

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Minutes

Monday 7 October 2024, 7.38pm - 7.52pm.

In person: Royal Society of Victoria, 8 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

Online: Zoom link was emailed to registered attendees

Attendees	In person (13): Peter Mulherin (President), Diana Droog (Treasurer), Rob Youl, Lincoln Kern, Jill Koppel, Barrie Lowe, April Newton, Dean Courtney, Judy Johnson, Peter Johnson, Mick Douglas, Taylor Gundry, Andrej Hohmann. Online (27: Returning Officer (Louise Nicholas), Fiona Murdoch (Secretary), Sarah Patterson, Geoff Serpell, Elizabeth Fraser, Cameron Algie, Libby, Clive Carlyle, Penny Richards, Susan's iPad, Sue Forward, Bram Mason, Peter Morison, Corey Hague, Euan Moore & Jenny Rolland, Giselle, Jim Phillipson, Jane, Christiane, Jack Katzfey, Susan's iPad, CC Personal Phone, Cameron Algie, Susan's iPad, Jim Phillipson, Louise Barton, iPhone.
Guests	Bram Mason, Nature and Biodiversity Manager, Bank Australia
Apologies	Gavin Wigginton

Opening

- AGM followed directly after SGM
- Quorum for the meeting is 10% of members being 14 attendees - quorum was met.

Elected Committee

- Returning Officer (Louise Nicholas) advised all current Committee members had been returned. As the number of duly nominated candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, the nominated candidates were declared elected without needing an online vote.
- Peter Mulherin - President
- Corey Hague - Vice President
- Fiona Murdoch - Secretary
- Diana Droog - Treasurer
- Committee
 - Clive Carlyle
 - Gavin Wigginton
 - Penny Richards
 - Peter Morison
 - Rob Youl

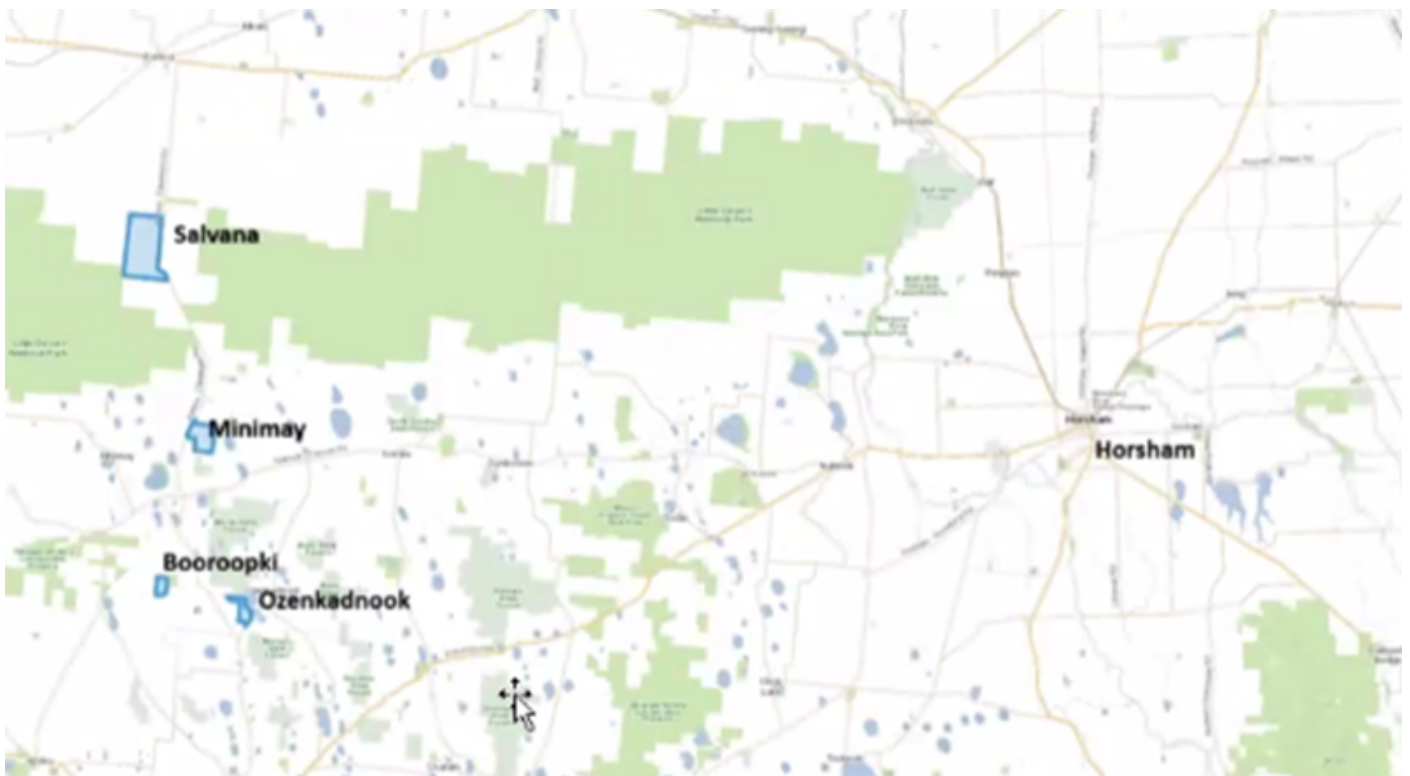
Annual General Meeting

- Previous AGM minutes 02/10/2023: Moved Diana Droog and seconded Peter Morison.
- The year in review - verbal reports and slides presented. Written reports will be available on our website:

