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## Permaculture Victoria Inc Annual

### General Meeting 2020

MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2020 ON ZOOM ELECTRONIC MEETING PLATFORM

Present: Megan Platte, Mal Boyd , Simon Walters, Heather Elliott, Petra Kahle, Michaela Hill, Joanne Cody, Liz River, Lucinda Flynn, John McKenzie, Fleur Baker, Paul Handley, Lorna Martin, Michelle Fisher, Leharna Black, Robyn Erwin, Cheryl Wilmott, Warwick Bone, Carla Gardiner

Apologies: Alison Chatfield

Proxies: Alison Chatfield (for Megan Platte)

Meeting opened 2:00pm

#### 1. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

Mal Boyd addressed the meeting, indicated that it is our virtual AGM and Meg Platte detailed instructions for using the chat feature. Lorna Martin was introduced as our guest speaker as the Victorian representative of Community Gardens Australia. Meg Platte gave the acknowledgement.

Mal handed over to Leharna Black to chair the meeting.

Leharna made a brief introduction

Lorna Martin spoke about the history of Community Gardens Australia, its activities and its relationships with Permaculture. It was followed by a question and answer session.

#### 2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

It was noted that the minutes had not been circulated with the notice of meeting and therefore approving them would be held over until a special general meeting

#### 3. ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20 and presentation of Local Group and Special Interest Group reports

It was proposed that the Annual Report for 2019-20 be accepted.

Moved: Mal Boyd      Seconded: John McKenzie      Carried unanimously

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Heather Elliott presented the Membership Report to the meeting

Leharna thanked Heather for her contribution.

It was proposed that the Membership Report for 2019-20, as included in the Annual Report circulated with the notice of meeting, be accepted.

Moved: Mal Boyd      Seconded: Simon Walters      Carried unanimously

#### 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Simon Walters presented the Financial Statements to the group.

It was proposed that the Financial Statements for 2019-20, as included in the Annual Report passed around the room and circulated in the with the notice of meeting, be accepted.

Leharna thanked Simon for his contribution.

Moved: Mal Boyd      Seconded: Meg Platte      Carried unanimously

#### 6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

Leharna Black asked Petra Kahla to step in and chair the meeting for the election of officebearers.

All positions were declared vacant and nominations were called for by the chair.

Mal Boyd was nominated by Megan Platte for the position of President and seconded by Simon Walters and Mal accepted the position.

As no other nominations were received Mal Boyd was duly elected with no objections.

Leharna Black was nominated for the role of Vice President was nominated by Mal Boyd and seconded by Simon Walters and Leharna accepted the position.

As no other nominations were received Leharna Black was duly elected with no objections.

Simon Walters was nominated for position of Secretary by Megan Platte and seconded by Lehana Black and Simon accepted the position.

As no other nominations were received Simon Walters was duly elected with no objections.

John McKenzie was nominated for the position of Treasurer by Mal Boyd and seconded by Megan Platte and John accepted the position.

As no other nominations were received John McKenzie was duly elected with no objections.

Liz River was nominated for the position of Ordinary Members by Megan Platte and seconded by Mal Boyd and Liz accepted the position.

As no other nominations were received Liz River was duly elected with no objections.

The following nominations have been received for Group Representatives:

Bee Group (BEE)

Benalla Permaculture

Eastern Suburbs Permaculture Group (ESPG)

Greater South-East Permaculture Group (GSEPG)      Megan Platte

Mountain Districts Permaculture Group (MDPG)

Mornington Peninsula Permaculture Network (MPPN)      Fleur Baker

North East Region Permaculture (NERP)      Lucinda Flynn

Otways & Coast Permaculture Group (OCPG)  
Permaculture Carrum Carrum  
Permaculture Out West (POW)  
Permaculture South West Victoria  
South-East Suburbs Permaculture (SESPG)  
West Gippsland Permaculture (WGPG)

John McKenzie  
Michelle Fisher

Terry Avery

The committee ratified and accepted Heather Elliott in the role of Membership Officer  
Petra Kahle handed the meeting back to Leharna Black as chair.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1. Subscription rates for 2020-21**

John McKenzie introduced the topic and asked for suggestions from attendees. Current ideas include:

- providing an additional period of time on existing members' subscriptions
- providing introductory memberships to encourage facebook page members to become members as well as to develop our grants policy.
- offering associate memberships to other groups eg: ATA
- importance of Facebook group members to become financial members

It was proposed to maintain the previous year's membership rates for 2020-21:

1 year Membership \$36 full \$28 concession + \$14 per extra person

2 years Membership \$68 full \$52 concession + \$24 per extra person

1 year Earlybird Renewal \$32 full \$24 concession + \$10 per extra person

2 years Earlybird Renewal \$60 full \$44 concession + \$16 per extra person

It was proposed to maintain the existing local group membership rebates at previous year's level.

Moved     Simon Walters     Seconded     Mal Boyd     Passed unanimously

### **7.2 Grants Policy Updates**

Mal Boyd and Leharna Black spoke regarding the timeline of development of our revised Grants Policy, how it would be put out for discussion and provided general answers relating to it.

### **7.3 Rule Change Proposal**

Proposals for modifying PcV's rules of association have been received from Benalla Permaculture and the committee has resolved to hold a special general meeting to address them.

Leharna Black declared the meeting closed 4:00pm