



MINUTES

**Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 16 April 2019, 7.35pm
Held at Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership
603–615 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne**

1. Welcome by the Chair

The Chair, Kevin Chamberlin, declared the Annual General Meeting for the year 1 January to 31 December 2018 open at 7.35pm and thanked members for coming along, noting there was a good attendance.

2. Attendance: present, apologies and proxies

Present: Kevin Chamberlin, Emmy Chung, Bill Cook, Stephen Farrugia, Peter Gerrand, Valerie Gerrand, Janet Graham, Stephen Hatcher, Michael Horscroft, Jan Lacey, Dan McDonnell, Jane Poynter, Duncan Rouch, Sue Scarfe, Lorraine Siska, Jacqueline Stevenson and John Widmer

Apologies: Nicholas Atkins, Sebastian Clark, Jenny Cook, Jacques Péril, Margaret Péril, Madeleine Scully, Geraldine Suter and Carolyn Thompson. No proxy forms were received.

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Bill Cook **Seconded:** Michael Horscroft **Carried**

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 April 2018, having been circulated electronically and taken as read, were accepted.

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 17 April 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Jane Poynter **Seconded:** Peter Gerrand **Carried**

4. Adoption of Treasurer's Report for 2018

Kevin commented that the Association's financial situation had improved significantly and said we should have a vote of thanks to Michael Horscroft for his 20 years of service as Treasurer.

Michael presented the Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2018. He said the cost of hiring the Bastow Institute's Dewey Common looked high because the \$400 figure consisted of two amounts of \$200 covering 2018 and 2019, it now being possible to pay for a year's hire in one sum. Thanks to some deft negotiations by Committee members, notably Jane, the storage cost had been halved by stashing the archived material in a smaller shed.

The City of Melbourne (CoM) grant for 2017 hadn't appeared in the accounts until 2018. The 2018 grant would probably appear in 2019. Michael explained that the basic Community Services Grant of \$1550 covered operating expenses such as storage and post office box hire.

The figure of \$976.72 under "Receipts" represented returns to the Association of money used to support Sustainability Street and the group opposed to the Baptist Church development. The bank had been happy to return the funds to the main NWMA account. The Association had also covered \$7000 for North West Patch, which had spent the money immediately on wicking boxes for the community garden at the Meat Market.

Cash on hand at 31 December 2018 was \$6688.55 and the term deposit balance at the same date was \$10,278.12.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for 2018 be adopted.
Moved: Michael Horscroft **Seconded:** Stephen Farrugia **Carried**

Motion: That the subscription fees for 2019 and 2020 remain unchanged.
Moved: Jane Poynter **Seconded:** Michael Horscroft **Carried**

5. Adoption of Annual Report for 2018

Kevin Chamberlin said the NWMA continued to be a major forum for presenting information from Council and State Government, about projects like the West Gate Tunnel and Metro Tunnel. The usual attendance of 17 or 18 at meetings rose to up to 50 when an interesting topic was on the agenda. The Association continued to work with the State Government and Council on a wide range of issues related to our community.

He added that the Association was still active on Council reform, particularly dealing with the gerrymander and the make-up of the Council. The State Government had amended some legislation in this area, but refused to deal with the major issues facing our community. The election system had been a litany of disasters. Cyber security experts at Melbourne University had found the system was deeply flawed and believed it might be producing erroneous outcomes. They had proof of a case in New South Wales where the wrong candidate had been declared elected as a result of the use of this technology.

The Association had played key roles in the West Melbourne Structure Plan and in expressing opposition to the Public Housing Renewal Program in relation to the Abbotsford Street estate, where it had helped to achieve a reduction in heights.

Kevin then invited other members to report on their areas of interest.

Peter Gerrand suggested asking the State Government to provide a mechanism for community input into the West Gate Tunnel Project similar to his and Rachael Palmer's role in the Metro Tunnel Project Community Reference Group.

Homelessness Action Group (HAG)

Lorraine Siska told the meeting that Lisa Sammut, a leading light in the HAG for many years, had been knocked over and quite badly injured at the 2017 Spring Fling and had had to reduce her commitment. No one else had stepped up to the plate. While members were willing to be part of the group, Lorraine was disappointed to report that the forum seemed to have become defunct.

Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek (FMPC)

John Widmer noted that FMPC had proved to be quite a valuable cross-referencing point, with a lot of information shared about the local creeks. John represents both the NWMA and the Kensington Association in this group.

Rail Projects Victoria (RPV): Metro Tunnel Project

Peter Gerrand and Rachael Palmer have both represented the Association in the Arden & Parkville Community Reference Group since the amalgamation of two groups at the end of 2018. Updating the meeting on activities in 2019, Peter said the Association had made some progress with CYP (Cross Yarra Partnership, RPV's construction partner) in being able to provide significant input on the history and industrial heritage of the Arden area to the Legacy Art Program for the new North Melbourne station. Kevin added that the NWMA was continuing to take part in the process and hoped to have influence on the artwork.

Motion: That the Annual Report for 2018 be adopted.
Moved: Kevin Chamberlin **Seconded:** Stephen Hatcher **Carried**

6. Election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members

Nomination forms were tabled and no further nominations were received. It was noted that Sebastian Clark was in hospital following a recent car accident and his paperwork was therefore missing but that he had expressed his wish to continue on the Committee. As the number of nominees did not exceed the positions available, the following members were declared elected unopposed:

Chair	Kevin Chamberlin
Deputy Chair	Sebastian Clark
Secretary	Jane Poynter
Treasurer	Jacqueline Stevenson
Assistant Secretary	Janet Graham
Ordinary Committee Members	Bill Cook, Michael Horscroft and Geraldine Suter

Up to two further Ordinary Committee Members may be co-opted onto the Committee at any time.

7. General business

There being no general business, the Chair declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 8.02pm. The April 2019 Ordinary General Meeting would follow almost immediately.