

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE QUEEN MARY GARDENS COMMITTEE
OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 2017, AT 5.30 PM AT 35 QUEENS
AVENUE, ST ARNAUD**

PRESENT: D Patton (Chair), R.Small,L.Reid,L.Box,J.Hamilton,M Mc Cahon
F.Mc Rae,L Parry,D.Baldwin,Cr M Reid,J.Abbott.

1. OPEN MEETING:

D Patton welcomed everyone, and declared the meeting open.

APOLOGIES: Cr Tony Driscoll, Eric Walker, Ella Ebery, Bev Reid

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

*Moved J Abbott
Seconded L Box*

"That the minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November 2016 as circulated be confirmed.

CARRIED

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D Patton presented her report as attached. She then handed the Chair to Cr M Reid

6. NOMINATION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Cr Reid thanked the retiring Office Bearers for their work over the previous year and opened nominations as follows:

Dorothy Patton nominated Jo Hamilton as President. The Committee was unanimously in favour, and she was elected.

Jo Hamilton nominated Dorothy Patton. as Vice President. The Committee was unanimously in favour, and she was elected.

Margaret Mc Cahon nominated Jason Abbott. as Secretary. The Committee was unanimously in favour, and he was re-elected.

7. CLOSE:

The Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 5.45



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2017 Presidents Report for Queen Mary Gardens Committee

1 message

Des Patton <tullaree@hotmail.com>

3 December 2017 at 14:41

To: "jason.abbott@ngshire.vic.gov.au" <jason.abbott@ngshire.vic.gov.au>

Thank you for your attendance at this meeting today to wind up another year of management of the gardens and for your attendance throughout the year.

thank you too, to Jason and the Parks and Gardens team for their work over the past 12 months.

Our gardens continue to develop and evidence of progress with the committee's forward plans can be seen with further stone edging, a fast growing willow on the Napier street side almost dipping towards the water already and other plantings throughout the gardens.

We always acknowledge the great efforts of the Friends of the Gardens to bring in much needed extra funds to help with costs each years - many thanks Lyn and the merry band of helpers you round up every time. It hasn't been without its challenges this year, as the development of the new section of garden starts to take shape and we've had to attend extra meetings and argue our case.

However we are starting to see some progress now and hope we can look forward to some further works soon .

The length of fence along the drain is now in place and the ivy hedge is gone.

This has changed the look of that section of the gardens, with views through to the lawns and trees on the south side of the drain.

In the meeting we'll have following our AGM, we need to discuss the quite serious issues we have to resolve regarding this development.

The nature of this committee is that a slow and steady pace is inevitable, especially when the staff responsible is so stretched in numbers and in the volume of work they undertake around the town and district.

At present this is adding to the pressure committee members are under, mainly regarding the new section - people have expectations of a quick result unfortunately.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to reaching the planting stage on this project.

Today is our last meeting for the year - I hope 2018 brings some exciting development in our gardens and thank you to everyone once again .

Dorothy Patton

15th November 2017

Sent from my iPad