

Walkerville Resident's Association Inc
Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026
MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026 5.30 -7.00 pm
Held at Walkerville Council Offices (upstairs in the 1855 room)

27 attendees plus guest Phil Harris

1. Welcome – Chair Mike Duigan welcomed all attendees, members and guests. Quorum was declared.
2. Apologies received: Ian and Joyce Graue, Rhonda Avard, Mark Cescato
3. Minutes of 2025 AGM held on Monday 24 February 2025 be accepted:
 - i. Moved: Elizabeth Fricker
 - ii. Seconded: Cheryl McDonald
4. Chairperson Report of 2025 activities presented by Chairperson, Mike Duigan on behalf of the Management Committee: See report attached. Moved Report be accepted:
 - i. Moved: Mike Duigan
 - ii. Seconded: Elizabeth Fricker

The business of the AGM was suspended at 5:45pm to hear the guest speakers' addresses

5. Mayor Melissa Jones spoke to the following issues:
 - Last 12 months – lot of activity, mainly around capital investment – W Rec Centre; Bowling club; and upgrades to oval as well.
 - W - Gymnastics back in Walkerville and many other groups are now using the facility.
 - Bowling club – opened up with social memberships and social bowls – good feedback so far.
 - Visit from the Governor – impressed by projects undertaken and close knit community evident.
 - 45 new Australian citizens – Backyard BBQ unfortunately unable to be held due to extreme heat.
 - Upcoming Volunteer awards – nominations now open.
 - Rotary Club and RSL are both active.
 - Walkerville Community Committee – Fundraising used to fund Chatty Café etc – opportunity for lonely people to meet others. Mentioned that Walkerville Council had participated in trial of Social Prescribing project together with Port Adelaide Enfield and Prospect Councils – seeks to address loneliness and anxiety – prescribed by doctors. Trial has ended but may continue.
 - Many safety and security measures implemented across Council area.
 - Commented that 40kph going well in suburban streets.
 - Mentioned Library service at home.
 - Looking forward to 2026 – master planning Walkerville Sports Club. \$4m dollars in forward planning budget – hopeful to receive funding from State Govt and Fed Govt too. Community will be consulted.
 - Residents are encouraged to respond to upcoming survey.
 - Business Plan in development – consultation will take place– residents encouraged to make comment.
 - 36ers coming to opening of W.

- Bentzen Crt – Council working closely with SAHT and Govt.
- Buckingham Arms
 - Council strongly opposed to removal of Jacaranda tree. Mayor stated that SCAP approval is pointless as Council makes decision on street tree removals.
 - Council have been critical of developer action to date to minimise impacts. CCTV camera has been installed.
 - Dust – an ongoing issue – developer has been doing some more watering – but dust and soil on the road is ongoing. May decline once basement is poured.
 - SCAP Wed 11 Feb 2026– only the tree removal is being considered.
- Consultation about parking restrictions on Walkerville Tce. Investigating policy to restrict ability for residents of The Buckingham to park on Walkerville Tce.
- Movie Night – 13 Feb – Family friendly event.
- Question from floor about who pays for repairs to Walkerville Tce if damaged by The Buckingham contractors. CEO mentioned that Dilapidation report on roads and footpaths done ahead of the project.
- Walkerville Tce resident – dust is a major issue in her house. She mentioned that trucks with no covers were evident last year, but now although covered, bigger trucks are dragging out dirt – developer/contractors responded with a person with a small broom trying to sweep the road. Wants action on the dirt on the road. Suggested road should be cleaned at end of the week, before weekend.
- Elliot Lodge also mentioned – evidence to have action taken – fines for Buckingham Arms developer too?
- Andrew – Angas Ave Vale Park – queried whether 40kph is actually going well. Council CEO Andrew Johnson responded that intention is now to review what is happening in the 40kph areas.

Chair Mike Duigan thanked the Mayor for her presentation.

6. Presentation by Guest Speaker Phil Harris
Architect, Adjunct Professor at University of Adelaide and long-term resident of Gilberton.
 - Phil will provide a copy of his thought-provoking presentation that covered planning for housing into the future.
In summary, Phil was critical of the current planning and design code and that it will not deliver the type of development that is needed to ensure the village character of the Town of Walkerville will be retained or enhanced. He challenged the community and council to develop a vision for the Town of Walkerville in 2050 and define the Town more clearly. There is a need to identify objectives of precincts and thoroughfares/roads as they are currently understood and to identify how pressures will be addressed in the future. He mentioned pressures such as AI; Autonomous Vehicles; the need for Greener Shadier Streets; the need to define the roads that pass through the Town of Walkerville. He highlighted the link of the Town of Walkerville to the River Torrens and that each part of the town has a relationship to the River and/or the parklands/linear park. His paper and slides highlighted areas where height might be used to increase density of activity, focusing mainly on housing in key locations.
 - A question from the floor was about how the Impetus for the development of the vision for 2050 can be developed. Phil mentioned that a federal grant should be sought to do this work as the council does not have the resources to do this itself.

Secretary Cathryn Hamilton presented Phil with a small gift and thanked him for his thought-provoking presentation which was applauded by those present.

The business of the AGM resumed at 6:48pm

7. Treasurer's Report: Elizabeth Fricker presented the Auditor's report – see attached.

Moved that the report be accepted

- i. Moved: Elizabeth Fricker
- ii. Seconded: Mike Duigan

Chair and Treasurer noted the work undertaken by Brian Hern to audit the financial statements. The Treasurer will send a note of thanks for this contribution and deliver a small token of appreciation.

8. Report by Cathryn Hamilton on membership, WRA News subscribers and payment of fees

Multiple copies of the slip to join WRA and information to pay membership fees were handed out for distribution to attendees.

The Chair thanked Cathryn for the work undertaken for the new membership system, the website and WRA NEWS.

9. Election of Management Committee for 2026

Continuing: Mike Duigan, Elizabeth Fricker, Cathryn Hamilton, Rhonda Avard, Richard Oliver, Solange Kabbaz

Vacancies: Two

Chairperson encouraged those interested to contact him – first Management Committee meeting will be held in March 2026.

10. Other Business - Nil

Chair thanked those attending and closed the meeting at 6:58 pm.