

ACT RED HILL BUSH REGENERATORS INC
MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

11 am, 5 November 2021 at Red Hill adjacent to Richardson / Rusden Streets entry

1. Attendees

Ross Kingsland, Sue Ross Andrew Zelnick, Robyn Tulloh, Trish Munro, Colette Barton-Ross, Wayne Fletcher, Paul Ratcliffe, Sarah Todd, Rob Douglas, Margaret Adamson, Ian Neave, Ed Bristow.

2. Apologies: Michael Mulvaney, Sue Parr, Alex Murray

3. Welcome

R Kingsland welcomed the group to the AGM.

4. Minutes of the 2020 AGM

Accepted. Moved Margie Adamson, seconded Andrew Zelnik.

5. Business arising

Nil.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence 1 July 2020 to 30 July 2021.

To / From and date	Subject
To Mick Gentleman, Minister for Planning and Land Management 18 March 2021 From Wayne Fletcher, Co-Convenor GaHRAG, RHR, FGC, Cons Council, DRA, Friends Hughes Grassy Woodland, FoG, CoG	Seeking early consideration by the Legislative Assembly of the Red Hill Integrated Plan
From Mick Gentleman, Minister for Planning and Land Management 11 June 2021	Response to convenors' letter above. Thanking the group for the input. Noted strong support for the Plan, being considered by the ACT Government, high on Government's agenda

7. President's Report

Ross Kingsland tabled his report at Attachment A. Various items were summarized to the group including:

- Good working bee activities and attendance averaging 16 people on Sundays
- Grant to spray horehound near Kent Street and subsequent scrape and plant.
- Grant for tree and shrubs plantings.

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- Integrated Plan progress led by Wayne Fletcher, and some discussion on details.
- Gang Gang project.
- Illegal bike jumps and benefit of PCS signs.
- National Landcare Award, and excerpts from the citation, with special mention of Michael Mulvaney's work.
- Gift of \$300 from Grill'd Manuka.
- Mention of those who put in extra time.
- 101 financial members.

Ross Kingsland thanked Sue Ross for her work as Secretary, and Sarah Todd for managing the plantings project.

8. Treasurer's Report

Refer Attachment B.

9. Activities Report

Activities covered under other reports.

10. Other Reports

No other reports.

11. Election of office bearers

Wayne Fletcher was the Returning Officer. One nomination was received for each of the office bearers and these nominees were declared duly elected.

Results are at Attachment C.

12. Other Business

As a result of the Liangis Manuka Development, specifically the tree removal, \$50,000 has been made available to a Catchment Group to distribute.
Discussions continue

Meeting closed at 11.50 am

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**Red Hill Regenerators (ACT Red Hill Bush Regeneration Group Inc)
President's Annual Report, December 2021**

Despite COVID, we managed a fairly full year of work activities – and did we need them! After years of drought and bushfires, the wet weather was welcomed together with the extraordinary growth of native plants including large areas of blooming bulbine lilies and paper daisies. But, of course, the excellent growing conditions also encouraged the weeds to thrive. In particular, the saffron thistle was rampant – we hadn't seen any for many years and thought they were under control. We've learned a lesson about the longevity of seeds in the ground!

A lot of our efforts have been to contain the verbascum (Great mullein), which also appeared growing densely in large areas of the Reserve. We were helped by some contractor work but some extraordinary efforts by our group and a number of individuals has seen many of these areas cleared of most verbascum plants.

Later in 2021, we gained an ACT Government Environment and Nature in the City Grant for \$31,806 through the ACT Southern Catchment Group for contract spraying of much of the fast-growing areas of horehound. This plant will need to be a focus for our activities in future years to prevent it taking over the Reserve.

Our previous plantings have thrived and we spent some time weeding around them. Our new plantings officer, Sarah Todd, gained an ACT Government Community Connections grant of \$1,641 and she was able to weave her way through the administrative jungle to gain various approvals and organise several plantings south of Mt Davidson. We are grateful to the ACT government for these grants.

A great deal of time was spent on the Red Hill Integrated Plan, encouraging its implementation and countering some inaccurate information propagated by some opposed to the proposed Over 55's village on the Federal Golf Club. With continuing discussions between the committee and members, Red Hill Regenerators supports full implementation of the Integrated Plan as it is seen as the best available option. The committee continues to work to gain the transfer of the unused section of the golf club lease to the Red Hill Nature Reserve.

