

Frogs Victoria Society
2026 AGM Minutes
1 April 2026
Meeting opened at 7:36pm

Minute takers: Venice Chan and David De Angelis

1. Acknowledgement of Country – David De Angelis
2. Welcome to all attending.
3. Confirming member attendance and apologies
 - a. Attendance - Lynette Plenderleith, Venice Chan, Matthew Clancy, David De Angelis, Danielle Wallace, Samantha Wallace, Emily Nimmo, Max Sonnemann, Ross Alford
 - b. Apologies - Sue Bendel, Craig Cleeland and Trish Nigro
4. Notification of proxies for voting by paid members – None
5. Confirmation of 2025 AGM Minutes – Motion to accept by Venice Chan, seconded by Max Sonnemann.
6. President's Report – Given by David De Angelis, report to be attached to these AGM minutes. Motion to accept by Venice Chan, seconded by Max Sonnemann.
7. Treasurer's Report – Given by Venice Chan, report to be attached to these AGM minutes. Motion to accept David De Angelis, seconded by Max Sonnemann.
8. Confirmation of membership fees
 - a. Increase by \$5, coming to \$25 for concession and \$45 for full membership (6 voted in favour)
 - b. No change (0 voted in favour)Motion to accept option a. by Venice Chan, seconded by Lynette Plenderleith
9. Non-committee member (Rose Woodhouse) took over chairing to declare offices empty and call for nomination of Committee members for the positions of:
 - a. President – Dave De Angelis
 - b. Vice President – Danielle Wallace
 - c. Secretary – Craig Cleeland
 - d. Treasurer – Venice Chan

- e. Ordinary Members – Lynette Plenderleith, Matt Clancy, Sam Wallace, Max Sonnemann, Emily Nimmo
10. Election of Committee members took place without voting, as they were nominated so subsequently elected unopposed.
- a. Calls for/delegation of events sub-committee: Communications officer, Social media officer, Newsletter editor, Events sub-committee.

Events Sub-committee thus far confirmed to consist of David De Angelis, Max Sonnemann, Rose Woodhouse, Venice Chan, Emily Nimmo and Danielle Wallace.
 - b. Emily offered to assist with getting the Frogs Vic newsletter, Pobblebonk, back up and running.
11. Confirmation that no new signatories need to be added for access to Frogs Victoria's bank account.
12. Topic and presenters for next meeting, other known or proposed events and locations for 2026:
- a. The next members meeting will be on Wednesday 6 May, with Julia Cirillo and Yasmin Kelsall from the Merri Creek Management Committee presenting on MCMC's Growling Grass Frog management plan and monitoring.
 - b. Suggestions of another kid's frog event (received positive feedback and there was a waiting list from the one run last year), visit to the Amphibian Research Centre and Moonlit Sanctuary, and frog field trips (accounting for hygiene issues, protecting habitat and threatened species).
13. Any other business
- a. Lynette mentioned that the group would likely be charged \$500 in November to maintain the website. Venice's friend, Peter, was in attendance and offered to assist with hosting a new website at a more affordable rate, including updating the appearance. To be followed up by the Committee.
 - b. Thoughts were to continue providing tokens of appreciation to guest presenters at the current cost, although this may need to be reviewed depending on other expenditure.
 - c. Ross Alford mentioned a desire to receive membership renewal reminders, and it was noted that some other members have also enquired about this. It was noted that Craig has been looking into an automated way of doing this.

Meeting closed at 8:31pm

Frogs Victoria 2026 President's report

- Sincere thanks to our 2025 speakers:
 - Lynette Plenderleith, at last year's AGM, on Frogs Victoria's story so far!
 - Clare Wilson on 'frogs vs planes'.
 - Robert Bender on 'frogging in Ivanhoe'.
 - Rebecca Webb on 'knowing your enemy'.
 - Nazia Akram on 'frogs vs chytrid fungus'
 - Clare Goodhill on 'Assessing the effects of fungal metabolites as a potential prophylaxis for chytrid'
 - Ross Alford on 'highlights from his frog studies'.
 - And Stephanie Deering on 'big amphibians in the Kimberley'.
- At long last, we also held our very first non-meeting event in collaboration with La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary and sponsored by Banyule Council during the September school holidays, titled 'Fun with Frogs'. It was aimed at primary school-aged kids, involving a frog-themed scavenger hunt, frog calling activity, and brief slide show. With some great prizes offered including Matt Clancy's frog poster!
- The end of year (November) meeting and social event is always a blast, although last year's went later into the night. We might look at running this event a bit differently this year (e.g., BBQ at La Trobe's Wildlife Sanctuary), with some different or fewer activities on offer, and/or even frog-themed fancy dress!
- The Frogs Victoria Committee is looking into holding other events, possibly including visits to one or more organisations involved with threatened frog conservation, as well as field excursions where the risks of spreading pathogens and disturbing habitat are acceptably low.



Frogs Victoria Society
Treasurer's Report
Annual General Meeting – 1 April 2026

Frogs Victoria had a balance of \$285.18 at the time of incorporation on 1 July 2019.

The balance on 1 January 2025 was \$553.90.

The balance 31 December 2025 was \$366.39.

The most current balance on 31 March 2026 was \$288.70.

All income from the 2025 calendar year came from membership fees, amounting to \$620 as of 31 December 2025.

Expenditure for the 2025 calendar year is as follows:

Item	Amount
Mailchimp mailing list fee	\$233.68
Domain name renewal	\$48.61
BBQ	\$197.10
Gifts and tokens	\$350.00
Total	\$829.39

Venice Chan – Frogs Victoria Treasurer (2025)
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