

ROBINSON RESERVE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
11am FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER 2018

Present

Members: Maria Larubina, Helen D'Este, Vera Joosten, Graham Cole, Lyn Giles, Eliza Metcalfe, Susan Purdie, Hannah Evans, Mary Grace Giovanakis, Lucy Eames

Observers: Kelly Davis, Angela Marsicovetere, Samantha Citroen, Antonella Erna, Maria Lana, Michael Riley, John Coutanche, Adua Merola, Tomas Grgat, Alex English, Meri Carnovale

Absent: Emily Mellon

Maria Larubina (Chair) opened meeting by welcoming everyone and acknowledged the presence of member for Pascoe Vale, Lizzie Blandthorn, Sam Citroen and Alex English, representatives from Moreland City Council. She continued by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land.

1. Chair requested a motion be moved that the minutes from previous AGM 2017 be accepted.
Moved: Eliza Metcalfe Seconded: Graham Cole
2. Finance Report - Vera Joosten
Key financial challenges faced over the past year has been to deliver a service within a budget especially considering changes in wages and other. Overall, despite the challenges, RSNH has maintained a sound financial position. Focus has fallen on and should continue to be on increasing grant writing and volunteer intake. Overall, expenditure and income predictions have been spot on leading to a strong start of the financial year of 2018/19. We look forward to the New Year and new opportunities.
3. Managers' Report - Lucy Eames
There have been a number of highlights over the past financial year including celebrating 30 years of RSNH, the community garden, and rebranding. There is a lot to look forward to in the coming year including an upgrade to the front of the house starting in 2019. We hope, as we have seen with the sensory garden, that it will draw more people in from the street to have a look and to be involved in the house. We have built new links with Corrections Victoria who have helped us with our Community Garden and our Community Lunches. This past year we have said goodbye to old staff and hello to new with Hannah Evans as our Volunteer Coordinator and Training and Pathways Development Coordinator, and Kelly Davis as our Administration Officer. Hannah's role will be important in increasing volunteer involvement. We say goodbye and thank you to Stephanie Meighen and Gabriella Foreman-Brown as we welcome in our new staff. A big thank you to all the staff, volunteers, and Committee members for all their hard work.
4. Guest speaker - Samantha Citroen
Speaking on behalf of Moreland City Council and as a resident. 30 years is a great achievement and it is great to celebrate RSNH as Coburg's first Neighbourhood House. Moreland City Council now supports seven houses. From the start, there has been a strong focus on community input and this has remained as activities have grown over the years. It is great to have a welcoming and diverse space that is fundamental to supporting and connecting the community.
5. Cookbook Launch
As a part of RSNH 30 year celebrations, we have put together a collection of recipes from volunteers and people attending the house. It has been a great way to share personal stories with each recipe to celebrate the house.
6. Membership subscription
Agree to continue that the subscription at an optional gold coin donation for the coming year and renewal date is set for 30th April annually.

Moved: Helen D'Este

Seconded: Vera Joosten

7. Acknowledgement and thank you - Lucy Eames

Thank you to fellow Committee members for continued hard work. A special thank you to Sue Purdie who will not be returning to the committee after 4 years of involvement.

8. Election of new Committee of Management for 2018/19

a. Election of three members for 1 year

- i. Eliza Metcalfe
- ii. Emily Mellon (Apologies)
- iii. Helen D'Este

b. Election of three members for 2 years

- i. Vera Joosten
- ii. Graham Cole
- iii. Maria Larubina

All members elected unopposed

AGM closed at 12.00pm

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