

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Held at Merricks Yacht Club

29-12-2024

1. Introduction

There being a quorum, the meeting commenced at 10.00am with a welcome from the President, Peter Cash, as chairman of the meeting in accordance with rule 37(1) and an acknowledgement of country.

Peter Cash reminded the meeting of the rules of the association governing voting. Only financial members can vote, member's designates (ie, immediate family members of a financial member who have not themselves also paid a subscription) may attend and speak but cannot vote. They may stand for the committee but only if the financial member is not standing.

2. Attendance

The following members (and, in accordance with rule 13(3)(b), members' designates) were present in person:

Bernard Barrett, Alan Bell, Janet Bell, Michael Bennett, Ian Breadon, Glythyn Campbell, Alec Jesse Brooke, Andre Calder, Alex Campbell, , Glythyn Campbell, Peter Cash, Peter Cass, Stephen Clarke, Kathy Clarke, Simon Corden, Fiona Cornwall , Mary Daley, Luke Delaney, Tim Dickinson, Hilary Dixon, Megan Douglas, Peter Drake, Pam Drake, Lindsay Duffield, Dee Edgar, Jane Edwards, Grattan Fitzgerald, Lucille Fitzgerald, Garry Fowler, Phillip Fox, Robert Fry, Jenny Glennon, David Guthrie, Barbara Hogarth, John Hollander, Trevor James, Simon Jaski, Ian Jeffery, Ian Johnson, Artemisia Kousis, Perry Larsson, Sarah Lawrence, Joyce Lawrence, Carole Milton, Robyn Mitchell, Mark Moshinsky, Jocelyn O'Neill, Rosanne Pittard, Alison Rechner, Angela Richards, Sandy Richards, Kirsty Richards, Caroline Roberts, Penny Roberts, Tim Roberts, Ken Rowe, Sue Rutley, Leigh Ryrie, Jane Ryrie, Kriston Symons, Kate Symons, Sacha Taylor, Derek Trusler, Joan Trusler, Brad Vann, Doug Varey, Sue Varey, Geoff Webster, Robert Weiss, Celia Weston, Nick Williams, James Wilson, Tom Wilson, Jaquie Weiss.

In attendance by invitation– Cr David Gill.

3. Apologies

Apologies: Brian Catterall, Marg Catterall, Di Hall, Annthea Hick, Fof Kaparos, Richard Kneebone, Keith Lawrence, Sherrill Linder, Jennifer Newstead, Alan Oneill, Peter Rose, Belinda Russo, Andrew Taylor, Harvey Williams.

There were 9 proxies received.

4. Minutes of previous general meeting

Motion: The minutes of the 2024 AGM be approved.

Proposed Pam Drake, seconded Brad Vann, passed unanimously.

Motion: The minutes of the SGM held on 1 December 2024 be approved.

Proposed Hilary Dixon, seconded Ian Breadon, passed unanimously.

5. Correspondence.

During the year, we entered into correspondence with Paul Mercurio MP and Minister Horne re the Frankston -Flinders Rd intersection and the speed limit on Frankston -Flinders Rd.

6. Committee Report

The report was distributed in writing with the papers for the AGM. The President highlighted the following matters:

Paul Mercurio (Member for Hastings) advised that the option of double lines on the Frankston Flinders Rd had been rejected by Vic Roads. The proposed 80 kph speed limit for Frankston Flinders Rd was (now) supported by Vic Roads, but implementation had to be considered "in the light of other priorities". MBRA will consult with other affected communities to explore options to expedite these works.

An online survey of residents is proposed for March in order to ascertain members' views about a variety of issues affecting the Merricks Beach village.

7. Treasurer's Report

The accounts were distributed to members as part of the papers for the AGM. Ian Breadon spoke to the details of the accounts. The MBRA is in a strong financial position. In light of that, the Committee has resolved to make offers to the Friends of Bill Carroll Reserve and the Foreshore Committee of Management to fund projects of benefit to the whole community. Two BBQ's have been purchased and donated to the MYC (for use also by the MBRA).

