

Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee

**General Meeting, Thursday November 28th 2024,
Yurunga Homestead Rainbow at 7:30 pm**

Draft Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country - Chair

We acknowledge the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

Welcome and Opening: at 7:35 pm

Members present: Jenny Solly – Chair, Peter Solly – Secretary/Treasurer, Heather Drendel, Col Drendel

Visitors: Mark Fletcher – Hindmarsh Shire

Apologies: Cr Tony Clark, Jeff Woodward

Moved: Heather Drendel, Col Drendel – That the apologies be accepted.

Additional items for General Business (to be accepted at Chairperson's discretion)

Nil

Declaration by a Councillor, Officer or Committee Member of any direct or indirect interest in any item on the agenda

Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated

Moved: Col Drendel, Heather Drendel– That the minutes of the general meeting held on October 31st 2024 as circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Business Arising:

- October 31: Thanks to Alan Roberts for mowing the lawn
- November 2: Peter took two groups through Yurunga. Ten from a Hopetoun Ferguson family reunion and 4 in town for George Roberts's memorial service. A lady in her 90's told Peter that her mother had made Charlotte Edsen's wedding dress (in the glass case on display)
- November 2 – 3 weekend: we had 32 visitors in 7 groups!
- November 7: Jeff Woodward and the photographer visited for a photo shoot for tourism.
- November 11: Rainbow College Prep/Grade 1, 11 students and 4 staff visited as part of their studies on how people lived in the olden days.

- November 12: Dr Gary rang re trying to negotiate the budget with Council to complete underground room/verandah issues. We need as much funding as possible. Funding for this is a high priority!
- Both Heather's and Jenny's kitchens have been inspected and approved by Council for another year.
- November 19: Aiden Dent rang re the possibility of cleaning out the shed (that day) as a builder was available to line the shed. No-one was available
- November 22: Krahe's Pest Control rang re access on Monday 25th to check the bathroom termite bait station
- November 25: Alan Roberts rang to inform us that we had an ant problem in the orchard. Our good cherry crop has been destroyed
- November 25: Krahes checked the termite bait in the bathroom. No response so far.
- November 26: Our electrical items and leads were tested and tagged
- November 28: Peter treated the orchard and parts of the grounds for ants. Jenny deadheaded roses.
- Thanks to Alan for mowing the lawn again

Correspondence In:
(Emails)

- October 31: Bernadette O'Loughlin to Peter re volunteer handbook and request for alarm code
- November 6: Jeff Woodward to Peter and others re photo shoot Thursday 7th
- November 12: Jeff Woodward to Peter – photo shoot went well
- November 13: Mick Henderson to Peter and others re expressions of interest for items from Dimboola Senior Citizens and Gerang Gerung Hall
- November 14: Mark Fletcher to Peter re Yurunga jigsaws
- November 21: Grimwade to Peter re invoice for payment for restoration work on Esther's painting
- November 22: Vanessa Kowalski – Grimwade Conservation Services to Peter and Heather re conservation work on Esther's painting being complete
- November 22: Mark Fletcher to Peter re Jigsaws, invoices from Dion Paech and Grimwade and report for November meeting

Late Correspondence In:
(Emails)

- November 26: Mark Fletcher to Peter re Officer's report for meeting
- November 28: Bernadette O'Loughlan to Peter re Facebook access

Correspondence Out:
(by mail)

- November 12: Peter to Greg Roberts re thanks for Town Committee support for Seymour Railway visit and to Graeme Nuske for driving the bus and Wimmera Mallee Waste support
- November 21: To Michelle Stewart re return of paperwork re kitchen inspections and catering

(Emails)

- October 31: Peter to Bernadette O'Loughlin re volunteer handbook and alarm code – we prefer not to publish it widely
- November 12: Peter to Jeff Woodward re unavailability for photo shoot
- November 12: Peter to Mark Fletcher, Jeff Woodward, Mick Henderson, Aiden Dent re happy to proceed with work suggested on Mark Fletcher's report to the October meeting, provided Dr Gary Hill is consulted and all necessary permit and permit exemptions from Heritage Victoria are in place
- November 12: Peter to Mark Fletcher – forward of invoice from Dion Paech for electrical work done in April
- November 22: Emails from Grimwade forwarded to Mark F and Jeff W re completion of restoration work on Esther's painting and invoice
- November 22: Peter to Rainbow IGA re documentation for financial support

Late Correspondence Out:
(Emails)

- November 26: Peter to Mark Fletcher thank you re Officer's Report
- November 26 Peter to Bernadette O'Loughlin, Jeff and Mark re inability to access our Facebook page
- November 28: Peter to Bernadette O'Loughlin re thanks

Moved: Heather Drendel, Col Drendel – That the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed.

