

Ballarat PERMACULTURE Guild INC

Registration no: A0095121B

7 pm Tuesday 10 November 2020

Venue: via Zoom (all financial members invited)

Attendance:	Kristy Gainger, Lorna Martin, Charissa Johnson, Jude Porteus, Maddona Quigley, Liz O’Dwyer, Steve Burns, Elise Sullivan, Karen Abramovich, Breanna Hodges, Rene De Jong, Barry Gibson, Veronica Malone, Ellen Burns, Elizabeth Moss, Jean Watson
Apologies:	Sandra Armstrong, Maxine Harding
Proxies presented:	None
Chair:	Steve Burns
Minutes:	Lisa Hofler

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Chairperson’s Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their attendance. There are currently 113 members of the Guild, so a quorum is achieved with 12 or more people in attendance. There being 17 members in attendance, a quorum was declared. As there were several non-committee members at the meeting, we all introduced ourselves and our roles to date.

Confirmation of minutes of previous general meetings

Minutes of previous annual general meeting were confirmed.

“That the minutes of the 2019 AGM be confirmed”	Moved:	Steve Burns	Seconded:	Karen Abramovich	Vote:	Passed
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Report on Committee Activities

The Annual Report was formally presented. The President and other committee members commented on their reports on the activities of the Guild over the last 12 months.

“That the Report on Committee Activities is accepted”	Moved:	Steve Burns	Seconded:	Liz O'Dwyer	Vote:	Passed
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Annual Financial Statement

The financial statements were approved by committee before being presented to the AGM. At the AGM, the Treasurer briefly reviewed key points of the Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Members' questions were addressed and these were mostly clarifications. BPG Inc. is in a very healthy financial state with assets totalling \$85,249.07

"That the Annual Financial Statement is accepted"

Moved: Karen Fitzpatrick Seconded: Steve Burns Vote: Passed

Acknowledgement of Retiring Committee Members

The President thanked outgoing committee members for their contributions to the organisation: Sarah Ryan, John Moss and Karen Fitzpatrick. Karen is retiring after many years of service to the Guild; often wearing multiple 'hats'! She has been a very long-standing member of the PDC committee, as well as handling Memberships, housing and managing the BPG library and several stints as Treasurer. Thankfully, Karen remains available as a valuable reference point and repository of much BPG history.

Election of Committee Members

Vice PresidentNominations

None

SecretaryNominations

There were no nominations prior to the meeting, however Veronica Malone agreed to nominate during the meeting. It is a legal requirement that we have a Secretary. There being no other nominations, Veronica is elected unopposed.

Treasurer

Jean Watson

There being no other nominations Jean Watson is elected unopposed

General Committee Members – 8 vacanciesNominations

Elizabeth Moss

Elise Sullivan

Breanna Hodges

Rene de Jong

Liz O'Dwyer

There being no nominations in excess of the number of vacant positions, all candidates are elected.

Ellen Burns is noted as a BPG committee member by virtue of being President of The Hidden Orchard, our most active project.

Review of Membership Fees

1 year Single Concession \$25

1 year Single Full fee \$30

2 yr Single Concession \$45

2 year Single Full fee \$55

1 year Household Concession \$40

Full Fee 1 year \$45

Concession Household 2 year \$75

Full Fee Household \$85

“That the membership fees for 2021 remain unchanged from 2020.”
(Schedule of fees listed above)

Moved: Steve Burns

Seconded: Barry Gibson

Vote: Passed

General Business

There were no special motions or other business.