



Meeting **Victor Harbor Horse Tram Authority**
Date **7 February 2024**
From **Megan Whibley**
Subject **Patronage of the Victor Harbor Horse Tram**
Report Number **4.1**

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the late report be received.
2. That the Victor Harbor Horse Tram Authority Board receive and note the Patronage of the Victor Harbor Horse Tram Report.
3. That the Victor Harbor Horse Tram Authority approve Confidential Item 11.1 of 24 July 2023 meeting be released from its confidential provision.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the VHHTA Board on Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia's acceptance of the recently submitted offer to become the Patron of the Victor Harbor Horse Tram. The acceptance was confirmed on January 30 2024, rendering this matter no longer confidential.

Background

In the VHHTA Board meeting of 24 July 2024, the VHHTA item 11.1 was made confidential:

1. VHHTA384 *Moved: Rachel Kennedy*
 Seconded: Carol Schofield

Pursuant to Section 90 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Board ordered that all members of the public be excluded, with the exception of the General Manger, Minute Secretary and Executive Assistant to the Director Corporate and Customer Service on the basis it will receive and consider item 11.1 (Confidential) Proposed Patron for the VHHTA.

The Board was satisfied, pursuant to Section 90 (3) (o) of the Act, that the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information that would disclose the unreasonable disclosure of information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award.

The Board was satisfied that the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because it includes information about a possible Patron of the Victor Harbor Horse Tram Authority.

2. VHHTA385 *Moved: Rachel Kennedy*
 Seconded: Carol Schofield

That the Victor Harbor Horse Tram Authority Board invite her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, to become the Tram Patron, and upon acceptance the General Manager may make the award public.

CARRIED

Following this motion, a letter was provided and dispatched to Her Excellency on 22 December 2023, seeking the privilege of her patronage. The letter also included copies of the VHHTA Annual Report and Charter for her review.

Commentary

The VHHTA is delighted to report that we have received correspondence dated January 30, 2024, confirming the honourable Governor's acceptance of our invitation to become the Patron of the Victor Harbor Horse Tram. We eagerly anticipate collaborating and working together in the future to promote the Horse Tram.

Having The Governor of South Australia serve as a patron for our organisation would bring significant benefits to our cause. The association with Her Excellency as our patron not only lends credibility but also amplifies the visibility of our organisation. This endorsement can attract attention and recognition, facilitating our efforts to reach a broader audience and garner increased support for our organisation.

With the official acceptance of patronage by Her Excellency, the VHHTA will adhere to VHHTA385, endorsed by the Board, and disclose the previous minutes and the patronage details to the public, hereby removing their confidential status.

Her Excellency the Honorable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, has publicly announced through her website that she is the Patron of the Victor Harbor Horse Tram.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risks associated with the recommendation have been assessed as follows:

Corporate Governance – Item 11.1, previously deemed confidential, has now been disclosed following the approval of a motion by the VHHTA Board. The risk is assessed as **low**.

Socio Political, Community Issues / Reputation – The Governor's role in promoting South Australia and endorsing organisations that share community interests seamlessly aligns with our goals. Having The Governor as our patron not only adds credibility but also enhances the visibility of our organisation. This risk is assessed as **Low**.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no Budget Implications associated with the Board receiving and noting the Patronage of Victor Harbor Horse Tram Report.