VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES
VNPA Special General Meeting
Thu 30 July 2026, 5.30 pm

Meeting commenced 5.35 pm.
Welcome and acknowledgement of country by Marilyne Crestias (President)
Attendance; (see below)
Apologies: John Barrett, Marjorie Barrett, Nic Fox, Kaye Harris, Robert Macindoe, Bette Mitchell, Walter Mitchell, Hartley Mitchell, Euan Moore, Jennifer Rolland, Bob Semmens

Purpose of Special General Meeting – Marilyne Crestias outlined the purpose of the meeting and noted the significant amount of work done by the Governance Committee over the past few years to review the constitution and recommend changes to it, in line with the model rules that apply to all incorporated bodies in Victoria. She thanked all committee members for their significant contribution.

Chris Hibburt (Chair, Governance and Policy Committee) detailed the proposed changes to the constitution, the reasons for those recommended changes and consequences of any proposed changes. He noted that the changes regarding number of councillors will come into effect at the 2027 AGM. For the next 12 months, Council will continue as is, with 12 members. Asked for questions from attendees, which were as follows:

- Question about the membership register and managing member records over time.
- Question on the membership register and managing privacy needs of some individuals.
- Question seeking clarification about reason for reduction in number of Council members from 12 to 8.
- Question about what the quorum would be when Council has 8 members.

All questions addressed, with no further queries.

The Chair reiterated the process for the proposed resolution which requires 30 or more members to be present and a majority of at least 75% voting in favour of resolution. Voting to happen in two steps. Firstly, individual members and the first named person in family memberships to vote. Secondly, proxies and second named family members to vote.

The resolution displayed on screen and read out aloud by Marilyne '*That, subject to approval by Consumer Affairs Victoria, the VNPA replaces its current constitution Victorian National Park Association (Inc.) Constitution with the proposed new draft of the constitution, VNPA Constitution Revision 2026*'.

First round: 44 in favour and 1 abstained
Second round of proxy votes and second family members: 16 in favour.

Total count: 60 in favour, 1 abstained

Vote in favour > 75%. Resolution therefore declared passed.

Marilyne thanked everyone for their attendance and support. Noted that the next step would be lodging the changed constitution with CAV.

Meeting ended: 6.15 pm.

SGM attendees

- Alison Street
- Andrew Arnold
- Andrew Beswick
- Arne Buchholz
- Bronwyn Baade
- Bruce McGregor
- Charlie Pascoe
- Chris Hibburt
- Christine Kilmartin
- David McLaren
- Dianne Marshall
- Doug Robinson
- Elspeth Swan
- Evelyn Portek
- Gayle Osborne
- Gillian Hume
- Gillian Jervis
- Greg Noonan
- Hartley Tobin
- Jane Crouch
- Jeannette McGill
- Jillian Van
- John Barkla
- Judy Xiaochu Chen
- Karen Large
- Kate Kennedy
- Kim Daire
- Lara Bickford

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- Lou Baxter
- Lucy Permezel
- Maelor Himbury
- Malcolm Robins
- Marilyne Crestias
- Maxine Andrews
- Meryl Tobin
- Michael Forster
- Michael Young
- Nicole Mertens
- Nola Wilmot
- Peter Flanagan
- Philip Ponder
- Philip Rayment
- Raymond Gibson
- Rhonda Oliver
- Robyn Tyson
- Rod Novak
- Sally Mann
- Samantha Dunn
- Steve Milton
- Wendy Cox