



NEWSTEAD 2021 (N2021) FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **26 FEBRUARY 2013 @ Newstead Community Garden**

Meeting commenced 7.10 pm, chaired by Genevieve Barlow

Note: An extension of time for the 2012 N2021's AGM and lodgement of financial statements was granted by Consumer Affairs Victoria on 9 December 2012, ensuring N2021's compliance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

Present: Janet Barker, Genevieve Barlow, Gordon Dowell, Gary Gibson, Saide Gray, Ros Hart, Nick Hudson, Mary Park, Andrew Shirres, Chris Simmons, Bronwyn Smith, Karly Smith, David Stratton, Kate Tucker, Gayle Wallan

Apologies: Don Culvenor, Angela Down, Patrick Kavanagh, Wesley Martin, Steve Proposch, Geoff Park, Kylie Richardson, Ronald Snep

Minutes of the previous AGM:

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of Newstead 2021 held September 30, 2011 were correct. *Moved – David Stratton, seconded – Mary Park.*

Reports

President: Geoff Park's report presented.

Recap of achievements of N2021 including recent involvement in Newstead Community Plan - tribute to the wonderful work of Janet Barker (Newstead Community Planning Coordinator), Newstead Railway Station arts hub and 'Accessible Newstead'. N2021 plays a key and ongoing role within the Newstead community.

Renewable Newstead: Don Culvenor's report presented.

Looking at next steps, having successfully completed the Home Energy Assessments program in conjunction with SRA (formerly CVSC). Talking to experts, including Tosh Szatow planning a small trial of households to reduce energy use, and also discussions with ABB regarding a plan for a PV park with battery smoothing.

The River Project: Patrick Kavanagh's report presented.

The Loddon River project has continued with a federal government grant for weed control and plantings along the Loddon River and at the confluence of the Loddon and Muckleford Creek. Potential funding from the Victorian Government 'Communities for Nature' program.

Community Planning: Janet Barker's report presented.

The engagement and data collection phase of 'Our Town, Our Say' ends on 3 March with the planning day. Lots of engagement occurred with over 150 people contributing. General themes that have emerged include: open spaces, community infrastructure, local economy, community access & services and community life.

The Community Garden & Produce Exchange: Mary Park's report presented.

Another successful and busy year with funding from Mount Alexander Shire Council (MASC community grants, regional arts fund and Newstead & District Swimming Pool and the Maldon & District Community Bank. A number of events and workshops, visits and presentations were held. The Produce Exchange is also a firm fixture for the local community as well as visitors to town (thanks to Liz Bell for all of her work with this).

Newstead Express: Carol Porter's report presented.

Plans to preserve the old railway station and develop the site into a valuable community resource for activities and enterprise. Application for Regional Arts Victoria EOI for \$350K funding was lodged recently. N2021 is the lead applicant (providing administrative and project management skills) and Newstead Salon is the major partner, with the MASC listed as providing support.

Accessible Newstead: Verbal reported presented by David Stratton.

MASC is providing a grant of \$12,000 to transform Newstead into an "accessible town" for all, project to be auspiced by N2021. This funding will pay for an accessibility audit and paying for some of the recommendations, including providing portable ramps for businesses in Newstead's CBD.

Newstead Bike & Skate Park: Steve Proposch's report presented.

Plans for a community bike and skate park underway with the former netball courts (corner Canrobert & Hilliers Streets) earmarked as the preferred site.

Saide Gray moved that all reports be accepted. Kate Tucker seconded. Reports accepted.

Treasurer's Report: see summary of financial statements for year ended 30 June 2012, and as at 24 February 2013 (as prepared by Kylie Richardson).

Ros Hart moved that Treasurer Reports and tabled financial statements be accepted. Mary Park seconded. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements accepted.

Election of office bearers

Bronwyn Smith presided over the election of the officer bearers. All positions were declared vacant.

The positions elected were:

President – Geoff Park *Nominated by David Stratton and seconded by Nick Hudson.*

Vice-President – Genevieve Barlow *Nominated by Ros Hart and seconded by Garry Gibson.*

Secretary – Karly Smith *Nominated by Genevieve Barlow and seconded by Saide Gray.*

Treasurer & Public Officer – Kylie Richardson *Nominated by Andrew Shirres and seconded by Ros Hart.*

Committee members: Don Culvenor, Angela Down, Saide Gray, Nick Hudson, Patrick Kavanagh, Mary Park, Andrew Shirres, Dave Stratton, Kate Tucker, Gayle Wallin

General Business:

- 1. Update – new pedestrian bridge:** MASC has appointed Lambert & Rehbein to undertake the survey and design of the new pedestrian bridge (site survey and geotechnical testing complete). Liaising with NCCMA to determine 1 in 100 year flood levels. Concept plans expected to be finalised by end of March for presentation to stakeholders.
- 2. ABN for N2021:** Unanimous agreement for N2021 to apply for an ABN to enable this organisation to apply for grants/funding independently (avoiding the need for another organisation to auspice the grant), and to enable N2021 to auspice other community groups when they are applying for funding.

Executive to:

- apply for ABN.
- investigate one-off insurance for events/activities public liability insurance – rather than 12-month continuous insurance.
- explore costs of Director & Officer insurance.

Meeting closed: 8.10 pm

Attachments

A. Annual report – **[download here.](#)**

B. Summary of financial statements for year ended 30th June 2011 and as at 23rdSeptember 2011 – **[download here.](#)**