

Minutes	
Date and Time	Monday, 14 October 2024, 1.30pm – 3pm AEST
Venue	Ground Floor First Aid Training Room, Villiers St, North Melbourne & Via Teams Link

1	Opening and Welcome
1.1	<p>Chair's Welcome</p> <p>Dr Garry Nolan, Chairman of the Victorian Divisional Advisory Board opened the meeting at 1.30pm and welcomed all Members, Volunteers, Staff and Supporters who were in attendance in person and online.</p> <p>On everyone's behalf, Dr Garry Nolan AM acknowledged past Chairman Mrs Anne Macarthur OAM online. A warm welcome to our President Mr Charles Burkitt. A warm welcome also to Nichola Krey our Victorian Director.</p>
1.2	<p>Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>The Chairman invited Mrs Kay Belcher – Zone 7 Representative to lead us in the acknowledgement.</p> <p>In the spirit of reconciliation, Red Cross acknowledges all first nations people throughout Victoria and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our deepest respects to their elders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joining us today.</p>
1.3	<p>Apologies and Quorum</p> <p>Official Attendance and Apologies for the meeting were noted and recorded (Attachment 1). A Quorum was present.</p>
2	Minutes
2.1	<p>Minutes of the 2023 Victorian Division Annual General Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 October 2023 had been circulated. The Governance Members RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
3	Divisional Advisory Board Positions
	<p>Four nominations were received for the four vacant positions on the Victoria Divisional Advisory Board. Accordingly, an election was not required under the Divisional Regulations.</p> <p>The Director Victoria, as Returning Officer welcomed and confirmed the following nominees as elected as members of the Victoria Divisional Advisory Board from the conclusion of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Garry Nolan AM • Ms Bianca Goebel • Ms Tina Hosseini • Mrs Jennifer Seabrook <p>The Victorian Divisional Advisory Board Members from the conclusion of the meeting were confirmed as Ms Vanessa Brotto, Dr Denis Dragovic, Ms Louna Ghawi, Ms Bianca Goebel, Ms Tina Hosseini, Mrs Lynne Jones, Mr Tim Lo Surdo, Ms Frances Martin, Dr Garry Nolan AM, Mrs Sandy Ridge, Mrs Jennifer Seabrook, Ms Lauren Walduck.</p>

