



## VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7:06PM

### Roll Call

Club	Present	Members	Delegates
Diamond Valley	No	12	3
Frankston	Yes	12	3
Heidelberg	Yes	11	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	11	2
Malvern	Yes	9	2
Metropolitan	Yes	11	2
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	No	5	1
North East	No	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	8	2
Plenty	Yes	12	3

South East	Yes	8	2
United	No	9	2
Total		119	28

**1. Apologies** – Peter McDonough, Kevin Clark & Mark Tung

**2. Previous minutes** of the June 2025 delegates meeting

Moved Hank Merbis Seconded Sam Spiliopoulos Carried

**3. Reports**

**Clock Chairman – David Wetering (absent)**

David Wetering advised the President that he would like to thank Alan Marcon and Stephen Kearsey for helping with clock Sheets for 2025

**Ring Secretary- Hank Merbis**

Advised that 94 pigeons were reported & owners notified.

He reminded everyone to **transfer birds prior to first federation race.**

**Victorian Racing Pigeon Body (VRPB) – Andrew Demidowski**

Andrew advised that minutes from a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 was submitted to the VHA for distribution. In addition, these minutes are available on the VRPB website. Property investigation Code PIC – the advice was to leave PIC's as voluntary. This issue was discussed at length by the executive and it was decided that the VRPB should not pursue this issue any further with Agriculture Victoria.

Ergun Avci Planning Application has been approved by the City of Manningham

Development of New Flyer Package – 6 steps

The VRPB are interested if the VHA could build prefabricated lofts for their new members to see if this idea is successful. Jeff Weaver advised that the loft building for new flyers has been previously approved by the VHA. The executive advised that the loft building will be undertaken on a case by case basis for new flyers.

Liberation Protocol – Andrew Grech from CCF developed an AI software package which is being additionally trialled by Marc Tenaglia WPF.

SAHPA have built a racing loft at their headquarters for retired flyers. Andrew Spiliopoulos advised that this loft has been very successful for retired flyers who have around 15 birds each to race. They are even considering to introduce a one loft race from this loft.

Stephen Shears Vice President ANRPA is developing a program that will show the different lines of flight for racing pigeon organisations that will hopefully prevent clashes at different race points in 2025.

It looks like Queensland will be holding the next National Conference with South Australia to follow.

### **Treasurers Report – Paul Bryant**

Current Balance: Cheque \$103,645.30, Only line saver \$70,000

Rent \$27,576 has been received from tenant

Sponsorship \$6,000 received

\$6000 received from Traralgon club – 15 flyers

\$1500 received for sponsorship from Stevan Gazzola for the club races

Around 3947 birds sent from 76 flyers to 1<sup>st</sup> club race. About \$1000 made on this race.

### **Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos**

Curtains fixed cost \$990 Patched 15 holes.

Andrew advised that the unit allocation must be accurate to prevent Sam from doing two local pickups from club rooms. Only 14 units can be returned on the truck. Don't use the units unless until you need to. Drinkers need to be up.

**New Members** - Ivanhoe Club – new members L Trajano and J Rebanal Moved that they be accepted.

Moved Jeff Weaver Seconded Paul Suban Carried

## **4. Correspondence**

### Inwards

Gippsland Pigeon Federation – request for the VHA to transport Tasmania, Morgan and beyond

The executive committee approved for Gippsland to transport with VHA. All birds will go up together in federation races.

South East – cost saving initiatives for 2025 regarding local transport

### Outwards

All Members - Delegates minutes for June 2025 meeting has been placed on the VHA website.

All members - Race schedule placed on the VHA website, VRPB minutes & reminder to register birds prior to first federation race.

## **5. General Business**

South East Club recommended that the following races be basketed by all clubs at the Notting Hill Centre for 2025 as a cost saving measure: Tassie x 2, National, Carrieton 500-mile x 2 & Blinman 600 mile.

It advised that this would save \$8400 for 2025 however the real saving will be \$4900 (\$700 per week)

Steve Brown suggested the (National, Carrieton x 2 and Blinman) be basketed at the Notting Hill Centre with the Tassy races to be basketed at normal centres. This proposal will be voted on by the delegates at the August 2025 meeting. Notting Hill rooms can opened earlier from 4.00 pm for basketing, to flyers from other centres for convenience.

Moved Steve Brown Seconded Steve Gazzola Carried

Gippsland Pigeon Theft Issue – A Traralgon flyer has had his entire stock stolen. It was agreed that the victim being a VHA country club affiliate, be supported by the VHA in any way we can.

It was raised that the VPO should be removed from the National Committee as they do not have enough flyers to warrant a vote on this Committee.

Moved Jeff Weaver Seconded John Van Beers Carried

A former member has requested his diploma from 2022 which was delivered to his club however the club cannot locate it. Subsequently this individual has made threats to members via text message (messages retained) if the diploma is not forwarded to him.

Paul Bryant advised that he would be contacting Tina to get a new Diploma made up and he will send it to him.

**Meeting closed at 8.45 pm**