A continuing issue has been the building of illegal bike tracks on the Reserve, some of which involved areas of vegetation being cleared and much earth-and-log-moving. This was again exacerbated by the COVID 19 restrictions but some timely work by the Rangers and the lifting of COVID restrictions has seen this problem lessen, at least for the moment.

A major highlight of the year was winning the 2021 Australian Community Media Landcare Community Award. We had been selected as the ACT winner of this Award well over a year ago but COVID restrictions caused the postponement of the national awards but the Award night was finally held as a national online event. We were greatly honoured to have received this Award as we were selected from a large number of entries from groups such as ours from across the nation. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the group's significant achievements and the wonderful members who have contributed so much since the group's inception in 1989. A great deal of these achievements can be traced to the knowledge and long-term commitment of Michael Mulvaney, the person who founded the group.

Highlights

- Our activity sessions involved undertaking plantings, removing Verbascum and woody weeds.

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- We held 11 monthly Sunday work activities with a pleasing average of 16 people, plus 10 weekday activities. The total number of RHR member hours including individuals working singly or in small groups together with RHR meetings was 918.
- We received the national 2021 Australian Community Media Landcare Community Group Award for our work on Red Hill.
- We gained several significant grants over the last 18 months including: \$20,000 from the Australian government Regional Bushfire Recovery for Multiregional Species and Strategic Projects Program to assist with citizen scientists recording nesting activities in the Red Hill Reserve and many other areas of Australia; contract spraying of horehound; and the planting of native seedlings.
- We also gratefully received a donation of \$300 from Grill'd in Manuka as part of their support for local organisations.

Thank you, again, to individual members who work independently on the Reserve, including Colin Pilliner, Jacky Fogarty, Rob Walls, Michael Mulvaney, Sue Ross, Wayne Fletcher, Trish Munro 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).

We currently have 101 financial members and 248 members and friends on our group email list.

Volunteer hours

Activity	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of Sunday Activities	11	10	6	11
Average number of participants	14.1	15.9	16	17
Number of Mid-week Activities		7	3	10
Average number of participants		4	8	5
Total number of volunteer hours*	1,011	829	789	866
Total hours including meetings, etc.	1,042	840	812	918

* 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.

Red Hill Regenerators Office Bearers

Office	Office Bearers 2020
President	Ross Kingsland
Vice President	Robyn Tulloh
Secretary	Sue Ross
Treasurer	Paul Ratcliffe
Committee members	Michael Mulvaney, Trish Munro, Sue Parr
Other positions	
Public Officer	Sue Ross
Conservation Officer	Michael Mulvaney

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ParkCare Coordinators Rep Task Coordinator	Sue Ross
Web, Twitter & group email Manager	Paul Ratcliffe
Equipment Officer - tools	Michael Mulvaney
Equipment Officer - chemicals	Sue Ross
Notices Coordinators	Robyn Tulloh, Trish Munro
Plantings Coordinator	Sarah Todd
Tracks Coordinator	Rob Douglas
Birdlife Coordinator	Jillian Ullrich

Ross Kingsland
President, Red Hill Regenerators

Date

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020 - 2021

INCOME

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT (\$)
2020 - 2021	Membership fees	100.00
26/11/20	Grill'd Manuka (donation)	300.00
09/06/21	ACTG Community Connections Grant (planting)	1646.00
30/06/21	Total income for year	2046.00

EXPENDITURE

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT (\$)
17/08/20	ACT Conservation Council 2020-21	120.00
09/06/21	Equipment purchases	21.50
10/03/21	Siteground web hosting 2021 to 2024	554.00
30/6/21	Total expenditure for year	695.50

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

01 July 2020	Opening balance	\$1,975.65 (credit)
30 June 2021	Closing balance	\$3,326.15 (credit)

Paul Ratcliffe
 Treasurer, Red Hill Bush Regeneration Group
 1 July 2021

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Election of office bearers 2021-2022

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

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5 December 2021

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President	Ross Kingsland
Vice President	Robyn Tulloh
Secretary	Sarah Todd
Public Officer	Sue Ross
Treasurer	Paul Ratcliffe
Ordinary Member	Michael Mulvaney
Ordinary Member	Rob Douglas
Ordinary Member	Sue Ross