

## **DRAFT 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 Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at 7:30PM

### **Attendance**

#### **Present on Zoom**

Ian Armstrong, Justin Francis, Barry Giddings, Lyn Harper, Jane Herington, Colin Hocking, David Levin, Andy Lloyd, Tom Lohdan, Virginia Noonan, Melinda Schumann (O'Donnell), Ray Tonkin, Robyn Williams

#### **Present by Proxy**

Virginia Swanton proxy in favour of Jane Herington;  
Kim Kingston proxy in favour of David Levin;  
Cas Stingel proxy in favour of David Levin;  
Zena Helman proxy in favour of David Levin

### **No Apologies**

### **Membership**

Only paid-up members of ECHRI are entitled to vote or appoint proxies at the AGM.

### **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 45 members. A quorum is therefore 5 members. The Secretary advised that 17 were in attendance in person or by proxy, and that the quorum had been achieved.

Ray Tonkin as President assumed the Chair.

The President opened the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

### **President's Report**

A copy of the report as to the activities of ECHRI over the 12 months to 30 June 2024 is attached.

The following resolutions were then put to the meeting in accordance with the ECHRI Rules

### **Ordinary Resolutions**

#### **Proposed by Andy Lloyd and seconded by Jane Herington**

*the minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on 30 November 2023 (attached) are confirmed.*

**The motion was carried unanimously**

## **Proposed by Colin Hocking and seconded by Barry Giddings**

*the meeting resolved to receive and approve—*

- (i) the annual report of the President on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year (**attached**) ; 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 (**attached**);*
- (iii) the Policy and Procedure Statement which the Committee has drawn up to provide a framework for the involvement of ECHRI in local planning and development issues (**attached**).*

## **The motion was carried unanimously**

The Treasurer, Lyn Harper, then discussed some financial matters. She explained that ECHRI has money sitting in campaign 'buckets', when donations were received for a particular planning campaign. She asked whether we should we think about putting the 'designated' money into general campaign funds.

Andy Lloyd agreed that we ought to put the money into general campaigns. David Levin drew attention to the fact that the ECHRI bank account had all the funds in one account; there were no separate funds, Jane Herington wondered whether the Royal might re-emerge as an issue in the future.

Lyn Harper noted that if some major issue arose in the future the funds could be used. Lyn then proposed a motion to clarify the situation:

## **Proposed by NH and seconded by AL**

*That the current monies designated for specific campaigns, such as the Royal, be designated for general campaigns*

## **The motion was carried unanimously**

Andy Lloyd explained the details of the Policy and Procedure Statement. Traffic management and waste management issues lead to no common views in the community so ECHRI will not get involved. We will try to concentrate on matters of planning policy.

Colin Hocking observed that ECHRI might revisit the policy in the future.

## **Proposed by Lyn Harper and seconded by Barry Giddings**

*The meeting determined that the number of members of the Committee for the forthcoming year should be 10;*

Ray Tonkin as chair 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. Barry Giddings agreed to take the position as chair once the officers and committee members had vacated their respective positions.

The following positions are required to be filled (by separate elections) under Rule 52:

- (a) President;
- (b) Vice-President;
- (c) Secretary;
- (d) Treasurer.

Andy Lloyd nominated Ray Tonkin to stand as President and seconded by David Levin. Ray Tonkin agreed to accept the nomination and he was elected unanimously.

Colin Hocking nominated Melinda for Vice-President. Melinda accepted the nomination as Vice-President and was duly elected.

David Levin agreed to stand as Secretary and was duly elected unanimously

Lyn Harper agreed to stand as Treasurer and was duly elected unanimously.

The Chair of the meeting then invited nominations for the Committee. Five nominations were received.

Colin Hocking, Jane Herington, Justin Francis, Andy Lloyd and Barry Giddings

All were duly elected unanimously

### **Proposed by Jane Herington and seconded by David Levin**

*The meeting confirmed the annual membership fee of \$10 running from the start of the financial year.*

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

### **City of Yarra election**

Andy Lloyd and Jane Herington explained the results.

Sarah McKenzie, the Labour candidate, won in our ward, Yarra Bend Ward. Edward Crosland (Green's Mayor) and Sophie Wade (Green) were re-elected. Four councillors from Stephen Jolley's group, Yarra For All, were elected. There are also two other unaffiliated independents, Meca Ho for Melba Ward and Andrew Davies for Lennox Ward.

Andy Lloyd referred to the fact that, in his view, transparency has improved recently since the new CEO was appointed. The culture she appears to be creating has been welcome.

### **The Yarra Heritage Officer**

Colin Hocking: The Yarra Heritage Officer has little or no input into planning. Yarra should change and elevate the views of the Heritage Officer. Many of the planning issues locally are to do with heritage.

Ray explained the way Yarra operates in relation to planning matters.

Jane Herington: There is an opportunity to deal with issue of how heritage advice is channelled into planning decisions. It would be a big ask to expect the new councillors to call for changes, until they get on their feet. We have still not seen the Julie Reid review. We should ask the CEO for it.

Colin Hocking: It should not be for a group of local residents to decide what good heritage values are. We need to pressure council on established stated policy in the legislation.

Ray Tonkin suggested that we should press for the planning review by Julie Reid. Lyn Harper expressed the view that we could approach the new Yarra Bend Councillor, Sarah McKenzie, too. Informally.

### **Elderly Citizens**

Robyn Williams congratulated ECHRI on its approach to issues such as the recent post box removal issue and indicated her particular interest in respect of elderly citizens. ECHRI is important not just in East Clifton Hill. Loneliness is an issue – health – in longer term ECHRI might consider these issues.

### **Subway tunnel**

Tom Lohdan raised the issue of the painting and decoration in the subway tunnel under the train tracks and Heidelberg Road. He raised the fact that it was deteriorating and covered in graffiti.

Ray Tonkin: Local artist started it.

Jane Herington: I believe she has moved out of the area.

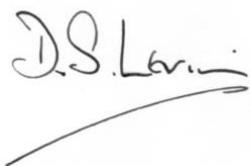
Part of tunnel is controlled by VicRoads (where the art installation was undertaken; part is VicTrack.

AL: It might be good to see if there could be a group of Friends of the Tunnel. Perhaps this is a matter for the Good Karma network

Tom Lohdan: There is a clean up every so often, but the graffiti returns.

Melinda Schumann knows the artist and will attempt to get the facts and views from her on what might be done.

The meeting ended at 7:25pm



David Levin  
Secretary  
East Clifton Hill Residents Inc