



# NWMA Annual General Meeting Minutes

18 April 2009  
Dining Room  
Miami Hotel  
Hawke Street, West Melbourne

## 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting:

Alan Ashley, Alba Gatto, Madeleine Scully, Bill Cook, Wal Nankervis, Nancy Nankervis, Kay Oke, Rob Oke, David Evans, Jennie Newman, Paul Stuart, Gina Stuart, Margaret Peril, Jacques Peril, Gabrielle Stannus, Valerie Gerrand, Jan Lacey, Wendy Cook, Doone Clifton, Denys Harraway, Susan Harraway, Mary Kehoe, Virginia Nairn, Roger Nairn, Carolyn Fyfe, Kevin Wong Hoy, Geoff Leach, Verena Augusti, Lorraine Siska, Kevin Chamberlin, Ludia Macmichael, Michael Horscroft, Margaret Fried

## 2. Apologies

The Chair noted apologies from:

Julianne Bell, Beth Bennett, Mary Chapman, Thea Bates, Janet Graham, Dick Standish, Len Dekievil, Graham Bawden, Beth Bennett, Graham McCallum, Nancy McIntosh

## 3. Minutes

The minutes from the 2008 AGM were accepted.

**Motion** That the 2008 AGM Minutes be accepted  
**Moved** Kevin Chamberlin **Seconded** Denys Harraway **Carried**

## 4. Reports

The treasurer noted that the Association is in a strong financial position, with an increase in subscriptions, and has recently received a grant from Melbourne City Council. There has been expenditure on storage for archival papers, a new laptop and revamping the website.

**Motion** That the Treasurer's Report be adopted  
**Moved** Kevin Wong Hoy **Seconded** Margaret Fried **Carried**

## 5. Reports:

### Chairperson's Report

The Chair drew attention to his report and outlined several key points:

- In many ways this has been a more successful year, probably largely due to the popularity of the special issues-focussed monthly meetings - these are well attended, but not translating into more members.

- It is extremely difficult to find people to take on the Association's office bearer roles, particularly the Chair and Deputy Chair positions, and this may necessitate a new approach to running the association
- Special thanks to Alba Gatto for her exceptional work as Secretary
- Special thanks also to Michael Horscroft for all his hard work as Treasurer over the years
- It should also be mentioned that the Association has received a very encouraging letter from Professor Rob Adams supporting the NWMA stance on the footbridge at North Melbourne Station – and special thanks to Denys Harraway for all his work on this issue.

### **Environment**

Michael Horscroft spoke briefly about this very difficult year for all our trees and plants. Melbourne City Council has continued programs to replace trees and continue planting. The Association also values and looks forward to further developing the partnership with Sustainability Street.

**Motion** That the Chairperson's and Environment Reports be adopted.  
**Moved** Doone Clifton **Seconded** Gabi Stannus **Carried**

### **6. Election**

As noted last year, some office bearers have served the maximum time allowed in their roles.

The following nominations were received:

<b>Chair</b>	Vacant
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Vacant
<b>Secretary</b>	Wendy Cook
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Alba Gatto
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bill Cook
<b>Ordinary Members</b>	
1.	Michael Horscroft
2.	Madeleine Scully
3.	Denys Harraway

All were elected unopposed

**Motion:** That this meeting request that the committee consider the appointment of Kevin Chamberlin and Michael Horscroft to the Committee.  
**Moved:** Bill Cook **Seconded** Kevin Wong Hoy **Carried**

People are welcome to nominate for their areas of interest.

Kevin Wong Hoy nominated for Social Secretary – **seconded** Kevin Chamberlin and **Carried**

And serious thought is needed about how to put the financial reserves to good use.

### **7. Conclusion**

Thanks to all and particularly to George Tyler for his generous hospitality in hosting this meeting once again.

Governance issues will be considered at the first meeting of the new Committee, with the outcomes tabled at the next monthly meeting.