

Newstead 2021 Inc Annual General Meeting - Minutes - Nov 12, 2017

(Newstead Arts Hub) Chair: President Andrew Skeoch

1. **Meeting opened 5.10pm**
2. **Present:** Mary Park, Geoff Park, Ros Hart, David Stratton. Gordon Dowell, Jenny Dyer, Gen Barlow, Don Culvenor, Andrew Skeoch
3. **Apologies:** Saide Gray, Gary Gibson, Janet Barker, Kylie Richardson, Pat Fensham

4. **Confirming 2016 AGM Minutes**

Mary Park presented minutes of N2021 Inc 2016 AGM. Moved David Stratton, seconded Don Culvenor and accepted that these were a true & correct record of the N2021 Inc 2016 AGM

5. **Election of Office Bearers**

Andrew Skeoch declared all positions open, announced he would not renominate as president and called for nominations for:

President: Gen Barlow (moved Don Culvenor, seconded Geoff Park)

Secretary: Saide Gray (moved Don Culvenor, seconded Andrew Skeoch) assuming she is happy to take on the role.

Treasurer: (moved Don Culvenor, seconded Geoff Park) Kylie Richardson.

Discussion around future leadership. All committee members to approach & engage other possible leaders & members. *Gen to speak with Megan Wong & David Stratton to approach Sam Hudson.*

General Committee (moved Mary Park, seconded Jenny Dyer) elected as follows: David Stratton, Geoff Park, Ros Hart, Andrew Skeoch, Gordon Dowell, Don Culvenor, Gen Barlow, Gary Gibson, Saide Gray. *Gen to contact Neal Bethune, Pat Fensham & John Nieman to confirm committee membership.*

Discussion on reports due to Consumer Affairs, Mary confirmed two statements to be signed & held on N2021Inc files.

6. Receipt of Annual Reports - see attached statements

Financial Report: The annual financial statements, including balance sheet and statements of account transactions as prepared by Treasurer Kylie Richardson were tabled in the agenda, circulated on Nov 11 and addressed at the meeting by Mary Park. Those documents are attached.

President's Report - Andrew Skeoch tabled his report & said he'd been proud to be part of the group and expressed his appreciation for the committee's support. Moved David Stratton, seconded Gordon Dowell a vote of appreciation to Andrew for his leadership.

Project reports

Rocket Science: David Stratton tabled his report & said monthly sessions were unsustainable so sessions will be held as & when ideas come forth & people bring the energy to organise them. Ros Hart commented on the great response to the Difficult Conversations session & acknowledged Bronwyn Smith's organising effort. Highly successful with 50 people attending.

Words in Winter: David Stratton reported that the Newstead Arts Salon will take on Words in Winter this year which has receded in other towns & has lost its original oomph. Principal agents for organising in Newstead in 2018 will be Sam Hudson, Frances Wade & Bob Clutterbuck. Discussion around \$409 in WiW account & the need for projects to contribute to N2021Inc admin fees such as insurance. This hasn't happened to date & the general account has had to pay the insurance to cover all groups.

Actions: *David Stratton to discuss options with WiW so that some of those funds be contributed to the N2021Inc general account to help pay for insurance. It was noted the Newstead Community Garden had its own insurance.*

Gen to write to N2021Inc auspiced groups asking they include amount in their grant applications for N2021Inc to help pay for insurance. Groups include Newstead Arts hub, Newstead Walks & Wheels, Rocket Science & WiW.

Accessible Newstead: David Stratton tabled this report and suggested remaining funds in AN account be used to install an easy access door at the Newstead Post Office. Geoff Park noted the original council included a generous administration component. The intent of the grant was duly met, with funds going to general account for administration. Discussion around options for funding PO door.

Action: David Stratton to research what funds/grants might be available to install door. Remaining AN funds to stay in N2021 Inc general account.

Community Lunch: Andrew Skeoch reported that Lou Brown had asked to run CL finances through N2021Inc but new CL cook/organiser Anthony Santamaria wished to discontinue this when he took over. Anthony now runs the lunch with no formal public reporting of moneys in & out through N2021Inc. Ros Hart reported lunch is popular and food is good and for some who attend it's their best meal for the week. Discussion around CL insurance coverage. Community Lunch could apply to become an N2021 project - a representative would need to join as a committee member and all financial transactions be reported.

