

Sustainable Living Armidale Inc.

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th July 2021 at 6.30pm.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the meeting, held by Zoom video-conference in accordance with clause 34 of the SLA Constitution.

Present: Tanya Howard (Convenor), Jody Evans (Treasurer), Mahalath Halperin, Joc Coventry, Jo Leoni, Tom Fisher, Iain MacKay, Elizabeth O'Hara, Helen Webb, Terry Manley, Dorothy Robinson, Joy Bowles, Annette Kilarr, Peter O'Donohue, Glen Morris, Sue Elliott, Bar Finch, Patsy Asch, Amy Lykins, Deni McKenzie, James Vicars, Amy Ashman, Vanessa Bible, Greg Clarke, Andrew Lawson (Secretary).

Apologies: Sarah Johnstone, Jan Brahe

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 2nd July 2020, which had been circulated in advance, were confirmed. Moved Helen Webb; seconded Iain MacKay.

2.0 Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3.0 Convenor's Report and Acknowledgement of Country

SLA Convenor, Tanya Howard, gave the Acknowledgement of Country, welcomed members, and outlined SLA's achievements and Action Group highlights over the past year, including:

Forums

- Political Cartoons and Environmental Messages – August 2020
- Climate Emergency Declaration – September 2020
- Water Security in a Climate Crisis– October 2020
- Christmas Party – November 2020
- Nutrition and planetary health – March 2021

Events:

- Monthly mall markets
- Farmers market stalls
- Sacred People, Sacred Earth – with Uniting Church
- Green Drinks
- Earth Day
- Sustainable House Tour - 2 days, 5 houses, 8 guided conversations, over 70 attendees

Creative projects and partnerships:

- Staying Alive! Earth Day Koala dance troupe
- Mother of Ducks Lagoon – Red Rebels
- Peri-Urban Climate Risk Workshops – partnership with Southern New England Landcare, funded by Armidale Regional Council
- 'I Can Do It!' energy efficiency workshops - funded by Armidale Regional Council
- Climate and Health Project – UNE and Armajun Aboriginal Health Service

Submissions, meetings, committee membership, correspondence, volunteer hours:

- Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee – ESAC
- Submissions to Armidale Regional Council (ARC): 2020 State of the Environment Report; ARC Annual Budget; Review of ARC Committees; Creeklands Master Plan; Community Strategic Plan; Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement
- Report: 'A Framework for Climate Action' prepared by the Climate Action Working Group

- Representation: Have your say; Black Gully festival; Costa group
- Numerous letters/ actions/ meetings/ submissions made by Wildlife Habitat Group and Action on Coal Seam Gas and Mining
- Correspondence with ARC by various working groups/ meetings held with General Manager, Mayor and other councillors

4.0 Treasurer's Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2021

The Treasurer, Jody Evans, presented the SLA annual financial statement, summarized below.

Total Income	\$10,489.27
Total expenses	\$5,568.74
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$4,920.53
Opening Balance as at 1 July 2020	\$36,880.26
Surplus/(Deficit) for Current Year	\$4,920.53
Closing Reconciled Balance as at 30 June 2021	\$41,800.79
Comprising:	
<i>General funds</i>	\$16,340.15
<i>AACSG&M trust</i>	\$896.68
<i>Boomerang Bags trust</i>	\$497.65
<i>Community Gardens account</i>	\$20,908.00
<i>Unspent ARC grant monies</i>	\$3,158.31

Treasurer's report accepted; moved Helen Webb, seconded Andrew Lawson.

5.0 Election of Office Bearers

Tanya Howard, as outgoing Convenor not seeking re-election, declared all positions vacant, and invited nominations for the following positions.

- **Convenor:** Helen Webb, nominated by Tanya Howard, seconded Jody Evans. There were no further nominations, Helen elected unopposed.
- **Secretary/ Public Officer:** Andrew Lawson, nominated by James Vicars, seconded Elizabeth O'Hara. There were no further nominations, Andrew elected unopposed.
- **Treasurer:** Viv Nano, nominated by Jody Evans, seconded Iain MacKay. There were no further nominations, Viv elected unopposed.

The following Action Group convenors were endorsed by the meeting to become members of the Co-ordinating Committee:

- SLAM & Web editor – Iain MacKay
- Transport – Tom Fisher
- Community Garden – Jo Leoni
- Wildlife Habitat – Elizabeth O'Hara
- Climate Action – Annette Kilarr
- Peace – Vanessa Bible

No convenors were endorsed for the following Action Groups, though potential interest was noted:

- Armidale Local Food
- Armidale Action on Coal Seam Gas and Mining (Jan Brahe retiring as convenor)
- Energy

- Reduce, Recycle and Reuse

Meeting participants thanked outgoing members – Tanya Howard (outgoing SLA Convenor), Jody Evans (outgoing Treasurer), and Jan Brahe (outgoing AACSGM convenor) – for their service to SLA and the Action Groups.

5.0 Other Business

ACTION ITEM: Treasurer to renew and pay SLA’s membership of the Nature Conservation Council.

6.0 Close of meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:20 pm.