



MINUTES
Ordinary General Meeting, Tuesday 17 July 2018, 7.35pm

Present: Nicholas Atkins, Kevin Chamberlin, Mary Chapman, Sebastian Clark, Stephen Farrugia, Peter Gerrand, Valerie Gerrand, Janet Graham, Jan Lacey, Dan McDonnell, Jane Poynter, Duncan Rouch, Jacqueline Stevenson and John Widmer

Apologies: Bill Cook, Ray Cowling, Michael Horscroft, Colin Long, Rosemary John, Jacques Péril, Margaret Péril and Geraldine Suter

Chair Kevin Chamberlin welcomed members and thanked them for venturing out on what had promised to be a stormy night. There were no guest speakers, which gave us an opportunity to raise housekeeping matters. The apologies were noted and accepted by the meeting.

1. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Moved Janet Graham, seconded Jane Poynter:

That confirmation of the June 2018 minutes be deferred pending clarification of one matter regarding Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek.

Carried.

2. Committee report

(a) NWMA mailing list

Jane Poynter reported that a couple of months ago the Committee had discussed merging the two mailing lists — Members and Friends. Stephen Farrugia was now authorised to do that, so henceforth there would be one electronic mailing list with the email address to be called news@nwma.org.au. If people reply, the message will now go to only a few designated people instead of to the whole list.

Jane thanked everyone who had renewed their membership recently.

Moved Jane Poynter, seconded Stephen Farrugia:

That the meeting approve the actions required to combine the Members and Friends email lists into one list.

Carried.

(b) Consolidation of NWMA accounts

North West Patch was now an independent, incorporated association with its own bank account.

Emmy Chung had emailed a letter authorising transfer of the remaining funds raised by the Baptist Church campaign group (North West Melbourne Voice) to the Association.

Moved Kevin Chamberlin, seconded Mary Chapman:

(i) That the meeting note that the credit balance of \$619.51 in the Sustainability Street account has been transferred to the main account of the North and West Melbourne Association as a donation with the full support of the remaining members of Sustainability Street.

(ii) That the meeting also note that the final balance of \$357.21 in the account of North West Melbourne Voice (Baptist Church campaign group) has been transferred to the NWMA's main account, also as a donation, as specified in an email from the group's convenor, Emmy Chung.

(iii) That this meeting notes the generosity of these two groups.

Carried.

With the addition of this sum of nearly \$1000, the NWMA account balance as at the date of the transfers was \$5758.70. There was also just over \$10,000 in the term deposit account.

3. Reports from affiliated organisations

(a) Melbourne North Police Community Consultative Committee (PCCC)

Jan Lacey said there was nothing to report from the PCCC, including about the closure of the Criminal Investigation Unit in North Melbourne. It would be on the next meeting's agenda.

(b) Protect Abbotsford Street Estate

Jan reminded the meeting about the Protect Abbotsford Street Estate (PASE) public meeting to be held on Wednesday 18 July at 6.30pm in the Hotham Room at North Melbourne Library and encouraged members to attend.

(c) Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek (FMPC)

John Widmer had been asked to write a 600-word article about Moonee Ponds Creek for the *Flemington–Kensington News*, as they regard the development of the creek as an important issue. He suggested that Janet run this in the *North and West Melbourne News* too.

The Kensington Association is a member of FMPC. John had asked FMPC if the NWMA could also join the group and be represented by him at meetings. Notwithstanding Transurban's CityLink road above it, the creek supports a wide variety of waterbird species in the section adjoining North Melbourne, but management of the creek has not encouraged biodiversity at this stage.

4. Discussion of correspondence circulated in the last month and received by hand

There were no items other than those already circulated electronically.

5. General business

(a) Don Kyatt building development

Janet Graham had received an email from Marshall Waters explaining that a small group of objectors had negotiated with the applicant following the refusal of the first application, resulting in a new plan with reduced heights and deeper setbacks that they considered a very good outcome. The notice on the Kyatt building with a decision date not before 25 July was an amended application, Reference No TP-2018-88, reflecting this.

(b) Hawke and Adderley Street Park

Janet reported that the expanded park was now open apart from the newly-laid grass and planted beds, which had been fenced off until warmer weather helped get them established. There was a large area devoted to a kids' playground, including two slides, a roundabout and two swings, which was already proving very popular. This park is still dog-on-leash.

(c) Effect of domestic animals on the public domain

John cited a City of Adelaide study which had found that some cats roam across several kilometres while 80% have a fairly small territory. Dogs wandering free are easy for rangers to spot and catch but cats are not so obvious. He didn't know what effect domestic animals were having on creeks and open space. There was discussion about feeding possums in Flagstaff Gardens and a positive comment about dogs interacting with owners there. It came down to responsible pet ownership. John will follow up with Moonee Valley Council and report back to the next NWMA meeting, but it was noted that the Association currently had no concerns.

6. Time, date and venue of next ordinary general meeting

Tuesday 21 August 2018, 7.30pm, at the Bastow Institute, 603–615 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.