



Australian Garden History Society Inc. 40th Annual General Meeting

Held

**Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington New Zealand
Saturday 26 October 2019 11:30am**

Minutes

Apologies - John Taylor, Jane Lennon, John Dwyer, Anne Claoue-Long, Steven Halliday .

Attendance – Margaret Lee, Denham Williams, Maxine Alden, John Maurer, Ann Maurer, Tim Entwisle, Ann Wegener, Graham Hesse, Richard Bird, Bruce Augris, Judy Pearce, Sue Byrne, Roslyn Burge, Cynthia Nadai, Jane Smylie, Margaret Long, Stuart Read, Sue Jardine, Tim Kendall, Nancy Clarke, Wendy Dwyer, Mark Dwyer, Ann Kennedy, Glenn Williams, Malcolm Wilson, Margaret Betteridge, Anne Philp, Gerri Nicholas, Jeff Jenkinson, David Low, Angela Low, James Beattie, Anne Smith, Jocelyn Backhouse, Jim Vaughan, Sue Rattray, Penny Williams, Michael Williams, John Viska, Jane Macarthur, Jessica Hood, Graham Wilson, Helen Wilson, Patsy Vizents, Gillian Jenkinson, Dorinda Rogers, Heather Marr Malcolm Traill, Libby Percival, Sarah Lucas, Clive Lucas, Sue Medalia, Robyn Sim, Graham Smith, Nicola Downer, Penelope Curtin, Paul Morgan, Colleen Morris, Margie Bourke, Max Bourke, Antoinette Van Der Weaden, Lyn Oliver, Diana Renou, Susan Slaughter, Ralph Hunt, John Passioura, M Holden Bronwyn Blake, Callie Allan, Rick Shepherd, Jenny Mc Kellar, Ed Wallace, Anne Wallace, Mary Jane Morgan, Liz Gee, Bee Dawson, Knowles Kerry, Gary Phillips, Dale Gordeon, Michael Szwarbord, Diana Alexander, Elizabeth Teed, Peter Hayward, Nikki Hayward, John Tucker, Esther Tucker, Janet Thomson, Kay Johnson, Jill Sheetz, James Quoye, Michaela Hill, Ian Alexander, Liz Kerry, Joc Cox, Kathy Wright, Elizabeth Thomson, Sally Price, Glennis Clark, Karen Pyke, Richard Nolan, Helen Rietveld, Ros Stewart, Tim Gatehouse, Lady Gillian Deane, Rosia Pasteur, Hazel King, Sue Tuisk, Ulli Tuisk, Jane Salmon, Jill Bartlett, Chris Betteridge, Marjorie St John, Gina Plate, Christine Hay, Mary Dwyer, John Adam, Belinda Moss, Maria Hitchcock, Liz Chappell, Roslyn Savio, Kathy White, Geoff Teed, Bunny Gorringer, Lois Cloister, Caroline Bray, Penelope Holden, Gail Douglass

National Chair, Richard Heathcote, welcomed AGHS Members to the 40th Annual General Meeting and commenced proceedings with warm welcome to the Society Patron, Tim Entwisle, New Zealand friends and AGHS members

Apologies as noted.

1. Previous minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting

Richard Heathcote presented the Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting held at The Mittagong RSL on 27th October 2018, 8:30 am

Motion: That the Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting be approved.

MOVED: John Maurer

SECONDED: Max Bourke

RESOLVED

2. Chair's Report

Our year began in Mittagong where the Southern Highlands Branch delivered our 2018 conference on the theme of 'Gardens in time of peace and conflict'. Held at the Mittagong RSL it was fully subscribed and a great success providing participants with a stimulating program and a particularly stirring conference after dinner speech by our newly installed patron Dr Tim Entwistle.

A preconference Symposium was held at Joadja, an historic industrial landscape created by shale oil mining and extraction. This gave members a different participatory experience broke and was led by Dr Helen Armstrong. The Society thanks the Southern Highland conference coordinating committee for delivering a stimulating and beautifully organized conference program that also demonstrated their work in the region in the recently established botanic gardens.

At the AGM held during the conference there was only one change to the NMC elected members (eight positions) and our Treasurer of the past three years Elizabeth Teed stood down creating a vacancy to be filled later in the year by Graeme Capel. Elizabeth had practiced careful stewardship of the Society's funds and was acknowledged and thanked by the Chair on behalf of the NMC and members present. Graeme took up his role in January and has been instrumental in assisting Lisa, our National Executive Officer, in bringing improvements to the membership data base management and financial administration. Membership levels have fluctuated but remain at the respectable mark of 1583 (previous year 1544)

The Annual Planning Day for the NMC was held in February at Melbourne and hosted by the National Trust of Victoria. Coordinated by Jess Hood (Vice Chair) and Bronwyn Blake (Secretary) time was spent in small groups working on topics ranging from advocacy, membership, marketing and approaches for the 40th Anniversary year. A particular focus was given to our organizational structure and governance questioning whether it aided or impeded attracting other generations and potential members from professions related to the Society's mission of advocacy and conservation.

Branches remained strong and vibrant providing three changes to Branch Representatives to the NMC (nine positions) and we welcomed: Julia de Roeper (SA), Lyn Barrett (NSW) and Anne Claoue-Long (ACT) to the NMC.

Three projects that make up the national program continued to advance including: the National Oral History Collection program; 'Expanding Horizons' the 2019 conference in Wellington, NZ and the completion and launch of the AGHS publication Recording Gardens (both hard copy and online formats). Considerable work has also been invested in ensuring that the 2020 Fund to finance Branch driven events and projects for the 40th Anniversary program has a firm base and lasting benefits.

Bernadette Hince, our esteemed journal editor and Mariana Rollgejser our highly prized designer have again produced four editions of the journal to inform and delight us and they are to be congratulated on the very high standards of content and presentation that our journal delivers.

I have greatly appreciated the skill and management abilities of Lisa Tuck, our National Executive Officer, who is continually improving the way our Society organizes its business and membership services. In only her second year in the role she has truly made a difference to how well the Society is run.

Richard Heathcote - AGHS Chair

Motion: To move that the Chair's report for 2017/18 be accepted.

MOVED John Viska SECONDED Colleen Morris
RESOLVED

3. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of a Treasurer, the audited AGHS financial statements for 2018/19 were presented by Lisa Tuck NEO. (See full report in Annual Report)
Members with accounting experience were invited to consider taking on the role as National Treasurer.

The Society is in a healthy position despite a small overall loss of \$2,278

Balances in cash management and current account:

Head Office \$635,086

Branch Funds \$269,283

Motion: To move the Treasurer's report be accepted

MOVED Lisa Tuck

SECONDED Kathy Wright

RESOLVED

4. Appointment of AGHS Auditor for 2019/20

Richard Heathcote proposed the re-appointment of Pascoe Whittle as the AGHS Auditor for the 2019/20 financial year.

Motion: That Pascoe Whittle be appointed as the AGHS auditor for 2019/20 year.

MOVED Max Bourke

SECONDED Richard Nolan

RESOLVED

5. Election of National Management Committee Members

Richard Heathcote called on the Secretary for nominations received.

Roslyn Burge declared three nominations had been received.

- Bronwyn Blake – re election
- Stuart Read – re election
- John Maurer – re election

Richard Heathcote asked the attending members if anyone was prepared to fill the Treasurer's position. Without any replies the Treasurer position was declared vacant.

Motion: That the nominations for Bronwyn Blake, Stuart Read and John Maurer onto the National Management Committee be accepted.

MOVED Nancy Clarke

SECONDED Ros Savio

RESOLVED

6. General Business

Meeting closed 11:50am

