

Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee

**General Meeting, Thursday January 23rd 2025,
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 7:30 pm

Special welcome to Cr Tony Clark, thanks for being our rep and congratulations on being elected to Council.

Members present: Jenny Solly – chair, Peter Solly – Secretary/treasurer, Heather Drendel, Col Drendel

Visitors: Cr Tony Clark – Hindmarsh Shire Council

Apologies: Mark Fletcher, Jeff Woodward HSC – both on leave

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

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

- More insecticide on orchard tree collars and spraying of ants

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 November 28th 2024 as circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record. c/d

Business Arising:

- November 29: Notified by Mark Fletcher that our application for a grant to assess the significance of the Yurunga collection was unsuccessful. We would like to reapply in future.
- December 2: 10 men and 2 carers from Nhill visited. They brought their own morning tea. Peter and Jenny were guides. The group included Ken Schulze who was a Dimboola Shire Councillor in 1969

when Yurunga was purchased by the Dimboola Shire (Rainbow Historical Society contributed).

- Jeff Woodward and Mark Fletcher also visited to check the window screens. It was determined that all windows had hooks and loops. Mark will check with Dr Gary re wire to be used. Timber will be Tasmanian Oak.
- December 4: Richard Pearse cut suckers in the orchard and set up collars on trees for codling moths, ants and earwigs (supplied by us). He will return next week to tidy rose arches. Weeds need to be sprayed and ants sprayed again.
- December 6: Peter collected the gramophone donated by Trevor Bretag. Also some records and books.
- December 12: Gayle Zordan (nee Cowan) and her husband donated a food colouring set. Watkins brand (est 1868) octagonal tin with handle to hold small bottles.
- December 15 – Sunday: We enacted Council's hot weather policy. Signs were placed indicating that there was no volunteer on duty with a phone number to ring if a tour was required. There were no calls.
- December 16: The Nhill men's group tour was postponed due to temperature and Total Fire Ban.
- December 17: Peter had a phone call from Mick Smith indicating that he would be back shooting pigeons and rabbits that night.
- December 18: Alan Roberts rang Peter as the shed needed to be cleaned out ready to be lined the next day. Peter and Alan emptied the shed with a pile to be disposed of and other items to be moved to the Coach House.
- December 18: Our access to our Facebook page was restored.
- December 19: Thanks to Peter and Alan for dealing with the shed contents. Some items were disposed of, some stored in the Coach House Tack Room. Spare fence pickets are in the working Man's room.
- December 19: Peter collected the sausage maker, a cream skimmer and a 1 and 2 pound weight donated by the Bretag family.
- December 19: Krahes Pest Control refilled the termite bait in the bathroom. Termites are still active.
- December 21: Peter replaced all water timers on the garden beds due to the old ones being unreliable. He also replaced the leaky tap at the shade house.
- Thanks to Esther for collecting the restored painting from Grimwade. (Esther Liesfield's water damaged painting – insurance claim)
- Thanks to Heather and Col for donating the amazing model and to Heather for putting Faysse Clarke's grandmother's black wedding outfit on her. She looks fabulous at the end of the passage.
- January 3: Dr Gary rang re calling at Yurunga at the weekend
- January 4: Peter picked about half of the plums.
- January 5: Hot day policy was followed again.
- January 5: Dr Gary spent about 3 hours at Yurunga assessing, measuring and planning for the work necessary on the south verandah and underground room.
- January 7: Plums were put in the craft shop for sale.

- January 8: Jenny picked more plums that were put in the craft shop. She also hoed roly polys and other weeds.
- January 8: Work commenced on lining the shed. It was noticed that the roof was not watertight. This was repaired.
- January 9: Peter received a text from Krahes Pest Control that they would be checking the termite bait in the bathroom on Thursday 16th.
- January 11: Jenny picked the last plums, placed in the Craft Shop on January 14th.
- Heather has been in touch with Lindsay Mew re the replacement urns. He has made a second mould so that both urns can be poured with the same mixture.
- January 16: Krahes checked the termite bait in the bathroom.
- January 23: Jenny picked some pears and peaches. Noticed that ants are again causing problems.

