

REYNARD STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
DRAFT MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
11am FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER 2019

Present

Members: Maria Larubina, Vera Joosten, Emily Mellon, Philippa Day, Erin Dale, Graham Cole, Kat Thorn, Angela Marsicovetere, Antonella Erna, Mary Grace Giovanakis, Michael Riley, Lyn Giles, John Coutanche, Lucy Eames, Kelly Davis

Observers: Sue Bolton, Peter Khalil, Peter McKie, Adua Merola, Veronika Pradel, Meri Carnovale, Ruby Walker-Smith, Mary Goliopoulos, Thi Huyen Nguyen, Tomas Grgat, Daniel Makowki, Carol Johnson, Ailisa Gurung, Sam Russo

Absent:

Maria Larubina (Chair) opened meeting by welcoming everyone and acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, past and present. A special welcome was extended to guests including Sue Bolton and Peter Khalil, members for Wills, Peter McKie, from the Board of Directors of Strathmore Community Services, Strathmore Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank, and all others in attendance. Maria reflects on her years as Chairperson for RSNH Committee of Management including the Sensory Garden upgrade and upgrades to the front entrance. She wishes the best of luck to the future of the House as she steps down from this role and the Committee.

1. Chair requested a motion be moved that the minutes from previous AGM 2018 be accepted
Moved: Graham Cole Seconded: Emily Mellon
2. Guest speaker – Sue Bolton
Speaking on behalf of Moreland City Council and a local resident. RSNH has proved itself a strong and successful community presence through changing the name of the House, rejuvenation through continued upgrades and improvements, programs, and volunteers. It is great to see the ways in which the House can provide resources to the local community. There is more to come in the way of improvements with the kitchen upgrade. It is exciting to see what the future holds for RSNH.
3. Financial Report – Vera Joosten
This is the last report presented by Vera as the outgoing treasurer after at least 15 years of association with the House. RSNH finances have always been very fortunate due to spot on budgeting, a clear and realistic understanding of the House and it's running, and having money in reserve to fund special projects that make RSNH stand out. RSNH has a bright future as it continues to grow.
4. Managers' Report – Lucy Eames
RSNH has had another fantastic year as we continue to grow in regards to staffing, programs, volunteers, and capital works. This year we are launching the upgrades done to the front entrance to the house thanks to Moreland City Council and Bendigo Bank, which has been a great improvement to our street presence and general interest in the House. We look forward to upgrading the kitchen to continue to grow and improve our space and programs. This year we ran a Supported Training Pathways project, coordinated by Hannah Evans, to provide further education, work experience, and community engagement. We have continued our partnerships with Correctional Services and Open Table which help us to provide our weekly community lunches. Playgroups continue to be our biggest program with over 100 families attending. Volunteering continues to be a success with over 300 people volunteering with us in the past year. We acknowledge and thank them for all the work they do here. The success of the Supported Training Pathways program and the volunteer program is thanks to Hannah Evans who is now in her 2nd year here. Another thanks goes to Meri Carnovale, the Playgroup Coordinator, and Kelly Davis, the Administration Coordinator. Thanks to the Committee of Management for another great year. A special thanks to Maria Larubina, the out-going Chair,

Vera Joosten, the out-going Treasurer, and Graham Cole, an out-going member for all their work over the years.

5. Annual Membership Subscription

Agree to continue subscription at an optional gold donation and renewal date is set for April 30th, annually.

Moved: Vera Joosten Seconded: Philippa Day

6. Election of new Committee of Management for 2019/20

Election for 1-year term

- a. Kimberly Moran
- b. Emily Mellon
- c. Katherine Thorn
- d. Neryl Jeanneret

Election for 2-year term

- e. Philippa Day
- f. Erin Dale
- g. Owen Martin

All members elected unopposed

Moved: Graham Cole Seconded: Philippa Day

7. Launch of new front entrance

Special guests Peter Kahlil and Peter McKie speak to unveil the finished upgrade to the front.

AGM closed at 12.pm

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