

Landcare NSW

Annual General Meeting



Many Hands, One Voice

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
3pm 14 November 2019
CWA House - Level 1, 244 Coward Street, Mascot NSW

1.0 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Stephanie Cameron (Chair), Keith Hyde, Hunter White, Stuart Mosely, Bev Debrincat, Chris Post, Leslie Pearson, Claudia Wythes, Neil McLaren, Louise Turner, David Walker, Gareth Johnston, Alan McGufficke; Clare Vernon, Steve Harvey, Adrian Zammit, John McLoughlin, Robyn Woodlands (minutes), Karen Zirkler present representing Southern Landcare

APOLOGIES: Sue Salvin Dale Stringer Hannah Rice-Hayes Chris Scott Richard Bull Marg Applebee Rob Dulhunty (requested Minutes)

Keith Hyde to represent Lachlandcare.

Steph Cameron Chair asked is it feasible to start the AGM meeting earlier than the advertised time of 3.45pm?

PROPOSED David Walker: yes, if all agreed parties are present.

SECONDED Chris Post

CARRIED Meeting commenced at 3pm

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land the Gadigal people.

Steph Cameron said our thoughts are with those affected by bushfires.

Trees in the House event was very successful Landcare NSW had a lot of support for the event.

History of Landcare was an excellent presentation, thanks to Leigh McLaughlin for organising it.

Members of Council were advised by Stuart Moseley that we are recording the Minutes.

1.1 Presentation of Chairman's Report

Chairman's report tabled. Published to website. Taken as read.

We have come a long way in 10 years, Landcare's bipartisan, grass roots approach is what has sustained us. Times are tough, land carers need help on the ground.

Steph Cameron acknowledged Adrian Zammit and his team for work well done.

Steph Cameron said she was honoured to be the Chair of Landcare NSW. We have reached our KPI's and she has enjoyed interacting with everyone on Council. The number one priority is local land carers. The challenge is the extreme levels of growth we have experienced, and we need to collaborate with each other. Thank you everyone for the team effort.

MOVED: Claudia to thank Steph Cameron for her strong leadership and dedication and time.

Adrian Zammit thanked Steph Cameron for her support.

SECONDED: Steve Harvey who also thanked the Executive for their efforts.

1:2 Presentation of Audited Financial Statements – Hunter White

Hunter White, Treasurer, presented the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Hunter White thanked John McLoughlin and Steph Cameron and the FARM committee for their support.

The net operating surplus of the association for the year ended 30 June 2019 was \$243,492 (2018 comparative adjusted surplus: \$142,671). During the 2017/2018 financial year the association invested \$40,000 in a Social Enterprise Start up, Citizen Blue Limited, through the Total Environment Centre Inc. The Committee have determined during the current financial year that the \$40,000 carrying value for this investment was not supportable at 30 June 2018 and have agreed to write it back into the 2018 year as a prior year error.

The treasurer noted that:

In accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Landcare NSW Incorporated, the committee declare that in their opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Regulations 2014, and:

(a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and

(b) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2019 and its performance and cash flows for the year ending on that date.

2. In the committee's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that Landcare NSW Incorporated will be able to pay all of its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Based upon this recommendation from the Committee, the Treasurer recommends adoption of the financial reports.

MOVED Hunter White

SECONDED Les Pearson

1.3 Endorsement of skills- based appointees

Council has the opportunity to include skills-based appointees. The following nominees are presented for endorsement.

Steph Cameron

Hunter White

Claire Vernon (Youth Member)

MOVED Stuart Mosely

SECONDED Keith Hyde

1.4 Appointment of Public Officer and election of office bearers.

Neil McLaren proposed that the Operations Manager of Landcare NSW will hold the position of Public Officer. Current Operations Manager is John McLoughlin.

Election of officer bearers

Chair stepped down, and all executive positions vacated. John McLoughlin as Public Officer lead the meeting.

The following nominations have been received

Chair – Stephanie Cameron

Deputy Chair - Keith Hyde

Treasurer - Hunter White

Secretary - Stuart Mosely

Committee Members – Bev Debrincat, Leslie Pearson, Margaret Applebee, Chris Post

These nominations have been endorsed. That they be accepted:

MOVED David Walker

SECONDED Alan McGufficke

CARRIED

1.5 Nominations for NLN and other committee memberships

Chair requested this item be moved back to the Council meeting to be documented. Council meeting was reopened to allow for the Amendment to the Agenda.

1.6 Membership Fees

Group Landcare Body corporate Members (Tier 1) will remain the same. \$250 +GST

Small Landcare Body Corporate Members (Tier 2) \$100 + GST

Endorsed Individual Members Fee is set at \$0

Stuart Mosely and Hunter White in discussion advised these fees are set by the committee.

MOVED Gareth Johnston to accept the recommendation that the endorsed individual member fee be set at \$0

SECONDED Alan McGufficke

All agreed. Carried.

Honorary Life Members

Life Member Award presented to David Walker from Steph Cameron.

David has been instrumental in the genesis and growth of Landcare both in NSW and nationally. David was the foundation Chair of Landcare NSW from 2007 to 2010 and drove the need for a National Landcare Peak body and becoming the Foundation Chair of the National Landcare Network (NLN). David was Deputy Chair of Landcare NSW from 2011 to 2015. Thank you to David for his many years of dedicated service to Landcare.

Chris Post asked have if all positions were filled and was advised by Steph Cameron there are no extra challenges and all positions are filled.

Meeting Closed 3.43pm