



## Annual General Meeting

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 2:15 pm

Weetangera Primary School and Zoom

### Minutes

#### Present:

##### In person:

**Members:** John Brannan (Convenor), Mike Hall, Anne Aisbett, Alana Wilkes, Denise Hall, Gerard Newman, Keith Thomas, Gilbert Hughes, Wendy Whitham, Bob Hodgson, Barbara Allan

**Non-members:** Nola McKeon

##### Via Zoom:

**Members:** Warren Bond, Len Taylor, John Fitz Gerald

**Non-members:** Lauren McQueen, Sue Spearitt

#### 1. Welcome by the convenor

#### 2. Apologies: Mark Hallam, Jan Thomas, Kelzang Tshering

#### 3. Confirmation of [Minutes of the 2021 AGM](#)

Moved John Brannan, seconded Anne Aisbett.

Agreed unanimously.

#### 4. Convenor's Report ([Attachment A](#))

John presented both a verbal and written report. There was some discussion around the interpretative signs currently under design and John called for suggestions for their placement and content. The dam was suggested for one site; and John mentioned that he would be seeking advice regarding some Indigenous language content.

Bob queried the plans for the felled tree on the top of the pinnacle. John Fitz Gerald suggested that some of the fallen debris be left to provide animal habitat. John agreed to speak to Kelzang about tidying it up somewhat.

John thanked Warren for setting up and running the Zoom session for those attending the meeting virtually, and also noted the group's gratitude to Weetangera Primary School for once again allowing us to use their staff room for our AGM.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Mike Hall presented the [audited financial statement for 2021-2022 \(Attachment B\)](#).

John moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Gerard. Agreed.

#### 6. Standdown of the Coordinating Committee

Members of the 2021-22 Coordinating Committee stood down in accordance with meeting rules and all positions were declared vacant.

**7. Nominations from the floor.**

and

**8. Election of new Coordinating Committee**

Keith Thomas volunteered to act as Returning Officer and conduct the election.

The following office bearers and ordinary members were nominated and elected unopposed:

**Convenor:** John Brannan

Nominated: Mike Hall; Seconded: Wendy Whitham

**Secretary:** Anne Aisbett

Nominated: John Brannan; Seconded: Warren Bond

**Treasurer:** Mike Hall

Nominated: Warren Bond; Seconded: Gerard Newman

**Ordinary Members:**

Warren Bond

Nominated: John Brannan; Seconded: Bob Hodgson

Len Taylor

Nominated: John Brannan; Seconded: Mike Hall

Denise Hall

Nominated: John Brannan; Seconded: Anne Aisbett

The meeting also agreed to coopt Alana Wilkes as an ordinary member to assist with information and outreach during the year:

Nominated: Mike Hall; Seconded: Warren Bond.

**9. Guest speaker**

John introduced the guest speaker Lauren McQueen, Volunteer Programs Manager, ACT Parks and Conservation Service. Lauren spoke about her background in volunteer management, and her experience in the PCS since joining in November 2021. She outlined her responsibilities in managing the four streams of volunteers in the PCS and her current work in reviewing the policies and insurance arrangements for the volunteer streams. Lauren stressed the importance of advocating upwards for volunteers and mentioned recent work for the Annual Report that calculated the value of the efforts of PCS volunteers at \$1.5 million for the year.

In response to questions from the floor, Lauren talked about her experiences in talking to volunteers and visiting ParkCare sites to better understand volunteer needs.

There was also some discussion around the method used in calculating the dollar value of volunteer efforts and improving how this data was collected.

John thanked Lauren for her speech and the meeting showed its appreciation in the usual way.

## 10. Other Business

None.

**Meeting closed:** at 3:08 pm and was followed by afternoon tea.

Anne Aisbett  
Fotpin Secretary  
19 May 2022