

### **MINUTES**

# For Annual General Meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 2.30pm at Docklands Library

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#### **Attendance**

Chair: Russell Huntington

**Present:** Russell Huntington, Ann Johns, Jane Tulloch, Pauline Lomas, Merilyn Harris, Paul Wilkinson, Kai Simpson, Julienne Wight plus 48 members (32 in person + 16 Zoom) and 22

proxies.

Apologies: Brenda Meincke, May van Olphen

#### 1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

President Russell Huntington welcomed all members to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners the Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) and Boonwurrung people of the Kulin Nations.

#### 2. Confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 20th Nov 2020.

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, held on the 20<sup>th</sup>

November 2020, be approved.

**Moved:** Maria Quayle **Seconded:** Paul O'Brien

The motion was carried.

## 3. Receive and consider the Annual Report and the Financial Statement for the preceding financial year.

The President presented the report highlighting the significant difficulties faced again this year. He noted that the experience we had gained in 2020 meant we were well place to respond to the challenge and once again everyone had stepped up to make it a successful year. Six Team Leaders are stepping down at this AGM and successors for all of them have been sought and found. The website has been developed during the year with the new look site launching in September.

Financially, the unavoidable changes to delivery resulted in a surplus of \$52,749 against a budgeted deficit of \$5,519. This was due to a higher than forecast membership and significant classroom rental savings due to pandemic lockdowns.

**Motion:** That the 2021 report be received and adopted.

Moved: Jane Tulloch Seconded: Neil Rickards

The motion was carried.

#### 4. Motion regarding New Membership Joining Fee 2022:

**Motion:** That the AGM ratify the decision by The Committee of Management to suspend the New Member Joining Fee of \$20 from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Moved: Peter Lawson Seconded: Fran Sciarretta

The motion was carried.

#### 5. Motion regarding 2023 Annual Membership Fee:

This motion was not put to the meeting.

**Motion:** That the Committee of Management be authorised, at its discretion and at the appropriate time, to raise the 2023 Annual Membership Fee (Full and Associate) by a maximum of \$5 from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Moved: ...... Seconded: .....

#### 6. Motions regarding Early Renewal Discount for 2022:

**Motion 1:** That the AGM ratify the decision by The Committee of Management to offer a discount of \$25 to all members re-joining before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Moved: Lesley Bright Seconded: Julie Nankervis

The motion was carried.

**Motion 2:** That the AGM ratify the decision by The Committee of Management to offer a discount of \$20 to all associate members re-joining before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Moved: Lesley Bright Seconded: Julie Nankervis

The motion was carried.

#### 7. Respond to any Submitted Questions.

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There were no submitted questions

#### 8 Life Membership and Recognition of Service Awards

The President presented to the meeting citations for the Members receiving awards, approved by the Committee of Management, since the last Annual General Meeting. Life Memberships were awarded to Pat Collins, Max Warlond and Margaret Smith.

Recognition of Service Awards were made to Terry Rickard and Tony Page.

Presentations were made to those present.

#### 9. Elect Officers and Members to the Committee of Management:

The returning officer, Julie Nankervis, declared all positions vacant. Nominations have been received as follows. All nominees are financial members of

**President:** Russell Huntington **Committee Member:** Merilyn Harris

**Committee Member:** Vice President: Ann Johns Kai Simpson Jane Tulloch **Committee Member:** Peter Lawson Secretary: Pauline Lomas **Committee Member:** Treasurer: Sharon Carter **Committee Member:** Paul Wilkinson **Committee Member:** Julienne Wight

Given that the nominations were the number of members and office bearers required, all nominees were declared elected.

#### 10. President's Address

The President outlined plans for 2022. A substantial return to face-to-face learning is planned supported by a strengthened course co-ordination team and tutor complement. A Zoom element will be maintained, including the Summer School and regular Webinars. Face-to-face Forums are to return. There are plans to utilise termly themes to focus the offering and attract new members and tutors. 2022 will be the Year of the Tutor. The social agenda will be reflected with an increase in Let's Do activities and the return of the Winter Lunch.

#### 11. Closing

The meeting closed at 3.25pm.

The AGM was followed by a presentation and discussion with Gerard Mansour, the Commissioner for Senior Victorians.