

# Ballarat PERMACULTURE Guild INC

Registration no: A0095121B

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

When:

6.30 pm Tuesday 15 November 2022

Where:

Venue: Uniting Care Building, Corner of Dyte Parade and Queen Street, Ballarat East.

Attendance:	René De Jong, James Hosking, Jean Watson, Ellen Burns, Barry Gibson, Fiona Williamson (arrived near the end of the meeting), Rhea Thorn, Michael McKenna, Karen Fitzpatrick, Zoe Georgalas, Ann Goeman, Karen Abramovich, Elizabeth Moss, Erica Muir, Hoang Nguyen, Mick O'Meara, Jackie O'Meara, Stephen Taylor.		
Apologies:	Steve Burns, Jenny Tait Murnane, John Moss.		
Proxies presented:	None		
Chair:	Ellen Burns	Minutes:	René de Jong

### Chairperson's Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their attendance.

There are currently 110 financial members of the Guild, so a quorum is needed of 11 or more people in attendance. There were 18 members in attendance and a quorum was declared. The Agenda was confirmed.

### Confirmation of minutes of previous general meetings

Minutes of 2021 annual general meeting were confirmed.

"That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted"

Moved: René de Jong

Seconded: Jean Watson

Vote: Passed

### Report on Committee Activities

The Annual Report was formally presented with copies circulating at the meeting. The Chair Person commented on some of the activities of the Guild over the last 12 months. Ellen summarised the President's Report. The activities since the last AGM were subdued due to the Covid-19 pandemic and Steve Burns is stepping aside as president. Copies of the Annual General Meeting Report will be available on the website.

"That the Annual Report on Committee Activities be accepted"

Moved: Jean Watson

Seconded: Rhea Thorn

Vote: Passed

### Annual Financial Statement

The outgoing Treasurer reported the BPG's financial position was strong with a reduction of around \$3,500 in the financial position this year compared to the previous year (2021) due to the Permaculture Design Course not being run in 2022 and hence no income due to this activity.

"That the Annual Financial Statement is accepted"

Moved: Jean Watson

Seconded: James Hosking

Vote: Passed

## Election of Committee Members

## President

Nominations

James Hosking nominated for the role of President. No opposition or further nominations were received so James is elected unopposed.

## Vice President

Nominations

Fiona Williamson nominated herself by nomination form. No opposition or further nominations were received so Fiona is elected unopposed.

## Secretary

Rhea Thorn nominated for the role of Secretary. No opposition or further nominations were received so Rhea is elected unopposed.

## Treasurer

Stephen Taylor nominated for the role of Treasurer. No opposition or further nominations were received so Stephen is elected unopposed.

## General Committee Members – 12 vacancies

Nominations

Barry Gibson

Steve Burns

René de Jong

Michael McKenna

Hoang Nguyen

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 year 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 2022 remain unchanged from 2021."

(Schedule of fees listed above)

Moved: Jean Watson

Seconded: James Hosking

Vote: Passed

## General Business

A new addition to this AGM is the awarding of lifetime membership which came about because Althea Oliver asked about this through the year. After considering and establishing criteria for life membership, the committee came up with nominations for Karen Fitzpatrick and Mick & Jackie O'Meara. They were presented with their awards and a gift after a summary of their achievements and involvement in the Ballarat Permaculture Guild were read out at the AGM.

There was no other business or comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared finished (at 7.10 pm).