



General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	26 June 2023		
Meeting Time	1.00-2.30pm		
Location/venue	Mead Hall, Flinders Street Baptist Church, 65 Flinders Street Adelaide.		
Chair	Michael Evans Vice President in James Vandenberg's absence.		
Attendees	39 members in attendance		
Item	Topic	Discussion	Action/Outcome
1.1	Welcome Acknowledgement of Country	The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country. The Chair acknowledged the attendance of the Guest Speaker Neville Bonney noting that he would be fully introduced shortly by Past President Peter Flemming.	Nil
1.2	Apologies	The Chair acknowledged apologies lodged via the website booking process and that apologies today include James Vandenberg President and Peter Frick Communications Manager.	Nil
2.	Reports		
2.1	Key Outcomes of the Committee Meeting	The Chair advised that the Executive Committee Meeting had focused on the further development of the 3 Priority Action Plans initiated because of the Strategic Planning processes. The Chair also advised that one Action Plan focuses on the need to Restructure the Associations Finances and the possible need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No longer offer Life Membership fee options.• Charge for postal/print copies of the Superannuant.• Seek an annual contribution from Life Members to assist in covering the operational revenue shortfall.	



		The Chair outlined the running costs of the Association and the increased financial pressures that include technology requirements, Victorian meeting expenses, insurance and administrative expenses.	
3.	Business Arising		
3.1	Strategic Planning	<p>The Chair confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Strategic Planning Session took place on Tuesday 30 May 2023.• The member survey results were considered and that they indicated that members were overall happy with the performance of the Association. <p>The Chair advised members that the Association urgently requires candidates for the 2024 Committee and that the Association needs members to put their hand up and contribute to the Association through participation.</p> <p>The Chair also advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members who have their email address registered with the Association will receive an email from the President soon, outlining the critical need to form a committee for 2024. <p>The Chair offered to commence the next General Meeting with a presentation focused on the Strategic Planning outcomes, the 3 Priority Action Plans, their aims, and activities undertaken by the Committee to assist in determining the Associations future.</p>	<p>Develop a presentation focused on the Strategic Planning outcomes, the 3 Priority Action Plans, their aims and activities for the commencement of the General Meeting 31 July 2023.</p> <p>Action: Secretary</p>
4.	Guest Speaker		
4.1	Introduction to Neville Bonney.	<p>The Chair introduced Ian Beckingham and Peter Flemming, Past President of the Association.</p> <p>Peter then introduced the guest speaker - a great South Australian, indeed a great Australian – Neville Bonney.</p> <p>Peter indicated that: Neville is one of those extraordinary, versatile people who reached great heights from humble beginnings, noting that he was born and bred on the working-class</p>	Nil



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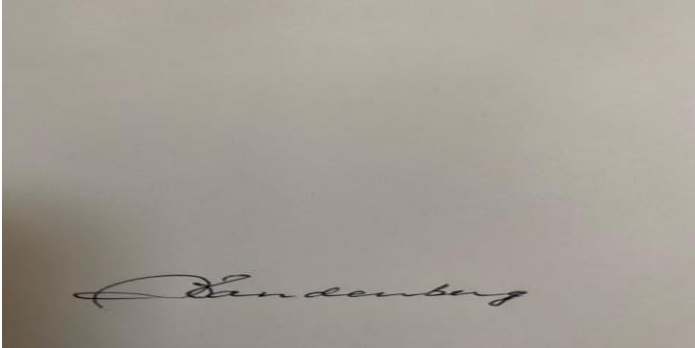
		<p>side of the tracks, left school at 14 years of age, and built an outstanding professional career through practical experience with seeds and plants and that one of his loves in life is – the natural environment and its conservation.</p> <p>Peter indicated that Neville is an excellent researcher and particularly in the propagation and cultivation of the seeds of Australia's plant life. The culmination of his 60 years of direct application of his findings and his willingness to share his practical expertise with that of other conservation groups and individuals, especially his latest and undoubtedly finest book "From one small seed – a forest is born".</p> <p>Neville provided an informative background to his career, his achievements and his work-related travels that influenced areas and elements of conservation.</p> <p>Neville presented books that he authored and made them available for purchase at the end of the presentation.</p> <p>Ian thanked Neville for his informative presentation and provided a gift of appreciation.</p>	
5	Closing of the Meeting		
5.1	Next Meeting Monday 31 July 2022 @1.00pm Guest Speaker: Mr Grant Lock	The Chair advised members that Mr Grant Lock is the Guest Speaker for 31 July 2023 and that he will provide details of his experience – Afghanistan what is really going on.	

Meeting closed at 2.30pm.



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