Action: Moved Mary Park, seconded Ros Hart & Don Culvenor that the CL account is closed and its funds are transferred into the N2021Inc general account, that Gen write to Anthony confirming that the Community Lunch is not associated with N2021. Gen to also write an item for the Newstead Echo explaining current & completed (Accessible Newstead) projects, Arts salon is taking over WiW, community lunch run by Anthony Santamaria & not a project of N2021 Inc.

Renewable Newstead: Gen Barlow tabled the RN report and Don Culvenor summarised current state of project, acknowledging Tosh Szatow's work. Currently the project model looks like including a 2-3MW solar park with a retailer providing a range of tariffs. It's likely tariffs will be ready to present to community before Christmas. Business case & model to be finalised in Feb, will apply to Jobs for Energy Fund for implementing. Discussions with Powercor in train for a research project to be funded possibly by ARENA. Don says power will be greener, cheaper and model will be replicable & suggested an 85% chance of pretty good or great outcome. Powercor tariff trial will be for 2 years & if we can't get 50% of Newstead signed up then that tariff will not continue. If more than 50% sign up, it's likely the tariff will continue & eventually be extended across the wider network. Those present acknowledged Don, Gen, Tosh & Geoff's contribution.

Walks & Wheels: Jenny Dyer reported that four main walking cycling routes are proposed - along the river, in town, in a bush circuit around Newstead and a Newstead-to-Maldon cycling route. They will be accessible by pram, bike, wheelchair etc. Maps of the proposed routes are almost ready for public consultation hopefully over the next month. They will be at the CFA community market. Jenny said it was important to gather community support & said the group had spent a year building relationships with key people including council. She urged people to complete the council's current recreational study. Flynn Hart's contribution was noted. Other members of this group are Maritsa Gronda, Linda & Andrew Shaw.

Action: All N2021 Inc people to spread the word asking as many as possible to complete council's online recreational study. David Stratton to post about this on Newstead Community website.

Newstead Community Garden: Annual report was tabled. Mary reported that this year, unlike previous years, the NCG did not have funds set aside to pay the water bill & rent as it usually did. Fundraising ideas being sought. New pergola installed by Neil Tait. Janet Barker acknowledged for her invaluable contribution as grant seeker & doer.

Newstead Arts Hub: Andrew Skeoch reported that it's been a challenging year with Sarah Koschak and Julie Patey keeping things moving but needed new blood. Chris Johnston acknowledged for her visioning work with the new Arts Hub vision due to be presented & likely formally signed off on Nov 13. Two workshops held: the Ilka White workshop was successful & brought in over \$1000. Mary Park reported that Carolyn Cardinet work with the school children had been great for the school & kids. Also the recent children's exhibition, "Australian Impressions", at arts hubs was popular on grandparents' day.

For noting: David Stratton reported that the Maldon & District Community Bank (aka Bendigo Bank) had agreed to become head lessee of the Newstead Goods Shed & will sublease this to Newstead Arts Salon. The goods shed renovation is on the Victrack project nomination list.

Meeting closed:

Newstead 2021 Financial Report 2016-2017

Profit and Loss Statement 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Prepared by Kylie Richardson, N2021 Treasurer

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Balance Sheet

As of June 2017

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Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Cheque Account - General	\$1,674.52	
Arts Hub	\$9,883.03	
Garden Account	\$7,381.71	
Renewable Newstead Cheque Acc	\$12,512.54	
Rocket Science Account	\$458.05	
Community Lunch Account	\$578.25	
Words in Winter Cheque Ac	\$409.69	
Total Cash On Hand	<u>\$32,897.79</u>	
Total Current Assets		<u>\$32,897.79</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$32,897.79</u>
Liabilities		
Net Assets		
		<u>\$32,897.79</u>
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$5,932.73	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	\$7,131.06	
Historical Balancing	<u>\$19,834.00</u>	
Total Equity		<u>\$32,897.79</u>

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Account Transactions [Accrual]

