



## Draft Minutes RHVA General Meeting 21st February 2026

- **Acknowledgement & Apologies**

The meeting opened with an Acknowledgement of Country by Chris Hayes

Apologies were received from:

Rena Peterson, Michael Shaw, Andrew Boyce, Michael Germesch, Bill Eger and Andrew Constance (CEO SCC).

**Motion:** Apologies accepted — Moved Lexie Meyer, Seconded Patti Bartlett, Carried

- Chris Hayes welcomed the SCC Mayor, Patricia White, and 2 ward 3 Councillors, Gillian Boyd and Debbie Killian
- Minutes of November 2025 accepted. Matters arising appear on this meeting's agenda.
- **Secretary's report** -  
See report on RHVA website - <https://redheadvillagesassociation.org/>
- **Treasurer's report** – unavailable this month. No substantive change to report from November 2025.
- **Planning and Development report** – Richard Pearson
  - Richard provided an update on the meeting between himself, Chris Hayes and Kerry Moore from the RHVA committee with Andrew Constance, SCC CEO and Emma Struys, SCC Director of City Development on 2/2/26. A detailed response from Ms Struys to our questions particularly about community title and the potential for subdivision, was circulated by the RHVA to the community prior to the meeting. This response can be viewed on the RHVA website.
  - Patti Bartlett and Jenny Cleary addressed the following questions to Mayor White:
    1. If Council received an amended DA from the North Manyana developer during the Court case, why did it fail to seek an adjournment of the case to consult with residents about it?
    2. The Court judgment states that the amended DA has dealt with the written and oral objections made by objectors. I was one of the speakers at the L and E Court hearing at Manyana and I don't feel that all our concerns have been addressed.

3. Who, precisely, gave the instructions to Council's lawyers to agree to the amended DA? And, when did that happen? It is plain that the issue was not taken to full Council.

4. If Council relied upon legal and/or expert advice to agree to the amended DA, who gave that advice, and when?

Greg McKittrick from MMEA also asked the Mayor why did Council approve this DA which would destroy fauna and flora?

Mayor White stated that the DA was approved by Council's experts. No further answers were provided in the meeting.

- **Mayor Patricia White addressed the meeting-**
  - **Community Consultative Body (CCB) reforms**

Ms White discussed the purpose and challenges of CCBs including legal challenges, highlighting the need for improved communication and engagement with Councils. CCBs in their current format would cease to operate from July 1st this year. She mentioned a proposal to add a public forum to CCB meetings to allow direct interaction with Councillors. Ms White also addressed concerns about insurance coverage for CCB activities. Consultation on a range of potential options to replace the current CCB model will be held through March and April.

Councillors Killian and Boyd raised concerns about the proposed changes to CCB guidelines, emphasizing the need for revised guidelines that maintain the original purposes of CCBs.

- **Council Updates and Procedure Changes**

Ms White provided updates on several Council matters, including changes to Council meeting procedures, a new contribution plan, and an ongoing review of the Local Environmental Plan (LEP). She explained that Council meetings now have a new format with a public forum and extended agenda release times. Ms White also discussed the Council's plans to charge developers infrastructure contributions and the upcoming review of zoning rules in the CBD and surrounding areas. Finally, she mentioned the appointment of new directors and the introduction of a university cadet program to help grow local talent in various fields.

- **RHVA priorities for 2026**

Richard Pearson and Chris Hayes presented some draft priorities for the RHVA in 2026 and sought feedback from the meeting. These priorities, most of which are noted in the RHVA Community Plan for a Sustainable Future 2024-2030 include all-abilities access to a local beach, extension of pathways between the villages, finishing the extension of Yulunga Hall, and developing a community disaster plan.

Further discussion in the meeting included continuation of improvements to Berringer lake access area such as bbq facilities and a toilet.

- **5 Villages Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience Project**
  - presentation by Cate Peterson and Blue Zones working group on the development of our local community-led resilience team model for disaster planning and community support. The Red Cross will deliver a presentation to the community on their Community-led Resilience Team model which harnesses community building and support for vulnerable people in preparing for future disasters such as fire. All local emergency services and the RHVA will be part of this project.

The RHVA will apply for an Auspost grant to assist with the establishment of the project and will invite Jason Hough from the Red Cross to do the presentation in the near future. More information to follow.

**Meeting closed at 5pm.**