



North Bendalong, Bendalong, Berringer Lake, Cunjurong Point, Manyana

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Draft Minutes RHVA General Meeting – 22nd August 2026 – 3pm Yulunga Hall

1. Acknowledgement of Country – Chris Hayes
2. Apologies – Andrew Boyce, Richard Pearson, Cate Wilson, Margaret Rasmussen, Col Gladman, Bill Eger, Toni Johnson, Dennis Buttigieg
3. Minutes of RHVA General Meeting 20/6/26 –
 - Graeme Ralph advised the meeting that the minutes of the 20/6 general meeting incorrectly inferred that he was the Blue Tree project leader. He asked that the minutes be edited to note that he reported on behalf of Margaret Rasmussen who is the project leader and was an apology at the meeting. Kerry Moore will amend the minutes.
4. Matters arising from the minutes – all topics on agenda for this meeting.

5. REPORTS

- **Treasurer's Report:** Andrew Boyce – on behalf of Andrew Kerry informed the meeting that the total funds in the RHVA bank account is \$25,575.00. Available on the RHVA website.
Moved by Irene Bartlett that report be accepted-
Seconded – Graeme Ralph
All in favour
- **Secretary's Report:** Kerry Moore – available on the RHVA website
 - Kerry highlighted the letter from Shoalhaven Council which declined to provide a financial co-contribution to RHVA's Disaster Ready Fund grant application. Hence an application was not submitted to complete the hall extension.Moved by Deb McBride that the report be accepted
Seconded – Cate Peterson
All in favour
- **Planning & Development Report:** – no updates.
RHVA lodged a submission regarding the Nth Manyana DA Matters of National Environmental Significance controlled action decision.

6. REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

- RFS – Deb McBride, President of the Manyana RFS reminded attendees of the serious El Nino weather pattern over spring and summer. She handed out copies of the RFS newsletter, The Ember, to attendees. It will also be circulated via the email distribution list.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **RHVA grant applications -**
 - NSW Gov't fishing grant – fishing tables installed at Cunjurong Pt, Boat Harbour and Berrinja. Michelle Ricciardi showed the meeting photos of the new tables.
 - Council Community Wellbeing grant – Lara Merrett's community ceramic workshop - \$3300 – successful
 - Veolia Mulwaree Trust - \$1000 donation towards the cost of a community home composting workshop – successful
 - A Bunnings submission for \$10,000 for Yulunga Hall AV equipment was lodged by Bill Eger on behalf of RHVA
- **All-abilities beach access update** - Michael Shaw has been seeking quotes and will complete the community-led project portal application process
- **Redicommunities** - disaster preparedness and community resilience project – Cate Peterson updated the group on Red Cross Redicommunities project. RHVA together with the Little Forest community and Lake Conjola were successful in being accepted by Red Cross for this project. A series of community meetings and workshops are scheduled this year with the first being on the 2nd September at Lake Conjola (introduction) and the second being an emergency services expo on the 16th September at Yulunga Hall
- **Community home composting workshop** – successful workshop of 30 participants held on the 8th August at Yulunga Hall and the community garden
- **Yulunga Hall AV equipment** – Michelle R updated the meeting on progress of equipping the hall with new AV equipment. Waiting on outcome of the Bunnings grant – will know in September
- **Outdoor exercise equipment – Yulunga reserve** – Jenny Cleary informed the meeting that she has proposed that a set of outdoor exercise equipment is purchased and installed at a suitable site on the Yulunga Reserve. This is a project which has shown support from the community. Jenny is researching quotes and Simone Carroll is exploring funding opportunities. This project will have to be approved by Council through the community-led project portal process.

- **Bendalong Holiday Haven eastern boundary fencing** - Jenny also told the meeting that she has written to Council re the dilapidated or absent eastern boundary fencing around Holiday Haven which has demarcated the caravan park from the adjacent bush track around the cliff edge. The fence was erected around 15 years ago after lobbying by the RHVA to protect the bush from campers and rubbish. Council has responded to Jenny that the erection of the fence is not necessary.

Action : RHVA will write to Council also to support the proposal.

- **Spring festival** – Cate Peterson told the group about a small festival that is being planned to take place on the 17th October on the Yulunga Reserve. Will have maypole dancing and food plus other activities. More information to follow.
- **Repower Shoalhaven** – Cate also informed the meeting about a large federal grant provided to Repower Shoalhaven recently. An RHVA and MMEA working group will attend an information session and explore what community projects might be possible from collaborating with Repower Shoalhaven.
- **Blue tree project** - Robyn Ralph spoke on behalf of Margaret Rasmussen. A large dead eucalypt on the corner of Inyadda dr and Bendalong rd has been chosen to be painted blue on the weekend of the 12th-13th September. Chris Hayes commended Margaret for her leadership of this mental health awareness project.

RUOK day is the 15th September.

- **Companion Way road deterioration** – Robyn raised the deteriorating state of Companion Way. It is a major thoroughfare through Manyana. Requested that the RHVA contacts council re urgent repairs.

Action – RHVA will write to Council

Meeting closed about 4pm