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Account	ID#	Src	Date	Memo	Debit	Credit	Job
1-1110 Cheque Account - General							
	CR000093	CR	12/10/2016	Fire Forum Grant	\$988.00		
	CR000094	CR	10/11/2016	DELWP renewable newstead	\$50,000.00		
	bpay	CD	15/11/2016	David Chea		\$150.00	
	bpay	CD	21/11/2016	Julie Patey		\$130.00	
	GJ000008	GJ	25/11/2016	Bridging RN returned	\$300.00		
	GJ000009	GJ	25/11/2016	RN Grant		\$50,000.00	
	GJ000010	GJ	25/11/2016	Arts hub Patey transfer		\$350.00	
	GJ000011	GJ	25/11/2016	Comm Garden Member tfr		\$40.00	
	eftpos	CD	2/12/2016	Maldon Urban Landcare Group		\$222.53	
	325	CD	7/12/2016	Dja Dja Wurang		\$550.00	
	CR000099	CR	7/12/2016	Sarah Koschak	\$55.00		
	CR000100	CR	9/12/2016	The Norman Wetten	\$500.00		
	EFTPOS	CD	28/12/2016	Newstead Community Centre		\$4.60	
	eftpos	CD	29/03/2017	Castlemaine Copy Centre		\$102.00	
	324	CD	30/03/2017	Consumer Affairs		\$55.80	
	323	CD	26/04/2017	Discount Domain Name Servic		\$45.00	
	CR000097	CR	19/05/2017	Sarah Koschak - diggers plus d	\$100.00		
	321	CD	12/06/2017	Pollard Insurance		\$945.36	
	bpay	CD	12/06/2017	Pollard Insurance		\$1,381.04	
	CR000098	CR	15/06/2017	Megan Wall	\$30.00		
					\$51,973.00	\$53,976.33	

balance as at 30/6/17
\$1674.52.

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1-1112 Garden Account							
	CR000042	CR	10/07/2016	Membership	\$40.00		
	bpay	CD	22/07/2016	Australian Biodynamics Victori		\$40.00	
	CR000043	CR	22/07/2016	MASC Grant Ironworks	\$900.00		
	CR000044	CR	22/07/2016	Donation	\$10.00		
	bpay	CD	24/07/2016	Janet Barker		\$100.00	
	bpay	CD	24/07/2016	Royal Horticulture Assoc		\$160.00	
	CR000045	CR	17/08/2016	Produce Exchange	\$14.80		
	CR000046	CR	5/09/2016	Produce Exchange	\$30.00		
	CR000047	CR	16/09/2016	memberships	\$60.00		
	CR000048	CR	16/09/2016	Produce Exchange	\$9.20		
	bpay	CD	25/09/2016	Janet Barker		\$60.00	
	CR000049	CR	18/11/2016	Produce Exchange	\$16.85		
	CR000050	CR	18/11/2016	Festival of Gardens income	\$1,141.00		
	bpay	CD	21/11/2016	GR & MJ Park		\$360.00	
	bpay	CD	21/11/2016	Janet Barker		\$119.82	
	GJ000011	GJ	25/11/2016	Comm Garden Member tfr	\$40.00		
	bpay	CD	21/12/2016	Rewells Mower Service		\$132.60	
	CR000129	CR	1/02/2017	Garlic Sales	\$530.15		
	Bpay	CD	18/02/2017	All Saints Church		\$330.00	
	CR000130	CR	27/02/2017	Garlic	\$30.00		
	CR000131	CR	27/02/2017	Produce Exchange	\$20.00		
	Bpay	CD	5/03/2017	Angela Down		\$50.00	
	CR000132	CR	31/03/2017	Produce Exchange	\$33.15		
	CR000133	CR	31/03/2017	I C Visit	\$10.00		
	CR000134	CR	31/03/2017	Market	\$38.40		
	Bpay	CD	3/04/2017	Newstead Recreation Reserve		\$1,100.00	
	Bpay	CD	13/04/2017	Australian Biodynamics Victori		\$225.00	
	bpay	CD	2/05/2017	Janet Barker		\$132.00	
	Bpay	CD	2/05/2017	G M Barlow		\$32.50	
	CR000142	CR	2/05/2017	Newstead Rural Transaction C	\$1,000.00		
	CR000143	CR	12/05/2017	DSS	\$4,942.22		
	CR000135	CR	23/05/2017	Janet Barker	\$28.00		
	Bpay	CD	25/05/2017	Janet Barker		\$28.20	
	CR000136	CR	29/05/2017	Garden Fees	\$508.00		
	bpay	CD	6/06/2017	Mary Park		\$100.00	
					\$9,401.77	\$2,970.12	

