

**Friends of The Pinnacle
Annual General Meeting
24 July 2011, 2 pm
68 Southwell St Weetangera**

Minutes (ratified at 2102 AGM)

Attendees: Rosemary Blemings, Warren Bond, Heather Burness, Mark Burness, Vaughn Cox, Don Driscoll, John Fitzgerald, Denise Hall, Mike Hall, Bob Hodgson, Grahame Muller, Harry Nyman, Elizabeth Smith, Mat Wolnicki

Apologies: Barbara Allan, Malcolm Fyfe, Mark Hallam, Gilbert Hughes, Alison Milton, Mary Porter MLA, Katy Skinner, Len Taylor, Keith Thomas, David Tongway, Wendy Whitham, Andrew Yates, Jim Williamson, Rosemary and Dierk Von Behrens, John Brannan.

Returning Officer: Dr Chris Bourke MLA

Welcome and Acknowledgement of First Australians by the Convenor.

The Convenor also read a message from fotpin member Mary Porter, MLA ([Attachment 1](#))

Guest Speaker:

Dr Chris Bourke spoke about Connection to Country and why we work in and on country. He was influenced by the writings of Simon Schama in the book *Landscape and Memory*.

Informal discussion followed about this subject with Chris outlining his vision of what 'reconciliation' was; Australians as a whole recognizing and valuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture as theirs, as 'Australian Culture'.

The Convenor thanked Chris for taking the time to attend and speak considering he had returned from a trip to the Northern hemisphere only that morning.

Minutes of the last AGM (25 July 2010) were moved by Heather Burness, seconded by Warren Bond and accepted by the meeting ([Attachment 2](#))

Reports:

1. Convenor's Report

Pax delivered a message from the Convenor ([Attachment 3](#)) and referred the meeting to his more comprehensive report in fotpin Update #6.

2. Treasurer's Report

Warren Bond tabled the Financial Statement for 2010-2011 and Auditor's Report ([Attachment 4](#)), and briefly outlined the Group's financial position.

He moved that the report be accepted, it was seconded by Elizabeth Smith and the meeting voted in favour.

Bob Hodgson asked for, and received, clarification of our financial and other relationship with the Ginninderra Catchment Group.

Warren also reported that the Group currently has 46 registered members and a further 33 interested people on our email lists.

Changes to the Management Rules:

Mark Burness introduced the new Draft Management Rules ([Attachment 5](#)) as sent to members and posted on our website on 13 July 2011. The Draft Rules were read and discussed by attendees.

John Fitzgerald pointed out that the square brackets and their contents in Rule 9.1 were not necessary and recommended it be deleted as an amendment. He moved “that the Draft Rules of 10.7.2011 with the amendment as set above be adopted by fotpin as its Management Rules”.

This was seconded by Mark Burness

The motion was carried with 13 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

The amended rules are therefore adopted as The Management Rules of the Friends of Pinnacle (24 July 2011) ([Attachment 6](#)).

Election of a new Committee:

The Committee stood down from their positions and Dr Chris Bourke chaired the meeting for the election.

Convenor: Pax was nominated by Elizabeth Smith, seconded by Heather Burness. No other nominations were received and Pax was declared elected

Coordinator: There were no nominations.

Secretary: Mike Hall nominated Heather Burness, but she declined nomination due to other commitments.

No other nominations were received and the position was declared unfilled.

Treasurer: Warren Bond was nominated by Heather Burness, seconded by Bob Hodgson. No other nominations were received and Warren was declared elected.

Ordinary Committee Members:

Don Driscoll was nominated by Heather Burness, seconded by Mike Hall

Heather Burness was nominated by Pax, seconded by Warren Bond.

John Brannan was nominated by Mark Burness, seconded by Pax. Although not present at the meeting, John had previously consented to being nominated.

No other nominations were received and Don, Heather and John were declared elected to the three vacant positions.

The new Coordinating Committee of fotpin was then welcomed and congratulated.

The meeting was closed at 3-15 pm.

The next AGM will be held in 2012 on a date to be set.

Attachments:

1. [Message from fotpin member Mary Porter, MLA](#)
2. [Minutes of the last AGM \(25 July 2010\)](#)
3. [Convenor's Report 2010-2011](#)
4. [Audited Financial Statement 2010-2011](#)
5. [Draft Management Rules \(10 July 2011\)](#)
6. [Management Rules \(24 July 2011\)](#)