Reports

~Financial

Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee

Financial Report

October 1st 2024 to October 31st 2024

Opening Balance per statement at 1st October \$8,550.04

Plus Income:

Seymour Railway Entries	\$465.10
Minyip Group Entries	\$80.00
Warracknabeal Group Entries	\$40.00
Geelong Group Entries	\$100.00
General Entries	\$190.00
Total Entries	\$875.10
Produce - Jams	\$25.00
Craft Shop – 2 Jam	\$16.80
Donations	\$83.05
 Total Income	 \$999.95

Less Expenses:

Total Expenses	\$0.00
Closing Balance per statement 31 st October	\$9,549.99
Term Deposit reinvested with interest on 8 th August at 3.45% pa for 3 months To be reinvested by November 8 th 2024	\$10,268.92
Total available funds at October 31 st	\$19,818.91

Peter Solly Secretary/Treasurer, Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee

Moved: Peter Solly, Heather Drendel – That the financial report be accepted.

~ Hindmarsh Shire

Hindmarsh Shire Council Officers Update 26/11/2024 Yurunga Homestead from Mark Fletcher

Plumbers have been onsite and finalised plumbing issues, spreader at the rear of the building has been redirected and gutters have been cleaned.

Tim Miller has been engaged to undertake the lining of the storage shed. Will contact Peter for access and to arrange deliveries. Shed will need to be emptied prior to being lined and sealed.

Mark will organise and coordinate

Once completed, committee can arrange shelving to suit either by Purchase order from HSC or utilise Yurunga funds.

One of the original flywire screens will be removed and Tim will take away to work on reproducing. Access to original timber is easy. Will look to renew screens in the original style without all of the screws and fasteners to keep in place.??

Mark will check the fixing system, photograph and check with Dr Gary re the fixing systems.

Rubble at the Coach House can be removed. Please advise when you are happy for this to be removed. Maintenance thought that the committee wanted to salvage some bricks from the pile. Is this correct?? If required, can new bricks or pavers be purchased??

During our site inspection in September, it was noted that the moulding on a couple of the veranda posts needed attention. Tim will also have a look at these while on site.

Cracking in the bathroom and above the bedroom window has been inspected. The plumber checked the outside spouting and there didn't seem to be any leaking around this site. Will keep observing to make sure no further deterioration.

Pest inspector has been onsite and baiting for both termites and rodents has been undertaken.

Have emailed Dr Garry for a quotation to complete both a) deck works and b) repair works on the underground room.

Can the committee please review the document from Dr Garry and send any feedback to Mark ASAP so that feedback can be sent for the document to be completed.

Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism Photo shoot was undertaken mid November. These images will be available for the committee to use for promotion in the next week or so. Additionally, there are two 30 second videos that have been edited, one for use on screens and that can be used on social media pages.

Volunteer handbook – Berni is working on this. It will include policies, responsibilities, OHS, other guidelines and an induction.

Moved: Heather Drendel, Col Drendel – That the Shire reports be received.

General Business:

- Yurunga jigsaws Mark will re check and send info - retail \$35 for the smallest
- Moved Heather Drendel, Col Drendel That we purchase 1 of each size to have in stock at Yurunga c/d
- Shed cleanout and lining – Mark will check and coordinate
 - Orchard – suckers, fruit fly traps codling moth collars, etc
- We will see if we can get Richard back to do rose arches and orchard work – Mark will contact him.
- Our facebook page access – Mark will talk to Berni
 - Feedback on our application for the grant to assess Yurunga's collection – nothing heard. Mark will check with Jeff. There may be other opportunities to fund curatorial work
 - Esther's painting collection – after payment has been made. Heather will contact to arrange
 - Nothing heard from Lindsay Mew re the urns
 - Llew's silo work is progressing. Artwork is to be completed by the end of June 2025

Bookings

Monday December 2nd and Monday December 16th, 10 people from Nhill men's group plus 2 carers each day. We provide table and chairs for their morning tea.

Tuesday March 25, 2025 Martins Albury for 40 ppl lunch and tour

Contact (Expanding Horizons)

Tuesday August 5th 2025 Federation of Vintage, Veteran and Classic Car Clubs possibly 70 – 80 ppl afternoon tea and tour

Meeting closed:

Next Meeting: January 23rd 2025.

If you have an idea or would like some action taken, please notify the Secretary or Chairperson so that it can go on the agenda for discussion at the meeting. If something comes up after the agenda goes out (usually a week before the meeting), it can be listed on the night.