balance as at 30/6/17

\$7381.71

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1-1114 Renewable Newstead Cheque Acc							
bpay		CD	8/07/2016	Mulqueen Printers		\$106.70	
bpay		CD	24/07/2016	G M Barlow		\$2,985.50	
bpay		CD	31/07/2016	Tim Tim Entertainer		\$300.00	
bpay		CD	8/08/2016	Newstead Primary School		\$500.00	
bpay		CD	8/08/2016	Newstead Primary School		\$800.00	
bpay		CD	9/08/2016	Janet Barker		\$78.10	
bpay		CD	9/08/2016	Legion Office		\$71.50	
bpay		CD	9/08/2016	G M Barlow		\$3,319.44	
bpay		CD	9/08/2016	MAB design		\$100.00	
bpay		CD	16/08/2016	Phillip Duus		\$264.00	
bpay		CD	23/08/2016	G M Barlow		\$775.00	
GJ000008	GJ		25/11/2016	Bridging RN returned		\$300.00	
GJ000009	GJ		25/11/2016	RN Grant	\$50,000.00		
1		CD	28/11/2016	Energy for the People		\$17,336.00	
eftpos		CD	13/12/2016	G M Barlow		\$4,028.40	
CR000103	CR		8/02/2017	Don Culvenor Donation	\$3,000.96		
bpay		CD	18/02/2017	G M Barlow		\$799.23	
bpay		CD	9/03/2017	Energy for the People		\$11,003.85	
GJ000012	GJ		13/04/2017	Transfer rental		\$2,000.00	
bpay		CD	2/05/2017	G M Barlow		\$4,822.53	
CR000104	CR		15/05/2017	Misc income Try Booking	\$1.50		
bpay		CD	6/06/2017	G M Barlow		\$860.30	
bpay		CD	11/06/2017	Green Graphics		\$198.00	
					\$53,002.46	\$50,648.55	

balance as at 30/6/17
\$12512.54

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1-1115	Rocket Science Account						
	CR000033	CR	25/08/2016	23.7.16 Dementia Info Session	\$44.00		
	bpay	CD	25/09/2016	Bronwyn Smith		\$85.95	
					<u>\$44.00</u>	<u>\$85.95</u>	

balance as at 30/6/17
\$ 458.05

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1-1116	Community Lunch Account						
	CR000036	CR	3/08/2016	Cash from Community Lunch	\$899.25		
	eftpos	CD	21/02/2017	Newstead Community Centre		\$323.00	
					<u>\$899.25</u>	<u>\$323.00</u>	

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\$578.25

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1-1117 Words in Winter Cheque Ac							
	CR000057	CR	4/07/2016	Pay Pal	\$0.20		
	CR000058	CR	27/07/2016	Ticket Sales	\$150.00		
	CR000059	CR	30/07/2016	Ticket Sales	\$508.59		
	CR000060	CR	2/08/2016	Ticket Sales	\$200.00		
	CR000061	CR	8/08/2016	Ticket Sales	\$450.00		
	CR000062	CR	8/08/2016	Ticket Sales	\$108.00		
	CR000063	CR	10/08/2016	Ticket Sales	\$37.00		
	CR000064	CR	10/08/2016	Ticket Sales	\$300.00		
	CR000065	CR	12/08/2016	Ticket Sales	\$80.00		
	CR000066	CR	15/08/2016	Ticket Sales	\$75.00		
	CR000067	CR	16/08/2016	Ticket Sales	\$435.00		
	bpay	CD	23/08/2016	Crazy Domains		\$19.95	
	bpay	CD	23/08/2016	David Stratton		\$112.00	
	bpay	CD	23/08/2016	G & A Rose		\$230.00	
	bpay	CD	23/08/2016	Saide Gray		\$200.00	
	bpay	CD	23/08/2016	Cinema Plus		\$55.00	
	bpay	CD	23/08/2016	Dunolly Gilbert and Sullivan		\$500.00	
	CR000068	CR	23/08/2016	Donations	\$87.85		
	CR000069	CR	26/08/2016	Enviroshop Sponsorship	\$250.00		
	bpay	CD	28/08/2016	Elliott Midland		\$420.00	
	bpay	CD	29/08/2016	Andrew Law		\$200.00	
	CR000070	CR	29/08/2016	Door Money	\$35.00		
	bpay	CD	25/09/2016	David Stratton		\$40.00	
	bpay	CD	19/10/2016	Newstead 2021		\$300.00	
	CR000071	CR	28/10/2016	Ticket Sales	\$60.00		
	eftpos	CD	5/01/2017	Tarrengower Times		\$290.00	
					<u>\$2,776.64</u>	<u>\$2,386.95</u>	