4	Reports & Presentations
4.1	<p>President's Address – Mr Charles Burkitt</p> <p>The Victorian AGM was privileged to welcome Australian Red Cross President Mr Charles Burkitt to speak at the meeting. Mr Burkitt highlighted the organisation changes which had taken place over the last 12 months, highlighting the information circulated to all regarding new Member and Volunteer support, including information on our local Community Mobilisation team.</p> <p>Work is current underway to build solid foundations for future growth and improving our ability to deliver humanitarian activities more effectively. This will ensure we continue to support communities that need us most and to provide the best support to our Member and Volunteer network.</p> <p>Some of the key areas we are focusing on to enhance Member and Volunteer experiences are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving our new systems enabling recruitment and onboarding of new Members and Volunteers to become an easier process; • Developing initiatives to increase engagement with Volunteers, Members and community, including rolling out our fundraising and donations policy; • Creating more frequent and consistent communications across our network to ensure you have the information you want and need; • Supporting the roll out of Australian Red Cross Governance changes. <p>We have heard from you and know that focusing on these areas will help us all to increase the positive impact for Members and Volunteers and the communities we work with across our networks.</p> <p>Mr Burkitt thanked all for their attendance at the Victorian AGM.</p>
4.2	<p>Victorian Divisional Advisory Board Chair's Address – Dr Garry Nolan AM</p> <p>The Victorian Divisional Advisory Board Chair thanked the President for his attendance at the Victorian Division AGM. He welcomed all to the meeting in particular Ms Nichola Krey, Director Victoria who had taken up the Director role in January 2024. Dr Nolan acknowledged First Nations people and their connection to the land we were meeting on, paying his respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.</p> <p>2024 was the 110 Anniversary of Red Cross in Australia. Many celebrations took place across the country and particularly in Victoria where 12 Branches had been established for 110 years.</p> <p>Ballan, Beechworth, Berwick Upper Beaconsfield, Heywood, Kennington – FORC, Lake Bolac, Lake Boga, Lakes Entrance, Mooropna, Point Lonsdale & Queenscliff, Stratford and Yarram Tarra.</p> <p>Congratulations to all on this milestone, and our thanks and appreciation for their continued hard work and commitment to Australian Red Cross.</p> <p>During the year there was a range of activities undertaken by our Emergency Services teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 Emergency Activations during 2023/24. • 569 training courses and workshop online and in-person. • 52 Volunteer Community Partnerships Officers attended. • 242 Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee meetings – as is our legislated responsibility. <p>Our Migration Support Programs continue to provide vital support to vulnerable migrants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 386 clients supported by the Temporary Visa Holders Experiencing Family & Domestic Violence Pilot Program. • 75 clients supported by the Support for Trafficked People Program. • 104 clients supported through the Connect Match Support program. • 2,568 visits to our food pantries supporting 6,979 people with food and material aid. <p>Support for Asylum Seekers Initiative delivered:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,907 emergency relief payments made to people seeking asylum. • 370 clients received casework support. • 138 instances of homelessness assistance. <p>In total, Services in Victorian Division are delivered with the help of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,416 Branch Members and Friends of Red Cross fundraising and active in their local community. • 1,025 Retail Store Volunteers. • 580 Aged Care Volunteers. • 534 Emergency Services Volunteers.
4.3	Directors Report – Ms Nichola Krey <p>The Director Victoria provided an overview of work being undertaken in the coming 12 months, with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedding new Emergency Response structures across the organisation • Growing our Volunteer and Member Base • Raise funding for Emergency Services, and, • Moving the Victorian Office to 637 Flinders St, Docklands. <p>Ms Krey highlighted the benefits of the move, a space designed to inspire, connect and support staff, Members and Volunteers as we continue to grow and thrive together. For all of us, this space will represent a fresh chapter filled with opportunity.</p>
5	Awards
5.1	<p>The Awards were announced on World Red Cross Day, 8 May 2024 and once again the recipients were congratulated by the Chair and thanked for their commitment to Australian Red Cross. All recipients have achieved a great deal in supporting people in a vulnerable time in their lives.</p> <p>Of special note were the following award recipients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurel Wreath – 50 Year Medal: Bridget (Marie) Billington; Helen Carey; Helen Fyfe; Joan Foster; Kaye (Roselyn) Dunn (deceased); Margaret Berry (deceased); Margaret Brodie; Marion Holding; Ruth Wearne; Carol Holding; Bronwyn Wilson; Heather MacGugan. • Gilt Rosette – 60 Year Medal: Alice Down; Ruth Mott. • 70 Year Bar: Beryl Murphy <p>A full list of 2024 Recipients is provided as Attachment 2 to the minutes.</p>
6	Other Business
6.1	Other Business <p>No other business was raised.</p>
7	Meeting Close
7.1	Meeting Close <p>The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3pm AEDT</p>

Signed as a true and correct record of the proceedings:

Dr Denis Dragovic
Victoria Division Council Chair

Date

Attendance:

