

AGM Minutes – Thursday 13th October 2022



Welcome: Meeting opened at 6:48 pm. Deborah Dickinson welcomed the members - a great diverse group of businesses and wonderful connections to be made.

Present: Lisa Field, Amol Kasaju, Joel Reyes, Lesley Rogan, Sherren McGregor, Pare Parata-Waru, Sher Stowe-Winder, Fiona Bolton, Fornika Cane, Rakesh Singh, Amanda Moo, Josh, Bart Beek, Alaine Beek, Paul Collins, Leonie Collins, Rita Parkinson, Paul, Taylor, Mark (Bubby) Lawson, Joe Garra, Mark Pilgrim, Lachlan Hall, Imran Abul Kashem, Wendy Jordan, Kim Carter, Mark Dickinson, Deborah Dickinson

Apologies: Cr Peter Maynard, Gerda Probst, Martin Probst, Phil Morley, Cr Susan McIntyre, Brian Duckworth, Ravi Sharma, Cat McCarthy

Member highlight:

- **Casa Cantina** – Mark has established a bar & restaurant with a Mexican chef who has won many awards;
- **Wyndham Walkabout** – Rita loves to promote places through visual images to attract people and show proximity of places;
- **Amanda Moo Your Happy Broker** – Amanda has a real estate background and is 2 years into starting the conversation as a broker;
- **Royal Albert Carriage Company** – Josh has a 1837 Electric carriage for Weddings & Events currently at the Werribee Park Estate;
- **Werribee River Association** – Lisa mentioned that the river is an untapped potential and they have also published the Werribee River Association history book - 40 Years of Waterways Protection 1981 – 2021.

Matters arising from previous minutes – nil

Minutes of previous AGM held on 14th October 2021 accepted

Moved: Wendy **Seconded:** Sherren

Chairperson Update – Deborah Dickinson

Enjoyed 1st Year in position. Thanked board members for their support and guidance. Collectively made it happen. New events, change of membership structure and sponsorships, success in grant funding, supporting connections - Biz to Biz. Appreciate all WBTA members; even those who have paid and cant attend meetings.

Treasurer Update – Brian Duckworth

Report presented by Lisa Field – Vice Chairperson. Ran through figures in the AGM Report. Funds received are up due to success of grant applications. Overall we made a profit of \$27,527.72 with a significant part of these funds to be spent in the following financial year as per our grant funded project obligations.

Moved: Pare **Seconded:** Joel Motion passed

Sub-committee Reports:

- **Vice Chairperson – Lisa Field**
Great that we are supporting local. If you are wanting to support, always looking for ideas and helpers.
- **Member Liaison – Joel Reyes**
Supporting members as much as we can. We hope the challengers of past are behind us. Businesses are having staffing issues however the majority of businesses are doing well and surviving with community support. We made changes to not for profit membership structure were groups with staff fall under the fee structure. After 5 years leaving this portfolio in a great position.
- **Tourism – Pare Parata-Waru**
Has moved on for the role due to working now with council. We are emerging from a rough

period. People are out visiting family and friends and we are seeing people come back. Great that businesses and industries are now working together.

- **Marketing / Social Media – Lachlan Hall**
Go Local / Win Local, cost to purchase to enter. Video/ Facebook/ Member Directory. Also created Facebook new member posts. Will be moving on after 3 years. Great opportunity for others to join.
- **Advocacy – Imran Abul Kashem**
Attended Stakeholders meetings. Input into meetings with other groups and council.
- **Secretary / Events & Promotions – Kim Carter**
Thanked members for supporting the WBTA and each other.

Motion – non-members can be appointed to a board position.

Moved: Wendy **Seconded:** Lisa

Moved to temporary chair - Joel Reyes

Nominations and vote for the following positions:

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| ○ Hospitality & Local Traders | Bubby Luxford | Moved: Amol | Seconded: Alaine |
| ○ Events & Promotions | Amanda Moo | Moved: Kim | Seconded: Lachlan |
| ○ Advocacy | Imran Abul Kashem | Moved: Mark | Seconded: Lachlan |
| ○ Tourism | Leonie Collins | Moved: Amanda | Seconded: Alaine |
| ○ Membership | Rekash Singh | Moved: Lisa | Seconded: Imran |
| ○ Secretary | Kim Carter | Moved: Amanda | Seconded: Pare |
| ○ Treasurer | VACANT | Moved: | Seconded: |
| ○ Vice Chair | Lisa Field | Moved: Deborah | Seconded: Imran |
| ○ Chairperson | Deborah Dickson | Moved: Kim | Seconded: Amanda |

New Board elected

Chairperson, Deborah Dickson thanked Joel, Lockie, Brian and Pare for their time on the board. Welcomed new board members. We will also be progressing talks with potential members for the Treasurer position.

General Business:

None

Next WBTA Events:

Upcoming General Business Meeting, which will be our Christmas event – Thursday 8th December 2022.

Meeting Closed at 7:40 pm

31st October 2022

On this date, Asif Hussain accepted the position of Treasurer.

Moved: Deborah **Seconded:** Kim