balance as at 30/6/17

\$409.69

Newstead 2021

Annual Report

2016-2017

Annual General Meeting

12 November 2017

Newstead Railway Arts Hub



COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2016-2017

With thanks to:

Andrew Skeoch, President

Saide Gray, Secretary

Kylie Richardson, Treasurer and Book-keeper

Geoff Park

Genevieve Barlow

Mary Park

Don Culvenor

Ros Hart

David Stratton

Neal Bethune

Gary Gibson

Patrick Fensham



PAST PROJECTS 2009-2017

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PROJECT REPORTS 2016-2017

Updating Newstead's Community Plan

Rocket Science Community Conversations

Words in Winter

Accessible Newstead

Renewable Newstead

Newstead Community Garden

Newstead Railway Arts Hub

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016-2017

Andrew Skeoch

This past year sees a further success and expansion of 2021's activities.

The scale of projects 2021 is involved in, often as the initiating body, is diverse. Some involve sustained activities like the Community Garden and Arts Hub, while others are initiatives such as Renewable Newstead, which aim to facilitate specific new opportunities within our community.

As can be seen from the individual reports, each project has had its challenges and demands this year. I'm pleased to say that each has also had its successes. Renewable Newstead, possibly the most professionally demanding, is moving toward the final stage of the brief for which we've been funded. It is an exciting outcome, as we move on to preparing a business case for renewable power in the town. I'd like to thank all those involved in this achievement, and in particular Don Culvenor, Geoff Park and Genevieve Barlow, who have each contributed a great deal of their professional skills and personal dedication.

The Arts Hub has been another success, despite the admittedly flagging energy of the current committee of management, many of whom have been there since the beginning. I hope that Chris Johnson's visioning process, and the document that results from it, will invigorate interest from the community and attract new faces to get involved, and I thank Chris for her facilitation of the community discussions it has involved. A part of that future will be the development of a plan for gardens and surrounds of the railway building, plus signage including heritage railway station signs, and congratulations to all those involved in that process. I'd also like to highlight the roles that Julie Patey and Sarah Koschak have played in initiating activities in the Arts Hub, ranging from exhibitions to artist workshops, which have contributed to it being both a social and financial success this year.

The Community Garden continues to be a bustle of energy with its dedicated group of plot holders and helpers. On top of the usual compost making, garlic growing and never ending weeding, there have been successful grant funds to spend on new equipment and a pergola.

Meanwhile other projects are winding down or moving on; Rocket Science, Words in Winter and Accessible Newstead among them. Common to these has been the extraordinary vision

and contribution of Dave Stratton, and I'd like to give him a high five for all that he has, and continues to, input to Newstead being a vibrant community.

2021 continues to be a collaborative team dedicated to supporting the growth and development of Newstead. I'm proud to be part of a group of skilled and committed individuals with such a unity of purpose, and whilst I shall not be renominating as president for the coming year, I hope to participate as part of the committee.

Project Reports

Rocket Science Community Conversations

Bronwyn Smith and I, following the Committal of the MAS grant that funded monthly sessions, continued Rocket Science sessions on other topics into mid 2016. Volcano Dreaming July 2016 was the final session for 2016.

