

# Essendon Bushwalking Club Inc. A0005559B

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Wednesday 9th September 2020, 1941 Hrs

Held by ZOOM video conferencing due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings

1. **Declaration of opening:**

The meeting was declared open by the President Marek Turski at 19:41 hrs

2. **Apologies:**

Tony Creedy, Chris Haysom, Anna Denham, Laurie Charleson, Ray Sureda, Kim Sureda, Hilary May, Geoff May, Kevin Drever, Leonie Mogford

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 2019 AGM:**

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting held on June 12, 2019 had been circulated and were accepted on motion. Proposed by Vivienne Gane, seconded Gina Casalbuno, carried.

4. **Business arising from the Minutes of the 2019 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 2020. Since I cannot be President for more than 2 years. I will be stepping down, to let someone else run the club and the AGM. It's been a great Honour and privilege to be your President for the past two years. When I was elected for the second time, I had hoped to continue the great work of the past presidents and committees to keep the Club running efficiently. I thank everyone for the support during the recent times. What a remarkable and unprecedented year it has been.

We have seen Bushfires throughout Australia. They started in July 2019 in NSW and in Victoria started in September 2019, finally they were extinguished in March 2020. During this period, the world as we know it was changed forever. December 27th there was an outbreak of a virus in Wuhan China It was a new virus called Coronavirus. WHO declared it a Public Emergency of International Health concern on the 20th January 2020. 11th March declared a Pandemic. Our Borders were closed on the 20th March and 21st March social distancing rules were put in place and Australia went to Stage 3 Lockdown. Our program and meetings had been postponed. Finally after 7 weeks in lockdown we were able to resume a modified walking program in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines. Unfortunately Victoria experienced a second wave and the program is currently suspended. I thank all members and leaders for their patience, support and understanding in these unprecedented times. We were able to offer discounted membership fee for 19/20,

I have been fortunate to have a committee of experience and dedication to EBC Volunteering their time and enthusiasm. Col in organizing the website, so photos and other items have been added. Bushwalking Victoria for their prompt advice and support to all affiliated clubs during this crisis.

The club continues to flourish with around 180 members and a strong walks program. 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. Thank you to Hilary for your walk summaries at our monthly meetings. Nor would the club function without the considerable effort of the committee and many others in the club who did so much work. Anna Denham (membership coordinator), Ian Yarde, Treasurer (Kevin Egan (Vice President, supporting Vivienne in the Secretary Role), Ron Bell (equipment and Information) Michael and Mark, Louise for Social Media- Facebook, Col Purchase(Walks Coordinator website) Stephen (website) Chris BSR and the Marathon Bill Casey Major Mitchell walks, Bob for the walks sheets to Gina organizing Supper Brian Smith for another whimsical

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Christmas quiz, plus Inge, Helen Coleman, Ron Pearce and other members who helped out in various ways. Also, thank you to 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. Happy birthday to Bill who is celebrating his 80th Birthday on the 19th September. Thank you to all of you who made that possible and will continue to do so into the future.

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. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there have been savings from hall hire and photocopying which is currently indicating a surplus of approximately \$500 per year. The bank balance as at 14 May 2020 is \$2,756.11.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion proposed by Michael Howes and seconded by Brian Smith. Carried.

8. **Proposal for Life Membership:**

There were no proposals for Life Membership

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

The President, Marek Turski called for nominations for the position of the new President;

President: **Kevin Egan** nominated by Ron Bell, seconded Inge Lingham. There being no other nominations Kevin was declared elected.

Kevin took the chair to conduct the election of the remaining office bearers and committee members with all positions declared vacant. Anna Denham had declared herself unavailable for reelection and Marek Turski stepped down from the committee. The following nominations were forwarded:

Vice President:

**Col Purchase**, nominated by Ron Bell, seconded Marek Turski. There being no other nominations Col was declared elected.

Secretary:

**Kathy Anderson**, nominated by Kevin Egan, seconded Ron Pearce. There being no other nominations Kathy was declared elected.

Treasurer:

**Ian Yarde**, nominated by Louise Williams, seconded Brian Smith. There being no other nominations Ian was elected unopposed.

5 Ordinary Committee Members:

**Ron Bell**, nominated by Tom Knowles, seconded Darren McClelland. Accepted nomination

**Michael Howes**, nominated by Tom Knowles, seconded Darren McClelland. Accepted nomination.

**Mark Lucey**, nominated by Tom Knowles, seconded Darren McClelland. Accepted nomination.

**Vivienne Gane** nominated by Tom Knowles, seconded Darren McClelland. Accepted nomination.

**Louise Williams** nominated by Tom Knowles, seconded Darren McClelland. Accepted nomination

There being no other nominations Ron Bell, Michael Howes, Mark Lucey, 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.