Correspondence In:

(By mail)

- December 20: from Michelle Stewart – HSC, Renewal of Registration Certificate for Registration of Food Premises – also for private kitchens

(Emails)

- November 29: From Mark Fletcher re follow up from November meeting
- November 29: From Mark Fletcher Confirming the Conservation Management Plan has been printed and is available.
- December 18 Bernadette O'Loughlan to Peter re Facebook access. Shauna is working on it.
- December 19: From Mark Fletcher re 2025 Australian Heritage Festival and Hindmarsh Shire history event
- December 20: From Mark Fletcher confirming that Esther's painting is back and insurance details need to be finalised
- December 20: From Mark Fletcher – Merry Christmas and thanks for support during the year.
- December 23: From Bernadette O'Loughlan – Merry Christmas
- December 24: From Heather Drendel advising that Esther's painting is in its packaging under the bed in the second bedroom.
- January 16: From Bernadette O'Loughlan re new copy of Yurunga Volunteer Handbook with link and training opportunities for new volunteers.

Late Correspondence In:

(Emails)

- January 20: From Mark Fletcher re apology and brief report for January meeting
- January 20: From Mark Fletcher re link shared files, photos, videos.
- January 22: Responses from Mark Fletcher re meeting queries January 21

Correspondence Out:

(Emails)

- December 2: Peter to Mark Fletcher re contacting Richard Pearse about gardening and orchard work.
- December 6: Peter to Mark Fletcher re thanks for printing the CMP and letting him know that Richard Pearse had completed the orchard work.
- December 17: Peter to Bernadette O'Loughlan re difficulty in getting Facebook access
- December 18: Peter to Bernadette and Shauna re thanks as Facebook is now working.
- December 20: Peter to Mark Fletcher re thanks for Christmas wishes

Late Correspondence Out:

(Emails)

- January 19: To S86 re draft minutes from November meeting
- January 21: Peter to Mark Fletcher re apology and requests for information for January meeting.
- January 21: Peter to Mark Fletcher re difficulty viewing shared files.
- January 23: Peter to Mark Fletcher re thanks for responses to queries.

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

Reports

~Financial

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Financial Report

November 1st 2024 to November 30th 2024

Opening Balance per statement at 1st November \$9549.99

Plus Income:

Ferguson Group Entries	\$110.00
Roberts Group Entries	\$40.00
General Entries	\$274.00
Total Entries	\$424.00
Produce - Jams	\$15.00
Books etc	\$4.00
Craft Shop – 2 Jam	\$28.80
Donations	\$30.00
Total Income	\$501.80

Less Expenses:

Total Expenses	\$0.00
Closing Balance per statement 30 th November	\$10,051.79
Term Deposit reinvested with interest on 8 th November at 3.10% pa for 3 months	
To be reinvested by February 8 th 2025	\$10,358.22
Total available funds at November 30 th	\$20,410.01

Peter Solly Secretary/Treasurer, Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee

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Financial Report

December 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024

Opening Balance per statement at 1 st December	\$10,051.79
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Plus Income:

Nhill Men Entries	\$100.00
General Entries	\$110.00
Total Entries	\$210.00
Produce - Jams	\$10.00
Craft Shop – 2 chutney 1 jam	\$31.20
Donations	\$50.00
Total Income	\$301.20

Less Expenses:

Total Expenses	\$0.00
Closing Balance per statement 31 st December	\$10,352.99

Term Deposit reinvested with interest on 8 th November at 3.10% pa for 3 months	
To be reinvested by February 8 th 2025	\$10,358.22
Total available funds at December 31 st	\$20,711.21

Peter Solly Secretary/Treasurer, Yurunga Homestead Community Asset Committee

An invoice for \$249.23 from Bunnings for water timers was presented by Peter Solly for reimbursement

Moved: Peter Solly, Col Drendel – That the financial reports for November and December be accepted. That the term deposit of \$10,358.22 plus interest be reinvested for 3 months. That the amount of \$249.23 for water timers at Bunnings be reimbursed to Peter Solly. c/d

~ Hindmarsh Shire

From Mark Fletcher, by email – apology

I don't have much to report at this stage. I am about to take on Caravan Parks and doing some recruiting for those so have been chasing my tail a little since coming back on deck.