In March 2017 it was announced that "Bron and I have loved our time as the astronauts at the controls of the Newstead Rocket Science spaceship - but we both crave a quieter life.

No, we are not giving it up but what we will stop is **monthly sessions**

From now on, there will be a session when there is an exciting guest idea - think as big as you can, make suggestions, reach out. We will too!"

Accordingly there has been only one, but an extremely successful (50 people) session - *Important Conversations at the End of Life* held in September, 2017.

There has been no significant income or expenditure apart from the RTC \$500 grant (catering admin expenses) in late 2016.

In August 2016 \$89.95 was reimbursed for costs associated with the Dementia Aged Care Session. \$250 is claimed for catering provided by Anthony Santamaria and \$19.00 for photocopying for the most recent Rocket Science session in September 2017

Rocket Science Community Conversation about End of Life Planning.

Words in Winter 2016

Everything and anything to do with words featured a series of events at the Arts Hub and other venues about Newstead and surrounds

A headline act was the Gilbert & Sullivan Singalong Concert at the by the Dunolly Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

An annual Newstead Colloquium at Dig Café found Nick Hudson and David Stratton leading an erudite examination of language and its changing nature. First it was 'Washing Up' then it was 'Beds', then 'Tea', then 'Pickles' and now we are getting wrapped up in clothing. What are the words in the fashion world? Followed immediately by the launch of Kevin Moylan's book - One Flew over the Kookaburra's Nest - an inside account of skullduggery in the Tasmanian mental health system.

This year again invited word wrangler, Kate Burrige to ponder how our language would have differed if Harold had won the day at the Battle of Hastings.

Volcanoes too are a returning theme. This year Volcano Dreaming interwove the Dja Dja Wurrung stories with the seismology of Mt Tarrengower and Mt Franklin, with Auntie Julie Mchale and Professor Gary Gibson.

In Copywrong, Dr Emily Hudson explored what is behind copyright. Dr Lynne Kelly presented her book, The Memory Code, about possible memory devices for vast pools of pre-literate knowledge.

Along with the regular Clever Town Challenge quiz, was a poetry-writing and song-writing workshop within the art-filled walls of Newstead's Railway Arts Hub, plus a showing of Paul Cox's last film, Force of Destiny, much of which was filmed in Newstead. With a gold coin entry fees or \$5 entry to most events, Words in Winter was a very accessible community event.

Words in Winter 2017

The festival this year was run by Rose DeMario and was smaller. The Arts Salon are planning to take it over next year and this is, therefore, the final report. There was no significant income or expenditure.

Accessible Newstead

This project has been quiescent for several years now and should probably be taken off the 2021 books.

The only remaining issue, from my point of view, is the funds which appear to have been absorbed into general 2021 revenue - the detailed records having been lost.

A brief, and approximate, summary is below.

Item	Income	Expenditure
Grant from MAS	\$15000	
Public liability insurance		\$1000
Access Audit		\$7000
Ramp OT Report		\$500
Ramps (x3) & Signs (x4)		\$600
TOTAL	\$15000	\$9100

As can be seen there are funds remaining, even allowing a portion for 2021 overheads.

My, personal, preference - assuming we don't all just shrug and give up - is that \$5000 or so be put towards the purchase and installation of a second-hand, electric sliding door at the Post Office. The current door there is the worst access hot spot in the town.

Newstead Community Garden

There are currently 32 members (plot-holders and friend/supporters). **Projects/grants that have been completed since last AGM:**

RTC Grant - \$1000 - \$1192.00 paid for new pump at garden tank.

Federal Volunteers Grant - \$4,999.22 for pergola, bamboo covering, etc., hoses, fittings, etc. \$4,938.68 spent. **Events and happenings:**

Castlemaine & District Festival of Gardens November 2016 – open garden along with three other local gardens; seventh Birthday Lunch & plot renewal (May 2017) - speakers Cassia Read (Emerging Landscapes, garden design) and Caroline Cook (Konjo Mama).

Men's Shed has assisted with hose reel making.

Loddon Prison has been supplying seedlings in autumn and spring.

BD Compost making a regular event.

There re regular meetings outside gardening days to improve governance and communication; aiming for at least 4 per year.

