

Essendon Bushwalking Club Inc. A0005559B

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Wednesday 12th June 2024, 7.30pm Moonee Ponds Bowls Club

1. Declaration of opening:

The meeting was declared open by the President Laurie Charleson at 7:30pm.

2. Apologies:

Darren McClelland, Didimo Tonelli, Ursula Tonelli, Bill Casey, Sue Baxter, Rob Edwards, Jacinta Edwards, Lauren Eagle, Keith Hart, Therese Ryan, Lindsay Johnson, Kathy Andison, Neil Campbell, Dianne Whitmore, Susie Minchinton, Helen Coleman, Noelene Ryan, Tess Murton, Angela Crivelli, Linda Good

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2023 AGM:

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 14th June have been circulated and were accepted on motion.

Proposed: Mary Moskal
Seconded: John Widmer
Carried.

4. Business arising from the Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Nil

5. Correspondence pertaining to the AGM:

Nil

6. President's Report:

Laurie Charleson gave a verbal review of the of the year:

I am pleased to present my President's Report to the 2024 Essendon Bushwalking Club Annual General Meeting highlighting some of the achievements for the 12 months from June 2023.

Some of our key achievements over the time include

- Member's continued support at Club walks and events. These enhance members' knowledge of new areas, as well as the pursuit of fitness by regular exercise.
- Several new Leaders conducting new walks and events.
- Successful Base Camp walking events conducted. These provide opportunities to discover new areas and activities for all members, and occasions to socialise.
- Liaising with Bushwalking Victoria who provide members support and useful training in Bushcraft, Leadership and Navigation.

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- Liaising with other clubs to provided combined activities including Howman's Gap Base Camp where members were able to learn skills and methods used by other bushwalking clubs, and interact with like-minded people.
- Organisation of outside social events by members and leaders, such as dinners conducted to provide a sense of community.
- Provision of a safe and protected environment for members to safely engage in events.
- Engagement of speakers at Club meetings.
- Successful application for a Community Grant from the City of Moonee Valley to defray costs and enable the implementation of "Joomla 4" computer program which enables electronic bookings and record keeping for the club.
- Membership rose to 204 members, an increase from last year.
- Successful Club organised functions such as the popular annual Christmas Function and Barefoot Bowling and the Suitcase Sale.
- We have provided advice and recommendations to other clubs in areas with which our members are more familiar.
- Club members working with Bushwalking Search and Rescue and Bushwalking Tracks and Clearing

We all must recognise the invaluable work of Kathy Andison who is stepping aside after four years of service to the Club as Secretary. Her outstanding knowledge of procedures, and efficiency in all aspects of the role, has been invaluable to the Committee and the Club.

Acknowledgement also must be made of Col Purchase, who has been our exceptional Walks Co-ordinator and who is stepping aside after eight years' service to the Club. His accomplishments also include the successful implementation of the electronic booking and management system currently used by the Club. Glitches were identified and rectified promptly to keep the program operating smoothly. Thanks also to Xi Huang for her knowledge and technical assistance in this.

We must acknowledge the work of the Committee members for their continued support to enhance the value of the Club to its membership.

Please also recognise the work of the many members who continually support the Club activities, including the Editors of Old Man Emu, all drivers, whips, members who provide and serve suppers, and other members who assist by willingly taking on tasks both big and small.

We are very grateful to the work of Leaders who plan and organise walks, undertake reces, and conduct the walks for Members to participate in and enjoy.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Statements in accordance with section 30 (3) of Associations Incorporations Act 1981 were distributed, and discussed by Gail Greenwood, Treasurer.

We have a \$180.46 surplus for the financial year. The bank balance as at 27 May 2024 was \$10,900.22, with \$50 in petty cash.

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The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Proposed: Greg Passlow

Seconded: Ron Pearce

Carried

8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members:

Laurie Charleson stepped aside and Vice President, Leanne Cleary, Vice President called for nominations for the position of the President;

President:

Laurie Charleson

Nominated: Ursula Tonelli

Seconded: Didimo Tonelli

There being no other nominations, Laurie was declared elected and took over the chair.

Laurie called for nominations for the following positions:

Vice President:

Leanne Cleary

Nominated: Frances Grech

Seconded: Michele O'Connor

There being no other nominations, Leanne was declared elected.

Secretary:

Angela Crivelli

Nominated: Leanne Cleary

Seconded: Laurie Charleson

There being no other nominations Angelas was declared elected.

Treasurer:

Gail Greenwood

Nominated: David Isaacs

Seconded: Neil Duncan

There being no other nominations Gail was declared elected.

5 Ordinary Committee Members:

Frances Grech

Nominated: Jim Stewart

Seconded: Mary Moskal

Elected

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Jim Stewart

Nominated: Peter Jones

Seconded: Chris Jarvis

Elected:

Dianne Whitmore

Nominated: Sharon Brennan

Seconded: Glenda Bradley

Elected

Tess Murton

Nominated: Frank Kinnersley

Seconded: Sue Duff

Elected

Neil Campbell

Nominated: Helen Coleman

Seconded: Hilary May

Elected

9. Proposal for Life Membership:

There were no proposals for Life Membership

10. Meeting declared Closed.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 7.45pm.