I have spoken to Garry regarding the rear box gutter and spouting that needs to be redirected as well as the fly wire screen. I will follow up with him.

A couple of things from our end.

- Volunteer Handbooks – please review and send feedback to Berni by first week of Feb. Berni has streamlined the info in this doc to cover the basic procedures that all staff and volunteers should be aware of. If there is anything needed to be added from your end, ie position descriptions or anything else that you may expect, please don't hesitate to sing out or send them through.
- Garry's Report – please review and send feedback to Garry (cc'ing me in) by first week of Feb.

In response to your questions.

Do you have any update on the Australian Heritage Festival and any plans for a Hindmarsh Shire History Event? We could be involved and support this.

- You are the only response that I have had to date. Will need to follow up. Just getting a few things sorted with Caravan Parks at the moment.

The details we have for the jigsaws only allow us to purchase at retail price plus postage. Is there a better way?

- If you contact Craig via the website, he will quote you a wholesale price.

I was with Krahes during their December inspection but not on January 16th. Do we have any follow up? Indications were that the termites were still quite active in the bathroom in December.

- Aiden has spoken to Krahes, they have re stocked baits and will continue to monitor. They are happy as the baits are being taken back to the nest, which is the desired outcome.

Thanks to all involved in lining the shed. We have plenty of good shelving that we can use. The shed gets very hot. Would it be possible to fit a

ventilator to the roof as we have done with the toilet? We should have thought of this earlier.

- Initial thoughts are, what is in the shed? No one should be in the storage shed for any period of time. Installing a vent to the roof will also create a point for dust etc to enter the shed after it being lined and sealed.
- Is there a risk of items getting damaged in the shed. If there is risk of damage it is something that we can look at.

Do you have a suggested timeline for the high ladder work? We have a lot of planning to do so that this can be done efficiently.

- Aiden is following up with the tradie and will advise with some notice. Can you please plan what needs to be done so it is ready for when he is able to do the works.

Cr Tony Clark – Looking into Council finances, the State Gov has no money and is not handing out much to shires. The Shire is poor. Most income is from grants.

Under Monica there is a lot of transparency. A lot of information is coming out.

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

General Business:

- Responses to the Conservation Management Plan Draft
Jenny will type up a response. There are a number of typographical errors.

- Response to draft Hindmarsh Shire Volunteer handbook.
Peter will respond

- Australian Heritage Festival 2025, Hindmarsh Shire History Event
We will do an afternoon tea event if the shire goes ahead.

- Frames and framer for the 3 Confirmation certificates and Baptism certificate donated by Mark Thomas

Heather will follow up and get a quote and samples
We will try putting the statue of Mary in a few places

- Recent donations of exhibits
- Relocating Roll family portraits to the Archive

Jan Edelsten will take the suggestion to the Archive meeting. We are happy to have them moved.

- Jigsaws follow up – contact details we have only allow retail purchase plus postage. Peter will follow up.
- Getting rid of roly polys and other weeds on the property?
- Krahe's report on bathroom termite bait station – done - see Mark's report.

- Shed issues – ventilation, shelving, hooks? Suggest we have no ventilator as it may allow dust in. We need a cupboard for catering gear. Also hooks for garden tools.
- More insecticide on orchard tree collars and spraying of ants. Suggest we get Richard to re do orchard work. Peter will work on ants.
- Planning for high ladder work, paintings etc.

Suggest Dining room becomes Esther's gallery. Jenny and Heather will get together.

Bookings

Tuesday March 25, 2025 Martins Albury for 40 ppl lunch and tour
Contact Lyn (Expanding Horizons)

Tuesday August 5th 2025 Federation of Vintage, Veteran and Classic Car Clubs possibly 70 – 80 ppl afternoon tea and tour. Possibly book mobile cool room.
Michelle

Meeting closed:

Next Meeting: February 27th 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.