Gardeners have taken on specific “overseer” roles, e.g. berries, shed, igloo/ seeds, herbs, social media, compost, etc.

Over spring, fortnightly working bees to keep up with the growth. Pergola/ pizza oven area completed, irrigation and watering ready for summer, new plantings - fig, ornamental grapes, berries, kiwi fruit, and herbs.

Fundraising garlic being grown at Welshman's Reef Vineyard.

One individual plot will be available next May.

Fundraising will be required for the next financial year, as we will not be participating in the Festival of Gardens.

Blog: <http://newsteadgarden.wordpress.com/>

Renewable Newstead

Annual Report to Newstead 2021 Inc.

We are working under a grant agreement with the Victorian Government to develop a model that makes it commercially viable and financially and socially attractive for Newstead residents & businesses to switch to locally generated renewable energy. We received \$200,000 from the Victorian Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Energy Lily D'Ambrosio to develop this model.

Our current grant requires us to develop a master plan including 4 key elements –1. To assess the technical & commercial constraints to Powercor participating in this. (Completed) 2. To get an in-principle agreement from Powercor to carry this out. (Completed) 3 To develop a detailed (scoped & defined) plan to carry this out which includes a detailed community engagement plan signed off by key relevant stakeholders (Completed) 4. To develop a detailed business case and commercial model. We are now working on the 4th element.

Activity summary

The new financial year opened with us continuing to work with Powercor to develop a tariff proposal that would suit their purposes and ours. We are pleased to report that Powercor (as of September 2017) included this in its 2018 pricing proposal for approval by the Australian Energy Regulator. On July 31 we launched our website & a survey at a major community gathering. This important gathering (key community engagement) gave us a great opportunity to ascertain what people did & didn't know about the project. It was headlined "Shifting Newstead to Renewable Energy – How, When & What could happen". The website is low key but will come into its own as our community engagement deepens.

The survey asked Newstead people about their energy use - how they heated, cooled & insulated their homes, their interest in purchasing solar energy & the impediments they faced doing this. The survey (online & in print) told us energy use varied hugely season to season, that most people don't know how much energy they're using, that they spend a lot on wood, have little \$ to invest and that financial self-interest is a stronger driver of change than community interest.

In November we called for expressions of interest seeking ideas and innovations from potential commercial partners in carrying out our model. We had 27 formal responses. Sorting out potential companies keen to work with us was a good step, enabling us to have on hand companies we could approach to confirm their interest & viability as partners as we get closer to finalising business case details. And at least one of these companies is now providing their 'offer', which will help settle the numbers in the final business case that we are due to present to the Victorian Government in 2018. In this process we also identified that the community wants to be involved in decisions such as whether PV panels are Australian-made, whether partners use local installers, whether the commercial partners have a strong economic track record and are good socially responsible corporate citizens etc. In Jan & Feb we called for businesses and households to register their interest in hosting solar panels on their premises. To date we've had 21 formal registrations of interest (i.e. via email) & many others express their interest verbally. Gen is keeping a list of these registrations.

In April we interviewed Newstead households and businesses about their energy (gas, wood, electricity) sources & costs, electricity tariffs, retailer relationships and got good insight into a range of likely customers & their needs. Our consultant Tosh fed these into the model to test the likely impact of our model on bills. He concluded savings would be about 20%. On April 20, we held our second major community gathering for the year, and were very happy to welcome about 50 people. This gathering explained the tariff options and from it we gleaned support and continued social licence to continue as proposed.

In May we signed a deed of variation that changed reporting timelines to Government. (P.S. In late Sept 2017 we submitted our Milestone 5 of 8 reports due to government as required by our grant. The Milestone 6 report, which outlines our business case and high level business plan, is due Feb 27, 2018. Our Milestone 7 report, which confirms and outlines the stakeholder buy-in - including community support & commitment - is due April 30, 2018. Our Milestone 8 report outlining in detail the final commercial model & business plan is due on June 30, 2018. These reports take lots of time. We are fortunate to have had great support from DEWLP officers to help complete these to date. Usually the next cache of funds is paid upon completion, submission & government sign-off of each milestone report. In early June Tosh & Geoff met with the Energy Minister to update her. In late June Gen & Don (by phone from Europe) met with Powercor. Timelines were set for presenting tariff proposal to the Australian Energy Regulator.

