

Watsonia Neighbourhood House - Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Meeting – 20 November 2024

Meeting opened: 6.32pm

Opening of Meeting

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

Present and Apologies

Attendees:-

Sally O'Meara, Bob Regan, Lucie Holden, Callum Shaw, Gina Wittingslow, Cheryl Findlay, Tassia Moniz, Kylie Loy, Shannon, Elizabeth Ash, Lynne McHutchison, Kyle Broomfield, Julie Johnson, Michelle Wallace, Geoff Mee, Elana Berton,

Apologies:-

Rose Sommerhalder, Elizabeth Townsend, Natasha Coleman, Marina Bistrina, Ellen Kessler, Hafsa Abukav, Valerie Gasket, Cherryn, Mark & Lisa Zappino.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 22 November 2023

Moved: Sally O'Meara

Seconded: Bob Regan

Motion: Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

nil.

Annual Reports tabled

President's Report- Sally O'Meara

President's report was tabled- noting the amazing work Lucie has done in achieving grants. WHN would not be where it is without the grants to help support the community. Disappointment with the failure of the Voice To Parliament which was closely aligned with the values of WNH- had a strong support in Watsonia.

Manager's Report – Lucie Holden.

The Manager gave a powerpoint presentation on her work that was completed throughout the year. Including helping those in vulnerable circumstances through advocacy and building connections. WNH turns \$1.00 received through State Govt, Banyule CC, grants and self generated monies into \$3.28 value provided income. 10 funding applications generated \$47 116.00. Hours worked comes from 3 part time employees 63 hours, 36 volunteers 70 hours.

Two videos were shown

1. All we Share- who makes up a community
2. Men's Social Inclusion Project- 2 new social groups aimed at connecting men in the community.

Treasurer's Report- Bob Regan

The House has been profitable for 6 out of the last 9 years with this year having a deficit of \$4 300.00 far lower than had been estimated. Money has been spent wisely with more staff and programs and has a good sound base for overspending to keep programs running. The Treasurer was proud to be involved & thanked the staff & volunteers for their continued hard work.

Moved that the Annual and Financial Reports be approved.

Moved: Bob Regan

Second: Cheryl Findlay

Motion: Carried.

General Business

Membership Fees

Motion: That the Membership Fees for 24/25 be continued at the same level of \$10.

Proposed: Sally O'Meara

Second: Callum Shaw

Motion: Passed.

Any other Business

A long supporter of Watsonia Neighbourhood House passed away October 2024. Beryl Rantall was 82 and had been involved with WNH since 1995. Two months prior to Beryl's death, Wenting a university student doing her placement at WNH sat with Beryl to talk about her story. Bez as she was liked to be called, talked about attending classes, being on the committee and how she has seen the House grow over her 30 year deep connection. To her it was a home away from home.

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

Gina Wittingslow for ordinary member

Callum Shaw for ordinary member

Elizabeth Townson for ordinary member

Julie declared the positions elected and handed the floor back to Lucie.

Close of Meeting.

Lucie presented some committee and staff members with chocolates and thanked them for their work and support. Special acknowledgements and gifts went to Cheryl, Julie, Tassia and Kylie.

Meeting Closed: 7.09pm