

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of East Clifton Hill Residents Inc (No A0114110I)

The Annual General Meeting of **East Clifton Hill Residents Inc (No A0114110I)** held on Zoom on Thursday, 30 November 2023 at 5:30PM

Attendance:

Present on Zoom

Andrea Allan, Andrew Barbour, Sue Barbour, Justin Francis, Barry Giddings, Lyn Harper, Jane Herington, Colin Hocking, Carol Jasen, David Levin, Gail Lloyd, Terry Nott, Mark Plackett, Melinda Schumann (O'Donnell), Crina Virgona

Present by Proxy

Carole Stingel to David Levin, Ray Tonkin to David Levin, Virginia Swanton to Jane Herington

Apologies

Gwyneth Anderton, [treating Kim Kingston's proxy as an apology] Kim Kingston

Membership

Only members of ECHRI are entitled to vote or appoint proxies at the AGM. Membership is \$10 p.a. and any membership in the financial year is deemed to commence on 1 July of that year, whenever paid.

Quorum

There must be a quorum attending the AGM for the meeting to proceed. To make up a quorum for the AGM we need 10% of the members to attend in person or by proxy. We presently have 36 members. A quorum is therefore 4 members.

The Secretary advised that XX were in attendance in person or by proxy, and the quorum is 10% of our membership eligible to vote being XX had been achieved.

Andrea Allan as Vice- President assumed the Chair pursuant to Rule 46(1) of the ECHRI Rules in the unfortunate absence of Ray Tonkin.

The Vice- President opened the meeting at 5:37 p.m. The following resolutions were then put to the meeting in accordance with the ECHRI Rules

Ordinary Resolutions

Proposed by Zena Helman and seconded by Jane Herington

- (a) *the minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on 16 September 2022 (attached) are confirmed.*

Proposed by Lyn Harper and seconded by Andy Lloyd

- (b) *The meeting resolved to receive and approve—*
- (i) *the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and*
 - (ii) *the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.*

Proposed by Jane Herington and seconded by Andy Lloyd

- (c) *to determine the number of members of the Committee for the forthcoming year should be up to 10;*

Explanation

By Rule 53(1) the members of ECHRI in the AGM must by resolution decide the number of ordinary members of the Committee (if any) the members wish to hold office for the next year. Having decided on the number, the Chair of the meeting will invite nominations.

The existing officeholders and committee members are the following:

Ray Tonkin	President
Andrea Allan	Vice-President
David Levin	Secretary
Lyn (Nettie) Harper	Treasurer
Colin Hocking	Committee member
Jane Herington	Committee member
Melinda Schumann	Committee member
Justin Francis	Committee member
Andy Lloyd	Committee member

The chairperson of the meeting declared all positions on the Committee vacant pursuant to Rule 50(2) of the ECHRI Rules and proposed elections for those positions.

Only Ray Tonkin nominated to stand as President. He was elected unanimously.

Andrea Allan informed the meeting that she did not wish to nominate for Vice-President.

Each of the other officeholders agreed to stand again for the position each held. They were each elected without dissent.

The Chair of the meeting then invited nominations for the Committee.

Colin Hocking Committee member
Jane Herington Committee member
Melinda Schumann Committee member
Justin Francis Committee member
Andy Lloyd Committee member

The five former committee members agreed to stand again and were re-elected without dissent.

Proposed by Jane Herington and seconded by Lyn Harper

(d) the annual membership fee of \$10 running from the start of the financial year is confirmed.

After the resolutions were passed the meeting discussed various issues of interest

1. 81 Spensley St application PLN23/0634 for a planning permit for a commercial sign to advertise the health clinic being run at the premises. Andy Lloyd explained that the sign was to be 1200 x 1000 cm. He expressed the view that such a sign is too large for a heritage residential area. He explained that the website suggested a wide range of medical practice was being undertaken and this would attract traffic and was inappropriate for a residential area in a heritage zone. The sign would be out of place. David Levin suggested he email the ECHRI email list members from Spensley St to draw attention to the application. Any objection must be filed by 4/12/23.

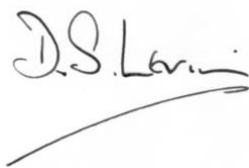
Carol Jasen expressed the view that business in a residential area was problematic.. Andy Lloyd agreed, asking why could the practice not conduct its business in a commercial area.

2. There was discussion regarding the funds of ECHRI. Some had been donated for a specific 'purpose' or campaign. Nettie Harper suggested that next year at the AGM we resolve to treat all donated funds as given to the organisation for general purposes, as allocating to specific campaigns is problematic.
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4. Terry Nott raised the enquiry into planning processes at Yarra Council being conducted by Julie Reid. He, David Young and Virginia Noonan had met JR last week in a productive meeting. JR role is to comment on process and is grounded in reports from the Monitor. Yarra is the only council to approach the general community in this way. There was general discussion. Colin Hocking said that a short submission should be given on behalf of ECHRI. The Council processes were way out of line. There were two distinct failures: the failure to properly address heritage issues in the original advice of the planning dept; and the failure to act properly for council at VCAT. The planning officer had not followed policy

David Levin explained that he had made written submissions to Julie Reid and he would send these to Colin so that he could draw up a single page submission if he wanted to.

5. Royal Hotel
David Levin raised the issue that although current developments were unknown there were rumours of an intention to serve liquor on the street around the hotel. Zena Helman said that the Royal Hotel appeared to have a general liquor licence. It is unclear if this permitted sale on the street. Mark Plackett said that there was no production licence for the gin distillery, so far as he knew. Carol Jasen said that a separate permit would be needed for trading outside the premises. David Levin undertook to try and establish what the legal situation was. Andy Lloyd explained there was a table in the front bar where gin could be tasted. Andrea Allan said that a few weeks ago a window had been opened, benches had been placed in the street, and liquor was served to customers on the street.
6. Colin Hocking raised his concern about the vacant block next to Flower of Sorrento.

The meeting ended at 6:35pm

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D.S. Levin', with a long, sweeping horizontal line underneath it.

David Levin
Secretary
East Clifton Hill Residents Inc