It's been a busy year. Our Mailchimp newsletter base now stands at 141. We constantly get emails & phone calls from other groups and organisations asking us to speak at their events, wanting to know more about our project or seeking our endorsement for grant applications. Yackandandah, Clunes, Natimuk, Hepburn Shire and Tarnagulla are some of them.

We endorsed the ATA & Moreland Energy Foundation's bid for a New Energy Jobs Fund proposal. We were also invited to many energy functions & announcements, thanks largely to DEWLP, and attended some.

Much of the detailed work on our proposed model has been developed and refined by our consultant Tosh Szatow of Energy for the People. Don Culvenor has applied significant foresight & phenomenal number of hours in meetings, phone calls & travel in pushing our vision to make the project real & impactful. I wish to acknowledge his input.

Financial summary

We started the financial year with \$10,158.63 in our bank account & finished with \$12,512.54.

Incomings were \$53,002.46.

Outgoings were \$50,648.55

Funding source/ Payee

	INCOMING	PAID
Vic Govt	50000	
Private donation	3000.96	
Trybooking payment		1.50
Energy for the People (Consultant)		40,347.55
G. Barlow (Comms & Engagement) *		17,590.40
Greengraphics		198
Newstead Arts Hub - meeting room hire & general use		2000
Newstead 2021 Inc		300
Newstead Primary School catering		1300
Phil Duus signwriters (signs)		264
Tim Tim- entertainment		300
Matt Butler (poster design)		100
Legion Office Works (printing)		71.50
Janet Barker (website)		78.10
Mulqueen Printers (printing)		106.70
TOTAL	\$53,002.46	\$50,648.55

Newstead Railway Arts Hub

Prepared by Sarah Koschak, Treasurer NRAH

Exhibitions for 2017

Jan: '30 years' Georgina Duckett and friends

March: 'Alternative Destinations', Group show for Castlemaine State Festival

July: 'Out of Darkness', Julie Patey/Michelle Day

Sept: Carolyn Cardinet exhibition

Oct: Newstead Primary School exhibition

Nov: Newstead Historical Society - Newstead & District 'Remembers'

Dec-Jan 2018: Darron Davies, Photographic Exhibition

Artist in Residence: Carolyn Cardinet, exhibition, plus worked with the NPS focusing on reusing and recycling plastic to create art/sculpture

Workshop Series: Ilka White held a series of three workshops focusing on textile dyeing/weaving/rag rug making.

Development of a Strategic Plan:

We are working with Chris Johnston in finalizing a 3-5 year strategic plan.

This has come about after the Committee of Management decided that after 2 years of operation we needed time for reflection, to see what has/has not worked, and to gather our energy for the future.

The Arts Hub Garden design:

We were successful recipients of a \$3000 MAS community grant that has enabled us to engage Cassia and Anna Read to design a garden for the Arts Hub. Cassia and Anna facilitated a process that invited community and Arts Hub members to start discussion for a brief to develop a garden design. With that brief they have developed a draft plan that they will finalize in the next week or two. It looks amazing! We will need to present this to VicTrack/MAS for final approval and then start to apply to funding bodies to get the works started.

Financials:

Income

Donations 119.25

Exhibition space hire 1700

MAS community grant 3000

Meeting space rental from N2021 2000

Office space rental 150

Ilka White workshop 37774.65

Total Income 10,743.90

Expenditure

Aussie Broadband 435

Red Energy 681.49

MAS (2 x \$572, plus Rates \$415.45) 1559.45

Coliban Water 687.33

Sundries (office chair/cleaning supplies/photocopying) 366.07

Ilka White workshop 2574.50

Garden design plan 3000

Total Expenditure 9,303.84



APPENDIX ONE

Nomination for Newstead 2021 Committee for 2017-2018

We nominate [insert Name and Contact Details]

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to become a Newstead 2021 Inc Committee Member

Nominated by

Name

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Seconded by

Name

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Signed

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I, _____ agree to be nominated for this position

Signed

Dated

Newstead 2021 Inc. <https://newstead2021.wordpress.com/about/> Saide Gray, secretary,
2016-2017