

# Essendon Bushwalking Club Inc. A0005559B

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Wednesday 12th June 2019, 1930 Hrs

St John's Uniting Church, Mt Alexander Rd, Essendon

- 1. Declaration of opening:**  
The meeting was declared open by the President Marek Turski at 19:30 hrs
- 2. Apologies:**  
Andrew Child, Ron Bell, Gail Greenwood, Sue Baxter, Bill Casey, Michelle Turski, Linda Good, Col Purchase, Tess Murton, Inge Lingham, Leonie Mayford, Chris Butler, Luisa Mancini, Louise Williams.
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2018 AGM:**  
Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on June 13, 2018 had been circulated and were accepted on motion. Proposed by Marek Turski, seconded Vivienne Gane, carried.
- 4. Business arising from the Minutes of the 2018 AGM:**  
Nil
- 5. Correspondence pertaining to the AGM:**  
Nil
- 6. President's Report:**  
Marek Turski gave a verbal review of the highlights of the year:

*Welcome to Essendon Bushwalking Club AGM 2019. It has been a year since my election as President for the second time. I would like to thank all committee members past and present, leaders and the general members who have helped over the past year to keep the club running smoothly and efficiently. I have been fortunate to have a committee of experience and dedication to EBC, volunteering their time, dedication and enthusiasm. We are all approachable so if you have any questions or queries about the club or have good ideas don't hesitate to talk to one of us. There are 2 vacant positions. The first vacancy is the Secretary. Linda has been Secretary since 2015. I thank Linda for her great contribution, tireless efforts and commitment to the role. Second Vacancy is for a general committee member who represents you, the members. Col has been a committee member since 2017. He has also been Walks Coordinator since 2015. He will continue this for another year to assist and support the new person. Thank you Col. I wish Col and Linda all the best in the future endeavors.*

*The club continues to flourish with around 200 members and a strong walks program. In 2018-19 we have done about 52 weekend walks, 56 midweek walks, 7 pack walks, 3 bike events, 14 base camps, 2 twilight walks, 1 marathon (Bill Casey's last) and restaurants 14 times, as well as other activities. The BWV Leadership Forum and AGM, Information technology session, the Federation Walks weekend, Christmas break up at Plenty (Thank you Howard Stokes for hosting the weekend) and the Howmans Gap base camp.*

*Hilary and Geoff May were presented 20 year certificates. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Ron Bell who celebrated his 80th Birthday on the 25th May 2019. Guest speakers for the year: Colin McDonald (President BWV) who gave an informative presentation about BWV. Barry Golding from the GDTA about the Great Dividing Trail, its origins and future plans. Slide shows, marathon which was Bill Caseys 25th and last Marathon. For the year ahead there are a number of exciting events. There is the Annual BWV Forum and AGM, Marathon, Major Mitchell Base camps, Cape Conran Coastal Park, Federation weekend, Christmas Break up Mount Disappointment and Howmans Gap.*

*Thank you to Hilary for your walk summaries and the committee: Anna Denham (membership coordinator), Ian Yarde, (Treasurer), Linda Good (Secretary), Kevin Egan (Vice President), Ron Bell, (equipment and Information), Col Purchase (Walks Coordinator), Vivienne Gane and Michael Howes. Many other people also have assisted in running the club over the last year: Gail Greenwood, Supper (thankyou to Gina Casalbuono for taking over the role); Chris Jarvis BS&R contact; Bill Casey who puts*

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on events such as The Major Mitchell weekends; Brian Smith for another whimsical Christmas quiz, Bob Hamilton who looks after the walk sheets, plus Inge, Gina, Helen, Ron Pearce and others who have helped out in various ways; and Howard Stokes for making the Upper Plenty Conference Centre available for our Christmas party. None of our walks could happen but for the efforts of our leaders who continue to put on great walks and events. Thank you to the members for participating in the walks, social events and activities, welcoming new members and helping them feel part of this great club at the meetings and on the walks.

## 7. **Treasurer's Report:**

Statements in accordance with section 30 (3) of Associations Incorporations Act 1981 were distributed, read and discussed by Ian Yarde, Treasurer. Membership fees to remain \$40 however expenses are still in excess of receivables by approximately \$700 each year. Treasurer is reluctant to increase fees and committee will look at ways to reduce expenditure. Insurance and Bush Walking Victoria fees are still our major expense. Otherwise, there were no big expenses as in the previous year. The bank balance as at 14 May 2019 is \$5,348.82.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion proposed by Charlie Cassar and seconded by Marek Turski. Carried.

## 8. **Proposal for Life Membership:**

There were no proposals for Life Membership

## 9. **Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members:**

The Vice President, Kevin Egan called for nominations for the position of the new President;

President: **Marek Turski** nominated by Ron Pearce, seconded Michael Howes. There being no other nominations Marek was declared elected.

Marek took the chair to conduct the election of the remaining office bearers and committee members with all positions declared vacant. Linda Good and Col Purchase had declared themselves unavailable for reelection. The following nominations were forwarded:

Vice President:

**Kevin Egan**, nominated by Brian Smith, seconded Ian McLean. There being no other nominations Kevin was declared elected.

Secretary:

No nominations – committee to fill

Treasurer:

**Ian Yarde**, nominated by Ian McLean, seconded Rod Casey. There being no other nominations Ian was elected unopposed.

5 Ordinary Committee Members:

**Ron Bell**, nominated Kevin Egan, seconded Vivienne Gane. Accepted nomination by proxy form

**Michael Howes**, nominated Darren McClelland, seconded Chris Jarvis. Accepted nomination.

**Anna Denham**, nominated Darren McClelland, seconded Chris Jarvis. Accepted nomination.

**Vivienne Gane** nominated Darren McClelland, seconded Chris Jarvis. Accepted nomination.

**Louise Williams** nominated by Anna Denham, seconded by Chris Jarvis. Accepted Nomination by proxy form

There being no other nominations Ron Bell, Michael Howes, Anna Denham, Vivienne Gane and Louise Williams were declared elected as the 5 ordinary members.

## 10. **Meeting declared Closed.**

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 20.00 hrs.