On-Line	In-Person
1 Ahmed Radwan	1 Abiy Gebeyehu
2 Alexander Gounis	2 Aleah Reethe
3 Andrew Colvin	3 Amanda Aridi
4 Angie Sivertsen	4 Bev O'Brien
5 Ben Brandon	5 Becky Khemlani
6 Bianca Goebel	6 Bob Marshall
7 Brenda Chang	7 Brad Bevitt
8 Bruce Smith	8 Carole Holding
9 Carissa Williams	9 Charles Burkitt
10 Charles Quintana	10 Chris Mead
11 Chiara Livingston	11 Damian Maloney
12 Claire Cayzer	12 Elizabeth Marshall
13 Claire Wolczak	13 Frances Martin
14 Clare Kollosche	14 Fyowna Norton
15 Cloe Pendlebury	15 Garry Nolan
16 Constance ThurleyHart	16 Helen Perrott
17 Danny Elbaum	17 Helen Sampson
18 Debra Shaddock	18 Joanne Tremonti
19 Dom Marino	19 Joy Saville
20 Edwin Espinoza	20 Karen Aston
21 Emily Rimbo	21 Katherine Paroz
22 Emma Norris	22 Kathleen Snowball
23 Erin Pelly	23 Katy Southall
24 George Yang	24 Kay Belcher
25 Gowri Gunawardane	25 Kimberley Trawn
26 Helen Gallagher	26 Lea Sevens
27 Helen Martin	27 Lee Jay Lindsay
28 Heng Yin	28 Les Ridge
29 Ian Kaufmann	29 Linda Vogt
30 Jackie Kerr	30 Lloyd Doddridge
31 Jacqueline Rodrigues	31 Marion Coulson
32 Jai O'Toole	32 Marion Ratnik
33 Jane Windsor	33 Maxine Lee
34 Jevon Horsley	34 May Vijendra
35 Joshua Mangoendaan	35 Nell Hewat
36 Juliane Hill	36 Nizar Dakroub
37 Katy Southall	37 Norma Decker
38 Kelli Fu	38 Penelope Quin
39 Lakitha Kariyawasam	39 Penny Harrison
40 Lauren Walduck	40 Poonam Kulkarni
41 Louna Ghawi	41 Ruth Flemming
42 Lynne Jones	42 Sandy Ridge
43 Margaret Burrell	43 Sara Kumara
44 Marlene Pitt	44 Serena Hansen

Attachment 1 – Attendance Record 2024

On-Line		In-Person	
45	Mason Sadeghian	45	Sharon Styles
46	Natalie Maxwell-Davis	46	Sheridan Creamy
47	Natasha Chabbra	47	Stu O'Brien
48	Noni Clarkson	48	Susan MacDougall
50	Robert Shanks	49	Tammy Lamperd
51	Ryan DeSilva	50	Warren Smith
52	Shalini Chaturvedi		
53	Shirley Burhan		
54	Sofie Gilsaa		
55	Susanna GABOC		
56	Timothy Losurdo		
57	Vicki Rowlands		
58	Virginia Devlin		
59	Vivienne Hazelton		
60	Waqas Haider		
61	Wendy Thomson		
62	Will Roberts		

Total Attendees: 112

Distinguished Service Award

- Diana Holden
- Lorraine Scot

Distinguished Staff Award

- Lloyd Doddridge
- Jonathan Richards

Distinguished Team Award

- Buloke Emergency Services Team (William Critchley, Bronwyn Fisher, Joy Freeman, Allan McGillivray, Jennifer McGillivray, Teresa O'Brien, Elizabeth Richardson, Bruce Stafford, Janet Stafford.)

International Service Award

- Andree Girardau

Youth Meritorious Award

- Katrina Dagleish

Outstanding Service Award

- Joy Freeman
- Reshma Kurian
- Janet Stafford

Victorian Service Award

- Pam Aylward
- Annabella Banos
- Margaret Bloomer
- Coral Cox
- Marg Draffen
- Christine Edwards
- Peter Grzic
- Judi Hanlon
- Judy Holden
- Monique Hustler
- Annette Jardine
- Joan Leyonhjelm
- Pauline McDowell
- Meryl Oates
- Gayle O'Keeffe
- Louise Rijs
- Jennifer Seabrook
- Caitlin Zacharewicz

Laurel Wreath – 50 Year Medal

- Bridget (Marie) Billington
- Helen Carey
- Helen Fyfe
- Joan Foster
- Kaye (Roselyn) Dunn (deceased)
- Margaret Berry (deceased)
- Margaret Brodie
- Marion Holding
- Ruth Wearne
- Carol Holding
- Bronwyn Wilson
- Heather MacGugan

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- Alice Down
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- Beryl Murphy