

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at Rhododendron Gardens
3 December 2022

Meeting opened at: 10.34am

Present: Allan Binns, Ann Brown, Anne Murdoch, Anne Paterson, Carl Neville, Caroline Hudson, Chris English, Chris Pickering, Cindy Ryan, Colleen Barclay, Col Meharg, Dave Currie, David Jenkins, Denise Aubourg, Ellen Manning, Elizabeth Ray, Fred Morrison, Sam Garrett- Jones, Sandra Feltham, Sashi Krishna, Steve Perry, Stuart Almond, Sue Martin, Terry Presland, Theresa Urbanski, Tracee Lea, Ursula Lischner, Vivienne Audus, Susan Middleton, Graham Smith, Greg Tillman, Jack Gal, Jan Liddiard, Jennifer Meharg, Jill Hawkes, Jim Cowling, John Groom, John Healy, Karen Corr, Kay Elliott, Liz Rouse, Maureen Bins, Michael Feltham, Michael Sampson, Nerine Lynch, Patricia Jenkins, Patricia Mackey, Paul Sims, Pamela Robinson, Penny Howes, Penny Lovibond, Peter Aubourg, Peter Bique, Peter Jack, Phil Prentice, Reddy Krishna, Robyn Sim, Ron Audus, Ronda Bique, Rosly Stewart, Ros Tierney, Russell Verdon

Apologies: Pam Hayes, Gary Gavegan, Mel Marriott

1, Presidents Opening Remarks

Welcome, it is good to see everyone here with a good number of 71 registered to attend.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 8 December 2021

A copy of the Minutes of last year's Meeting has been sent to all meeting participants.

Motion: "That the Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 8th December 2021, be approved as a true copy".

Moved: Peter Jack

Seconded: John Healy

3 Business arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

4. Annual Report

The period from July 2021 to end June 2022 was challenging due to the lockdown last year and the extensive wet weather earlier this year.

Although we have been operating without restrictions for a year now, in some respects, we still don't seem to have got back to where we were at the end of 2019. The number of members dropped by about 20, and still remains at that level, and the overall number of activities obviously dropped significantly due to restrictions, then stayed low due to cancellations because of the weather and subsequent damage to bushwalking areas in particular. A breakdown of our activities will be included in the Minutes of this meeting which will be distributed to everyone next week. In summary, there was a total of 1975 participants attending 170 activities compared to 2859

participants and 234 activities the previous year. Interestingly the average number of participants per activity was 12 for both years.

A total of 28 leaders organised activities over the last financial year. Some showed incredible resilience in having to cancel and reschedule time and time again while the weather played havoc with our program. Special thanks must also be given to those leaders who organise trips away. There were 6 trips - all were well-subscribed, extremely well organised and enjoyed by everyone: Jill Hawkes, John Groom, Gerry O'Leary, Joe Pike, Graham Burgess and Tony Jennings. We cannot underestimate the commitment that goes into planning, reconnoitring and managing a trip involving any number up to 28 participants. Thank you all..

Earlier this year, we wrote to Shellharbour Council to re-iterate our concerns about the safety of the kayak ramp at Skiway Park and reported that we had had a few slipping incidents. In June the council advised us that funding had been obtained for dredging in the area and improving access to the ramps. They undertook to advise us when a start date for construction work was known. As yet, we have not heard from them.

At our last meeting the committee considered a proposal put forward by Phil Prentice to create a new role - that of Welfare Officer. We are mindful that some of our members are no longer able to join our activities, or in some cases, health issues have got in the way. Occasionally we notice that someone hasn't been seen around for a while. Many are long time members of the club. This new role will be a focal point for following up in some way to make sure we don't lose touch. The committee unanimously approved the proposal and accepted Phil's offer to nominate for the role. Thank you Phil.

Robyn Sim has decided to step down as Secretary. Thank you Robyn for your contribution over the last few years, I have enjoyed working with you. You have done a great job in keeping us on track with our meetings, following up and managing our correspondence and records. We look forward to your continuing involvement as an active member of the club.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their commitment and support during the last year. We work well as a team which makes it so rewarding despite the challenges. It is an honour to be the President of a club comprising of people from all walks of life who have a common interest in enjoying the outdoors – be it walking, cycling or paddling, enjoying good company and enjoying a good cup of coffee.

I will now ask Peter Jack to present the Financial Report.

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that the club is in a good financial position despite a drop in income from membership fees & an increase in expenses. He also stressed the need to attract new members. See attached report.

Peter also thanked Penny Howes for all her work over the last 12 months as President & expressed gratitude for all her efforts

Motion: "That the reports be accepted"

Moved: John Groom

Seconded: John Healy

Hand over to John Groom as the Returning Officer for election of Committee Members.

6. Election of New Officers for the Coming Year

President

Nominations:

Penny Howes

Moved: Phil Prentice

Seconded: Anne Murdoch

Penny Howes elected

Secretary

Nominations:

Penny Lovibond

Moved: Penny Howes

Seconded: Peter Jack

Penny Lovibond elected

Treasurer

Nominations:

Peter Jack

Moved: Russell Verdon

Seconded: Ronda Bique

Peter Jack elected

Program Manager

Nominations:

Stuart Almond

Moved: Jill Hawkes

Seconded: Caroline Hudson

Stuart Almond elected

Website Manager

Nominations:

Penny Howes

Moved: Denise Aubourg

Seconded: Colleen Barclay

Penny Howes elected

Membership Secretary

Nominations:

Anne Murdoch

Moved: Chris English

Seconded: Jan Liddiard

Anne Murdoch elected

Newsletter Editor

Nominations:

Pam Hayes

Moved: Russell Verdon

Seconded: Trish Mackey

Pam Hayes elected

Activities Recorder

Nominations:

Caroline Hudson

Moved: Michael Feltham

Seconded: Colleen Barclay

Caroline Hudson elected

Training & Special Interests Coordinator

Nominations:

Colleen Barclay

Moved: Ros Tierney

Seconded: Graham Smith

Publicity Officer

Nominations (shared role):

1. Russell Verdon

Moved: Sue Martin

Seconded: Michael Feltham

2. Mel Marriott

Moved: Dave Currie

Seconded: Sandra Feltham

Russell Verdon & Mel Marriott elected

Welfare Officer:

Nominations:

Phil Prentice

Moved: Steve Perry

Seconded: John Healy

Phil Prentice elected

John Groom also acknowledged Fred Morrison who will continue as Public Officer.

Meeting closed: 10.58am

Penny Howes

President

Robyn Sim

Secretary