

NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION OF THE ACT INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 18 July 2019

Uniting Church Hall, Scrivener St, O'Connor

1. Welcome and apologies

Due to the planned absence from Canberra of key committee members, and by prior arrangement, this meeting was chaired by member Max Lawrence. Max welcomed fellow members, especially life members, and guests to the meeting, and paid respects to the traditional custodians of the land and their elders past and present.

Approximately 29 members and guests were present, with apologies received from president Esther Gallant, secretary Sonja Lenz, Kevin McCue, Chris Emery, Sabine Friedrich, Cynthia Burton, Steven Forst, and Rod Griffiths.

Quentin Moran, Brian Slee, Deidre Shaw and Adrienne Nicholson were on hand to arrange hall preparation, catering and book sales.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 20 June meeting

The minutes are available online through the web link provided in the latest *Burning Issues*. A number of hard copies were also available at the back of the hall for this meeting. Max outlined some of the key issues addressed, and the minutes were approved as written. There were no matters arising.

3. NPA activities

There was no committee meeting held this month. Outstanding issues will be addressed at the August committee meeting.

Members were reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 15 August. They were urged to consider nominating for the committee.

4. Guest speaker

This month's guest speaker was our fellow member Mike Bremers. Mike's topic was **Hiking and Paddling the Upper Murray**. The upper 150 km of the Murray River flow through diverse environments ranging from the very remote, rugged and inaccessible sections within Kosciuszko National Park to dairy farms. Mike and friends hiked the top 150 km in 2013, and then hiked/paddled it again in 2017. Both journeys were the subject of separate articles in the *NPA Bulletin*.

In a very entertaining presentation aided by an excellent PowerPoint display Mike had a very attentive audience. The highlights were the videos of the descents through the rapids of the Murray Gates in inflatable canoes. These were the subject of repeated requests for replays from the audience, and Mike duly delivered.

At the conclusion of Mike's presentation and subsequent discussion Max thanked Mike for informing and entertaining us, and invited everyone to join in a light supper.

The meeting concluded around 9.30pm.

President:

Date: