

Reynard Street Neighbourhood House Annual General Meeting

Meeting commenced at 10:33 am.

Chair: Dung Nguyen (Committee of Management Chair)

The Chair welcomed all to the AGM at the House, and acknowledged the traditional owners. The Chair also acknowledged the step forward Victoria is taking in enshrining Treaty. The Chair welcomed special guest Helen Politis, Deputy Mayor of Merri-bek. The Chair welcomed and acknowledged the guests and House users, for this, her second AGM.

Apologies: Hon Peter Khalil MP, Cr Helen Davidson.

Francis Martin moved the minutes of the previous AGM as being a true and accurate representation of the 2024 meeting, and Ilona Nicola seconded.

The Chair acknowledged the period of change the House had been through, with four managers across the last twelve months, and the financial difficulties the House has experienced. Dung acknowledged the large contribution Linda made to the House across the time of her tenure and wished her well for her next role and the future.

Linda reflected positively on her time at Reynard Street Neighbourhood House, and the community who support the House. Linda acknowledged Lucy's contribution to the House as Linda's predecessor. Linda acknowledged the support of the Committee of Management across her journey, and Nathacha's support and work at the House, noting that she will step into the Executive Officer role with Linda finishing. Linda remarked on the future developments the House will undertake, with the House having been successful in several grant applications. Linda thanked the volunteers and participants, noting that they are who make the House so special.

Derya Siva passed a motion to move the Chair's and Manager's reports, and Ilona Nicola seconded.

The Chair tabled the Annual Financial Statement and acknowledged the difficult financial situation the House and broader Neighbourhood House network is currently

experiencing. The Chair noted the \$33k deficit for the Financial Year, which was smaller than the \$66k budgeted deficit.

Ilona Nicola moved the Annual Financial Statement and Cheryl McLaughlin seconded.

Singing by Day Choir entertained the meeting with a rendition of “Here Comes the Sun”. The Chair thanked the Choir for their beautiful song.

*The Chair proposed a motion for Ryk Epstein from Collins and Co as the auditor for 2025/26 FY. **The motion was carried.***

The Chair proposed a Special Resolution to change the Constitution, with the purpose of attaining DGR status. The Chair noted that this was supported by the Committee of Management. The Chair also noted that the Special Resolution referred to Reynard Street Neighbourhood House as “The Company”, which would be changed to more appropriate wording before the House Constitution was modified. **The Special Resolution was carried.**

The Chair declared the positions on the Committee of Management vacant.

The Chair remarked on Cheryl’s leadership and contribution to the House and Committee of Management. The Chair remarked on Shannon’s contribution to the house and as Secretary.

The Chair confirmed that the office bearer roles were elected unopposed:

- The Chair (Dung Nguyen) would stay on
- The Deputy Chair (Frances Martin) would stay on
- The Treasurer (Matthew Gourley) would stay on
- Ilona Nicola was elected unopposed into the Secretary role

The Chair proposed a motion for the number of ordinary Committee members be set at four (4) for the year until the next Annual General Meeting. ***The motion was carried.***

The following members nominated and were elected into ordinary positions unopposed: Derya Siva, Joseph Stephenson, and Caroline Henwood.

The Chair called the meeting closed at 11:05 am.