

CAG Meeting Minutes

Location Flinders Yacht Club

Date and time Wednesday, 24 September 2025

Attendees Mark Aarons, Leigh Glover, Neil Hallam, Janenne Willis

MPS: Laura Crilly, Hayden Forrest, Cr. Stephens

Apologies Charles Reis, Cr. Gill

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

Item 1 Previous Minutes and Actions

Minutes were accepted without change.

Item 2 Flinders Signage Update

Janenne spoke to this item.

Final Text Draft

Janenne advised that CAG suggestions had been incorporated.

Approval of the Bunurong Land Council

Approval of the wording from the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation has been obtained. An interesting development is that the indigenous wording has been revised by the BLC in accordance with recent national decisions (presumably the PULiMA Indigenous Language and Technology 2025 conference). This ensures that the signage indigenous wordage is as up-to-date as possible.

Approvals Process

Hayden advises that no MPS approval is required; two state government approvals are required: 1) Heritage Victoria and 2) Dept. Energy, Environment and Climate Action. Now that the text has been finalised, an application to the approvals process can proceed.

MPS Grant Acquital

There is a need to acquit the MPS grant.

Action: Acquire invoice from the Bunurong Land Council [Janenne]

Action: Acquire invoice for the illustration [Janenne]

Illustrations

Janenne advised that local artist Layla Buller was available to undertake the sign illustrations and would provide a common style across the signs.

There was discussion of future QR insignia on the signs linking to suitable additional information. Hayden advised of the ARTREK concept along the Port Phillip Bay foreshore that provides an augmented reality experience for users at several locations (installed by the firm EyeJack), (information is available on the MPS website). CAG will consider such options for future development of the sign project.

Action: Final check of Neil's tides and food web diagrams [All]

Action: A historic image of the hill/ cove clifftop is required; the Flinders District Historical Society (FGS) should have a suitable image.

Action: Acquire access to a suitable image from the FGS [Mark]

Signage Location

A final check on the sign location is required.

Action: Janenne to forward the locations for Leigh to check [Janenne and Leigh]

Launch

Members agreed on having a formal launch; planning can occur when the approval process is complete.

Item 4) Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal (VRET) Project

Hayden spoke to this item.

CAG members attended the community meeting/ briefing at Flinders Town Hall and the CAG Briefing for all CAGs.

Deadline for public submissions to the EES is 24 September in accordance with state legislation.

Members reiterated several concerns over the project on environmental and social grounds, together with a number of comments of the environmental assessment process and approach.

With the submission deadline the night of the CAG meeting, Janenne volunteered to compile a selection of these comments and prepare a submission of behalf of the CAG following the meeting.

Action: Preparation of a submission [Janeene]

General Business

Flinders Coastal Reserve as a Biolink

Mark spoke to this item.

Other Business

Janenne advised that filmmaker Sheree Marris is seeking support for a marine/coastal documentary film project on Western Port; she has completed an earlier film project (and book) "Melbourne Down Under" on Melbourne's marine environment that achieved widespread acclaim. She presented to the Flinders Community Association recently.

Meeting Close: 5:50

Next Meeting: TBA