dumping on Section 66

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Treasury and Economic Development from President RHRG 5 January 2018	
To President RHRG from Manager Environmental Quality 5 January 2018	No EPA action required on TSZ2 block
To Office of Compliance Dept Environment and Energy (email) 6/1/18	Concern re dumping over woodland understory plants and seeds
To Minister Gentleman from President RHRG 24/1/18	Concerns about consultation process and content, and ecology report

7. President's Report

Ross Kingsland tabled his report at Attachment A. There was no discussion due to weather conditions. The report, which had been circulated earlier, was accepted, moved S Ross, seconded S Parr.

8. Treasurer's Report

Refer Attachment B.

Treasurer's report accepted. Moved R Douglas, seconded R Tulloh.

9. Election of office bearers

S Parr was the Returning Officer. The nominations were the 2017-18 office bearers with no new nominations. All office bearers were elected unopposed. In accordance with the Association's (Model) Rules the office bearers this year are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Ordinary Members.

Results are at Attachment C.

10. Other Business

The meeting expressed great appreciation of the work done by Ross Kingsland as President, particularly for being the lead person in all dealings associated with the Federal Golf Club and Section 66 Deakin proposed developments.

Lara Woolcombe, Senior Ranger, had written, asking for feedback on the idea of removing or relocating either or both of the sheltered signs at the Mugga Way carpark entrance. The feeling of the meeting was that keeping one of these notice boards would be worthwhile and there were suggestions for relocating the other to Deakin, near Kent Street or the Red Hill lookout where more people might see it.

Meeting closed at 11 am

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ACT Red Hill Regenerators – President’s Annual Report 2018

Red Hill Regenerators (**RHR**) had a major achievement with the recent announcement of ACT heritage registration of the two areas of callistemons and grevilles planted on Red Hill by Walter Burley Griffin/George Weston. The history of these can found on the group’s web page. This listing came about through the efforts of our Treasurer, Paul Ratcliffe, with support from Roy McDowall and Dr Michael Mulvaney.

The dry winter and high population density of kangaroos on Red Hill Nature Reserve has led to the reduction of grasses and the potential for increased erosion and weed invasion. The over-grazing on the Reserve also led to many kangaroo deaths on the roads surrounding the Reserve. Over a 12-month period, the ACT Parks and Conservation Service removed 70 dead kangaroos from just one section of Hindmarsh Drive between the suburbs of Red Hill and Garran. Many others would have been injured and later died. In addition, there were many kangaroo deaths on Kent Street and other streets in the vicinity of the Reserve. However, these figures were for 2016, a “normal” rainfall year. With the dry winter this year, the figures would be much higher. The high density of kangaroos on Red Hill will need to be addressed at some time.

We undertook a range of activities this year including the removal of soft and woody weeds, watering of our previous plantings during a cold and dry winter plus our time spent addressing the proposed developments at the Federal Golf Course and Section 66, Deakin.

Highlights (mostly 2017/18 financial year)

- Our activity sessions involved removing Cootamundra wattle on the northern slopes of Red Hill, weeding around the heritage callistemon plantation, removing verbascum and woody weeds plus watering our plantings.
- Our 11 monthly Sunday work activities attracted between 8 and 24 people, providing a total of 454 hours. We held 9 weekday activities that added an additional 132 hours of work. The total number of RHR member hours including individuals working singly or in small groups together with RHR meetings was 1,042.
- Other activities last financial year:
 - Another butterfly walk was held this year, led by Dr Suzi Bond, an expert on ACT butterflies.
 - Dr Michael Mulvaney, our Conservation Officer and scientific expert on the ecology of Red Hill, led a nature walk in the Reserve last November and again this November, behind Garran. They attracted 40 and 20 people respectively and those who attended were entertained and informed about the significance of the Red Hill Nature Reserve and the details of its ecology.

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Consideration by the ACT Government of the two major proposed building developments on Section 66, Deakin, and at the Federal Golf Course has been delayed because a motion passed in the Legislative Assembly requested the preparation of an integrated plan for the area around Red Hill Nature Reserve. It is hoped that this plan will allow the overall effect on the Reserve of individual developments to be considered before any approvals for local developments are given. The integrated plan should also provide a set of standards protecting the reserve that any development will be required to meet. However, at Section 66, the developers, Hindmarsh, have proposed a self-storage facility that, they believe, doesn't require either community engagement or a change of lease purpose. Their plans include drainage work to be undertaken in the Reserve to protect their asset. RHR has a number of concerns over the proposed developments at Section 66 including the ecological survey that was submitted to the ACT government as part of the approval process. This survey and other aspects of the proposal had many shortcomings and so RHR have chosen to communicate directly with the ACT government to discuss our concerns.

