

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA November delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 10/11/2025.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL Apologies – Kevin Clark Clubs absent – Northcote & Oakleigh.

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Frankston	Yes	12	3
Heidelberg	Yes	12	3
Ivanhoe	Yes	11	2
Knox	Recess	0	0
Malvern	Yes	9	2
Metropolitan	Yes	10	2
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	No	5	1
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh	No	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	8	2
Plenty	Yes	12	3
South East	Yes	8	2
United	Yes	11	2
TOTAL		129	29

Vale – Alan Turner (Plenty) A minutes silence was observed for the passing of Alan Turner, a former member of the Plenty club.

Previous minutes of the October delegates meeting (distributed via email)

Business Arising- Nil

Minutes adopted – Moved H. Merbis Seconded E. Sheean Carried.

Reports

Clock Chairman- David Wetering – Absent – Nil report.

VRPB – Andrew Demidowski – Advised that he applied for a PIC and received his official card within a month. The process was very easy.

Ring Secretary- Hank Merbis. 41 birds reported & owners notified.

Treasurers Report- Paul Bryant Acc Balances – Cheque \$71,583 On Line Saver \$70,000

Requesting invoices be paid for SJS Transport, and prize money of \$25,670 to be paid out to members for races Mittyack comeback race to Blinman. This figure includes G. Stevens sponsorship. Advised by Steve Brown that all fed winners had been verified. It was noted that the winner of the Carrieton race will receive \$1365 and the winner from Blinman receives \$1393.

Moved J. Weaver Seconded A. Demidowski that all accounts be paid. Carried.

Transport – Andrew Spiliopoulos. Local transport for the Ivanhoe & Diamond Valley centres for 2026 has been arranged at the same cost of \$400 per week. The VHA will transport the birds to next years National, 500 & 600.

Correspondence

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Metro – Verification of fed winners Yolla (Evans Family) Morgan National (Suban)

Frankston – Verification of fed winner Carrieton (Peach & Suttie)

South East – Verification of fed winner Blinman (Van Beers & Barlow)

Ashton Commercial – Requesting 1 year lease from the tenant.

Ceremonial Programs Manager – Request for pigeons to be released at the Shrine 11/11/25.

Sgt Evans Simpson Barracks – Request for guidance with pigeons as a mascot for the signals unit.

South East (24/10) – Request for Executive Officers to reinstate Carrieton 2 race on same day as Blinman race. (VHA to transport)

South East (26/10/25) – Thank you to the Executive for considering their proposal (Carrieton 2)

South East (28/10) – Expressing disappointment that no reason had been given for the Carrieton 2 race to be reinstated.

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All Members - Minutes of October delegates meeting minutes, VHA
Squeaker/Flown bird sale & VHA Presentation night flyer.

Ashton Commercial – Advising that 1 year lease for tenant is acceptable.

Executive Officers – Email from South East requesting Carrieton 2 race be reinstated.

South East (26/10) – Advising Executive Officers decision for Carrieton 2 to remain as cancelled.

All members – Advising no delegates meeting on Monday prior to Melb Cup Day – postponed to following Monday.

Sgt Evans Simpson Barracks – Advising that Ed Sheean will assist and resides locally.

Ceremonial Programs Manager – Advising that Sheean Bros & S. Spiliopoulos will assist with liberating birds at the Shrine on Remembrance Day.

E Badges Bayswater – Order for Medallions & engraving.

Pigeon Health – Dr Colin Walker addressed the meeting regarding Rota Virus (Hepatitis) and the losses of pigeons in the early races. It was his opinion that more 50% of the pigeon fraternity do not vaccinate for Rota Virus. A summary of Colin's recommendations for various vaccinations will be circulated to members in due course.

General Business

- **Carrieton 2** – John Van Beers addressed the delegates regarding South East club request for the Carrieton 2 race to be reinstated on the same day as the 600 from Blinman. He was critical of the Executive Officers decision not to reinstate the race. John conceded that there was little that could be done to hold the race on the scheduled date due to inclement weather but believed that the race could have been held on the same day as Blinman. Steve Brown stated that although the idea had some merit, it is the Executive Officers who make important decisions in between delegates meetings and the majority of the committee were reluctant to change the race status from “cancelled” to “active.”
- **VHA raffle** – Tickets are selling well. All tickets are accountable. Could sold and unsold tickets be returned at the December meeting. Raffle to be drawn at Presentation night 11/12/25.
- **A VHA Squeaker/Flown bird sale** will be organised by Mark Tung & Steve Brown on Sunday 18th January 2026 at Notting Hill. All proceeds to 2026 transport. Information will be circulated via text and Flyer.
- **Presentation Night** – Sandown Greyhounds Thursday 11th December. Free entry. All welcome. Finger food supplied – Bar available.

- **VHA Website** - Jeff Mann from the Malvern club is currently building a new VHA website and will display it's progress using a lap top at the next meeting. Thank you Jeff. The current VHA website remains in operation.

Meeting Closed 8.32 pm.