

Leigh Catchment Group

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday October 13th 2015, 7.30pm

Albert Coates Complex, Federation University, Mount Helen

Attendance and Apologies

<u>Attendance</u>: Andrea Mason, Adrian Newman, Xenon Ellis, Talia Barrett, Louisa-Jane Cunningham, Heather Fagg, Marianne Shrieke, Stephanie Davidson, Kate Constance, Nick McKinley, Karen O'Keefe, Peter Cameron, David Turley, Sandra Weller.

<u>Apologies</u>: David Sullivan, John Nolan, Mary Nolan, Mat Dowler, Sonia Mahony, Jeanette Mitchell.

Minutes from LCG 2014 Annual General Meeting, held October 14th, 2014

Previously circulated. Minor corrections: spelling of some names, to be attended to by secretary.

Moved: Sandra Weller, Seconded: Louisa Jane Cunningham

Matters arising: None.

Presentation of Annual Report including the Chair's Report (tabled) - Andrea Mason

The Chair commended Kate Constance for the preparation of this year's annual report and requested that copies to be distributed to LC groups by members attending the AGM. The report is a summary of the activities of the LCG from July 2014 to June 2015. Several significant events have occurred since this date, including the Annual Landcare Awards, where Napoleons LC group was awarded a Recognition Award for their efforts. The Chair also noted that while 2015 has been a difficult year in some aspects, it has also been very positive in others.

Moved: Andrea Mason, Seconded: Heather Fagg. All in favour.

Treasurer's Annual Financial Report 2014/2015 (tabled) - Peter Cameron.

The treasurer introduced the financial report, stating that the format is the same as the previous year in that it has the figures from the previous financial year included for reference. The balance shows a surplus for the year, as at 30th June, indicating how much capital is available to cover the activities of the LCG going forwards.

Moved: Peter Cameron, Seconded: Talia Barrett. All in favour.

The Chair noted that finances will need careful attention to ensure our continued stability and, specifically, that fundraising activities must continue to be undertaken.

Appointment of Board Members

The Chair thanked Mat Dowler, who has resigned from the board, for his service during the last 2 years.

Election of Office Bearers

The Chair stands down for the interim chair, Karen O'Keefe. All positions declared vacant.

Nominations:

- Chair: Andrea Mason nominated by Adrian Newman, no other nominations received.
 Seconded by Heather Fagg, Andrea accepts position of Chair.
- Vice Chair: David Turley nominated Andrea Mason, no other nominations received.
 Seconded by Louisa-Jane Cunningham, David accepts position of Vice Chair.
- Treasurer: Peter Cameron nominated by Louisa-Jane, no other nominations received.
 Seconded by Talia Barrett. Peter accepts the position of Treasurer, with the proviso that his tenure concludes at end of the current financial year, handing over to a new treasurer before the next AGM. David Turley will continue as assistant treasurer in the interim.
- Secretary: Sandra Weller nominated by Talia Barrett, seconded by Adrian Newman. No other nominations received. Sandra accepts position of Secretary.

Board members: Only one nominee received following the resignation of Mat Dowler, Xenon Ellis, whose nomination was accepted by all. There is still one board vacancy. All other board members will continue their tenure.

The Chair noted that there is still a lot of work for the board to do. Continuation of strategic planning, clarifying our constitution, networking and partnership building, and fundraising opportunities are the main agenda items to be addressed.

Meeting closed 7.56 pm.