I would like to thank Wayne Fletcher from the Garran and Hughes Residents Action Group and Jacky Fogarty from the Hughes Residents Association and other members from those groups for their expertise and time in working with us on these issues.

Thank you to individual members who work independently on the Reserve, including Colin Pilliner, Jacky Fogarty, Rob Walls, Michael Mulvaney, Sue Ross and Paul Ratcliffe plus Roy McDowall for his photography.

We also continue to be grateful for the work of our ranger partners from the ACT Parks and Conservation Service (PCS). A major task PCS completed was the road repairs stretching from near the Red Hill Café, south down the saddle and up to Davidson's Trig. This was greatly appreciated.

We currently have 73 financial members and 194 members and friends on our group email list.

Volunteer hours

Activity	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Number of Sunday Activities (mid-week included up to 2016)	12	8	11	11
Average number of participants	11	15.5	14.1	14.1
Total number of volunteer hours*	521	967	906	1,011
Total hours including meetings, etc.			1,249	1,042

* These hours represent on-reserve work, education of members and the AGM for the financial year but not meetings, preparation of submissions, etc.

Many thanks to all members for your time and effort in helping us achieve a better nature reserve. Thanks particularly to committee members: Michael Mulvaney, Paul Ratcliffe, Sue Ross and Robyn Tulloh. The Committee's knowledge and commitment has ensured the Red Hill Regenerators continues to make a significant contribution to the long-term wellbeing of the Reserve. In particular, thanks to:

- Michael Mulvaney, the founder of RHR, for his deep ecological knowledge base and his continued, inspiring passion.

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- Paul Ratcliffe for his work as Treasurer and for many other contributions including the RHR website and Twitter account.
- Sue Ross for her role as Secretary and supporting the group's work in so many ways.
- The Red Hill rangers, the Parks and Conservation Service, the Southern ACT Catchment Group and many in the ACT government who work with us to achieve our objectives.

Ross Kingsland
President, Red Hill Regenerators
1 December 2018

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017 - 2018
INCOME

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT (\$)
2017-2018	Membership fees	50.00
2017-2018	Account interest	0.00
	Donations	0.00
30/06/18	Total income for year	50.00

EXPENDITURE

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT (\$)
16/8/17	ACT Conservation Council 2017-18	110.00
21/11/17	Domain name renewal	34.95
16/02/18	Web hosting 3 years	275.22
30/6/17	Total expenditure for year	420.17

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

01 July 2017	Opening balance	\$1,818.17 (credit)
30 June 2018	Closing balance	\$1,448.00 (credit)

Paul Ratcliffe
 Treasurer, Red Hill Bush Regeneration Group
 1 July 2018

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

Red Hill Regenerators Office Bearers

2 December 2018

Office	Office Bearers 2017/18	Office Bearers 2018/19
Committee		
President	Ross Kingsland	Ross Kingsland
Vice President	Robyn Tulloh	Robyn Tulloh
Secretary	Sue Ross	Sue Ross
Treasurer	Paul Ratcliffe	Paul Ratcliffe
Ordinary member	Michael Mulvaney	Michael Mulvaney
Ordinary member	Trish Munro	Trish Munro
Ordinary member	Vacant	Sue Parr*
Non committee positions		
Public Officer	Sue Ross	Sue Ross
Conservation Officer	Michael Mulvaney	Michael Mulvaney
Southern Area Catchment Group rep	Miranda Gardner	Vacant*
Parkcare Coordinators Rep	Sue Ross	Sue Ross
Task Coordinator	Michael Mulvaney	Paul Ratcliffe*
Web Manager	Paul Ratcliffe	Paul Ratcliffe
Conservation Council rep	vacant	vacant
Nest box coordinator	vacant	vacant
Myna traps coordinator	Vacant*	Vacant*
Equipment Officer - tools	Paul Ratcliffe	Paul Ratcliffe
Equipment Officer - chemicals	Sue Ross	Sue Ross
Notices Co-ordinators	Robyn Tulloh, Trish Munro	Trish Munro, Robyn Tulloh
Plantings Co-ordinator	Miranda Gardner	Vacant*

Note: * revised by Committee after AGM