

Watsonia Neighbourhood House - Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Meeting – 16 November 2022

Meeting opened: 5.41pm

Opening of Meeting

Sally O'Meara (President) welcomed members and special guests with an Acknowledgement to Country.

Present and Apologies

Attendees:-

Cr Mark Di Pasquale, Cr. Rick Garotti, Sally O'Meara, Cheryl Findlay, Luke Nelson, Bob Regan, Lucie Holden, Julie Johnston, Beth Ware, Stephanie Dallas, Beryl Rantall, Paul Dunn, Tassia Moniz, Kylie Loy

Apologies:-

Lynne McHutchison, Shayne Collins, Kath Creagh, Rhonda West, David Hansen

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 17 November 2021

Moved: Sally O'Meara

Seconded: Lucie Holden

Motion: Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

nil.

Annual Reports tabled

President's Report – Sally O'Meara.

President's report was tabled- noting 30th Birthday celebrations, the 5 key directions of Watsonia Neighbourhood House and key partnerships with Banyule City Council & VALID. The challenges to operate night/weekend free/low cost activities as requested by community. The positive impact of the small things that the House does for the community. Upgrade of wifi throughout the House, the website upgrade and connecting to the community through weekly lunches. Sally thanked Lucie, her team and the Committee for their hard work and congratulated Cheryl for receiving a Jaga Jaga community volunteer award.

Manager's Report – Lucie Holden.

The Manager gave a powerpoint presentation on her work, along with the support of her staff, that was completed throughout the year. Including re-opening again after another lockdown and the support services provided to the community during this time including working in partnership with Greenhills NH with a food collective to help stock our community cupboard. On reopening, with community lunches and activities allowing people to reconnect.

She valued the strong working partnership with Banyule City Council and Watsonia Library to provide the Watsonia After Dark program and thanked the volunteers and staff who ran 46 activities with 395 participants.

With the support of grants from Australia Post & Banyule City Council, Social Sundays were also popular, offering family friendly events for the community. Partnerships have remained strong with Olympic Adult Education offering Interview Skills & Digital Literacy courses and working with Banyule Peer Action Group, together delivering a literacy course and podcast. Other successful activities were the running of community events during Neighbourhood House week, winter solstice and NAIDOC week. She finished her presentation acknowledging Banyule City Council, State Government, Committee of Governance and Watsonia Neighbourhood House Staff for their support.

Treasurer's Report

Bob thanked Banyule City Council, State and Federal Governments for current funding, helping to keep Watsonia Neighbourhood House in a good financial position. Income has also been generated through room hire and successful grant submissions. The House has been profitable for 6 out of the last 7 years with this year's profit being \$7 813.00 putting the House in a strong stable financial position.

Moved that the Annual and Financial Reports be approved.

Moved: Bob Regan

Second: Lucie Holden

Motion: Carried.

General Business

Membership Fees

Motion: That the Membership Fees for 21/22 be continued at the same level of \$10.

Proposed: Sally O'Meara

Second: Cheryl Findlay

Motion: Passed.

Any other Business

Cr. Di Pasquale stated he was humbled to be able to attend the AGM and loves Watsonia Neighbourhood House's engagement with the community.

Cr. Rick Garotti agreed and thanked the House and looked forward to future working partnerships.

Paul Dunn from VALID spoke of the fantastic partnership that has been built with Watsonia Neighbourhood House since moving their meetings from the library a few years back. He spoke of the great community development work including campaigning for funding with them now expanding into Ballarat and Frankston.

Election of Committee of Management

All positions were declared vacant and the floor handed over to Julie Johnston to act as Returning Officer.

Five nominations had been received:

Sally O'Meara for President

Cheryl Findlay for Secretary

Bob Regan for Treasurer

Luke Nelson for ordinary member

Kath Creagh for ordinary member

Julie declared the positions elected and handed the floor back to Sally. Also added she was a resident and benefited from the good work and activities provided from Watsonia Neighbourhood House.

Close of Meeting.

Sally closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed: 6.32pm