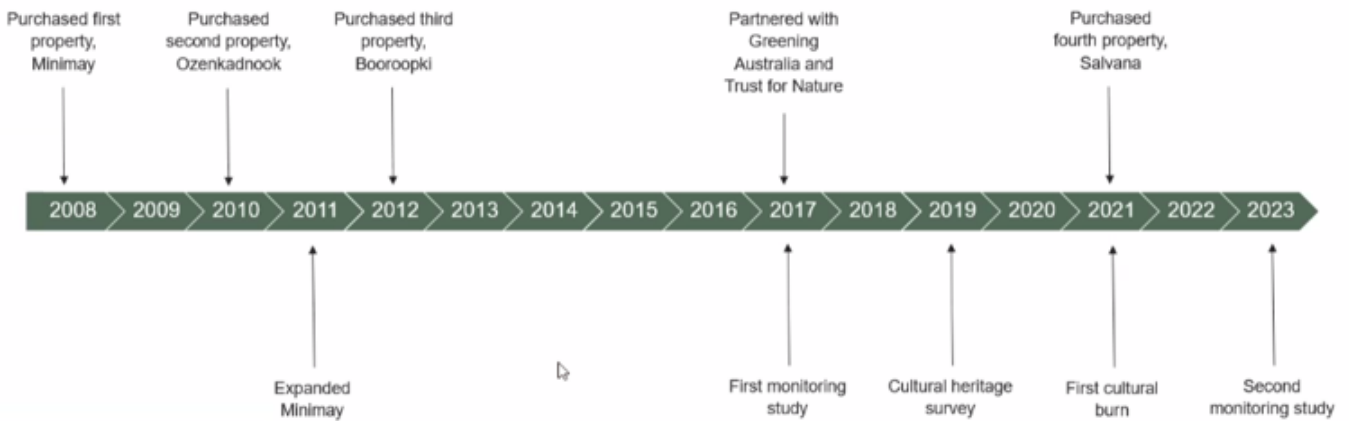
- [President's report](#) - Moved Peter Mulherin and seconded Rob Youl.
- [Treasurer's report](#) - Moved Diana Droog and seconded Rob Youl.
- Both the President and Treasurer acknowledged the support of Rendere Trust and EcoLands Collective in establishing LCV:
 - Land Covenantors Victoria, as an organisation, would not be here or as effective without the generous contribution made by the Rendere Trust and EcoLands Collective. They have funded our administration to the order of \$28,206. Other donations from generous members totalled \$6,828 and we received \$500 in grant money.
- There was no other business.
- The AGM was closed at 7.52pm.

Guest presentation – Bram Mason

- 4% of Bank Australia's profits go to impact areas - conservation is one of the four impact areas.
- Bram spoke about Bank Australia's four properties that form their [conservation reserve](#) in Western Victoria adjoining the Little Desert. All are protected by Trust for Nature covenants. In his role as Nature and Biodiversity Manager, Bram helps to guide management of the reserves including:
 - implementing the ten year strategy [Reimagining the Future](#)
 - coordinating the ongoing [monitoring program](#) and
 - developing partnerships with Traditional Owners Barengi Gadjin Land Council who provided cultural advice and targeted actions and environmental organisations (Greening Australia, TfN).
- The reserve is 2117 hectares over four properties - Minimay, Ozenkadnook, Booroopki and Salvana.



History of the conservation reserve



- Approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of each property is undergoing restoration, with the remainder being natural bushland. Approximately \$300,000 is allocated to reserve management annually to implement the strategy. - Weed control, native vegetation planting, fence repair, fire preparedness, track maintenance, cultural burns, pest animal control, high level ecological monitoring. This is delivered by Greening Australia and BGLC through an annual works plan.
- Bank Australia is also keen to support and encourage people to buy and protect bush blocks. They can do this via their Nature Aligned Lending: <https://www.bankaustralia.com.au/impact-finance/nature-aligned-lending>.
- Questions:
 - Open days? At the moment just BA staff visit the reserve although there are plans for future community events like Trail Running fundraiser, or aligning days with Wildlife Arts Museum Australia (WAMA) activities
 - Staff reactions? – In awe of the size of the properties. Quarter of staff in head office, most work from call centres, processing loans – good feedback. Board is positive: go out and do it.
 - Customers – positive feedback. Very engaged customer based – part of regular survey.
 - First Nations involvement - along with BGLC involvement, exploring options for a cultural covenant with conservation on half of the Sylvana property.