Motion: That the financial report for FY23/24 be accepted

Proposed: Ian Breadon, seconded: Sarah Lawrence.

Passed unanimously.

Motion: That the maximum amount that can be set by the committee for subscriptions for 2025/26 be set at \$140.

Proposed: Ian Breadon seconded Andre Coulter.

Passed unanimously

8. Infrastructure sub-committee report – Bernard Barrett

Bernard thanked Kris Symons for his help, including with the Storm Water Management Consultative Committee.

Drains: Wave St drains have ben re-established, now awaiting completion of crossovers in early 2025 to allow water to flow along the drains.

Roads: New contractor in place from June 2024. They have introduced a different type of gravel. Its colour is not popular, but it appears to perform much better in terms of remaining on the road during rain and reducing the development of potholes.

Tennis Courts: Maintenance work to happen this year includes a hard border under the fence on either side to prevent balls escaping.

A question was raised about the possibility of having reticulated water brought into the village. The risk of fire and the need for fire hydrants was the reason for reconsidering this issue. The President advised that the committee did not have a position on reticulated water as there were strongly held opposing views on this issue within the village community. The issue will be canvassed in the residents' survey in March.

A question was also raised regarding the efficacy of the drains at the bottom of Merricks Beach Rd, these are still a significant problem despite the good work done so far. This will be a high priority for drainage work in the coming year and will also be considered within the Storm Water Strategy.

9. Presentation by Storm Water Management Working Group.

Kris Symons opened the presentation and handed over to committee members, Joyce Lawrence and Robyn Mitchell. A contract has been signed by MBRA with Wave Consulting to develop a Storm Water Strategy for Merricks Beach. This will include community consultation with the first session on Friday January 24th, 2025, at MYC. This is part funded by a grant from Melbourne Water.

10. Other business

a) Donation to CFA:

A donation to the CFA of \$1000 was proposed by Stephen Clarke and was approved unanimously. It followed discussion about the role the CFA will play in fires impacting Merricks Beach village.

b) Basketball Ring proposal

The President noted that there are differing views about the benefit and risks of installing a basketball ring in the village.

Ken Rowe spoke of the risks, Artemisia Kousis argued in favour of the benefits and Cleo Brookes spoke on behalf of the youth who would benefit from the installation, arguing in favour of its installation.

The community-wide view will be canvassed in the residents' survey and the residents who live closest to the proposed site (at the tennis courts) will be directly consulted.

c) Election of MBRA office bearers and committee members

Nominations: Only one nomination was received for each of the positions of President (Peter Cash), Vice President (Kris Symons), Secretary (Kathy Clarke) and Treasurer (Ian Breadon). They were each therefore declared elected.

As there were 15 nominations for the 12 committee positions (Bernard Barrett, Hilary Dixon, Pam Drake, Peter Drake, Jane Edwards, Jenny Glennon, David Guthrie, Di Hall, Simon Jaski, Ian Johnson, Joyce Lawrence, Sarah Lawrence, Tim Roberts, Sue Rutley and Brad Vann), a secret ballot was required, the result of which was that the following were elected:

Bernard Barrett, Hilary Dixon, Pam Drake, Peter Drake, David Guthrie, Di Hall, Ian Johnson, Joyce Lawrence, Sarah Lawrence, Tim Roberts, Sue Rutley and Brad Vann.

11. Presentations by Related Organisations:

Presentations were made on behalf of the respective Merricks Beach community organisations as follows:

Foreshore Committee of Management – Nick Williams

Friends of Bill Carroll Reserve – Barbara Hogarth

12. Presentation by Red Hill Ward Councillor – David Gill

Merricks Beach Residents' Association Inc

13. Montalto lunch prize for early payment of subscription, generously provided by John and Wendy Mitchell, was won by Doug Neale.

The meeting was closed at 1.00 pm