

Friends of Churchill Island Society Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

1:30pm, Saturday 11th February 2023

Churchill Island Visitor's Centre

1) Welcome and acknowledgement	
We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Bunurong/Boonwurrung people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in our community today.	
2) Attending/Apologies	
3) Minutes from previous General Meeting – November 12th, 2022	
4) Correspondence	
5) Executive Reports	
a) President's Report	
b) Treasurer's & Membership Secretary's Report	
Summary: 1. Membership numbers are holding steady. 2. We are in a healthy financial position with enough income to cover our running costs and a bit left over so we can continue to contribute to various heritage activities. 3. We've paid the deposit of \$1,800 for the purchase of the Clydesdale Horse. This payment has been made from the Heritage Fund. 4. A further \$8,200 is due to be paid later this month from the Heritage Fund. 5. The remaining \$8,000 will be paid from the Operating Fund because we don't have enough money in the Heritage Fund to cover the full cost. 6. The total cost of the horse will be \$18,000 so we need to think about how we can replenish our funds. Re the use of money from the Heritage Fund. The Heritage Fund is referred to as a Public Fund. The Tax Office has very strict rules about money going into a Public Fund and money being paid out of a Public Fund. We need to make sure we comply with these rules, otherwise we will lose the tax-deductibility status of the Fund. Basically, the only money that can be held in the Public Fund is from donations, and interest earned on those donations. Any money in the Public Fund can only be used to further the Principal Purpose of the Association. Our Principal Purpose is "The	

<p>promotion of the moveable cultural heritage of Churchill Island”. Therefore, we need to make sure that any money paid out of the Fund complies with this requirement.</p> <p>In this case, the horse will be used for wagon rides and to demonstrate the use of the historic farm machinery on Churchill Island. Clearly, these are examples of activities that are promoting the moveable cultural heritage of Churchill Island so we are complying with the rules.</p>	
c) Restoration Report	
6) PINP CI Attraction Supervisor’s (Farm Manager’s) Report	
7) Curator’s Report	
8) Business Arising from Previous Meeting	
a) Purchase and arrival of Clydesdale horse.	
b) Fundraising program	
2) General Business	
a) New signage for veranda and Rogers Cottage	
b) Touch screen for Visitor’s Centre	
c) New Secretary	
d) Preservation of Minnie Lawrence sketch book	
e) March working bee (8am 4/3/23)	

Next Meeting: General Meeting – May 13th 2023.

Speaker: Jarvis Weston (Nature Parks) will outline and field questions about the proposed restoration works to the CI historic buildings.

Afternoon tea.