

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB Inc
MINUTES of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
Held at the club premises, Club Willoughby, 26 Crabbes Ave Willoughby
on Saturday, 6th April 2019.

The Meeting was opened at 11:30am by the President of the Club and the Chairman of this year's AGM, Mr John Brownie. He opened discussion by bidding all members a warm welcome.

- 1. Present & Apologies.** As per the attached attendance and apologies records.
- 2. Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes.** All members agreed that the AGM Minutes from 2018 was a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.
- 3. Adopt the Annual Report of the Committee.** The Annual Report of the Committee, having been previously circulated to members prior to this meeting, was adopted unanimously.
- 4. Approval of the 2018 Financial Reports.** Following a brief explanation by the Chairman of the audited Balance Sheet as at 31st Dec 2018, the 2018 audited Income and Expenditure Statement and the Auditor's Report, the Meeting adopted all three Reports. (Proposed by Angela Boulton and seconded by Marlaine Gahan.) It was noted that these three documents had been previously circulated to club members.
- 5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members of the Club for 2019.** As only single nominations were received for the positions of President, Vice President, Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary, the four individuals (see below) were elected unopposed to these positions. Following a brief personal presentation by five individuals to support their election as Committee Members (David Fryda, David Hudson, Winston Horne, Elana Kohn and Peter Koorey) and the Chairman reading the Bio of absent member Peter Jeffrey, an election was then held. From six nominations the meeting voted to elect three Committee Members.

Following the election the Chairman congratulated and announced that the successful candidates and 2019/20 Committee of the Club are:

President: John Mottram.

Vice President: Graham Murray.

Hon Treasurer: Les Grewcock.

Hon Secretary: David Hagley.

Committee Members: David Fryda, David Hudson and Elana Kohn.

- 6. Appointment of Auditors.** The Chairman advised that this year's auditors, Christopher Coote & Co, were happy to continue in 2019 and the meeting resolved that their appointment be approved.

- 7. Appointment of Honorary Solicitor.** The Chairman confirmed that the current solicitor, Michael Giugni, had indicated his willingness to be re-appointed and it was agreed by the membership to appoint him for the ensuring year.

8. Other Business.

- Matt Vertzonis, Vice President of Club Willoughby, provided a professionally produced video depicting the plans for the Club Willoughby redevelopment. He explained that plans to proceed had been delayed by State bureaucratic requirements, that they are now in the community

consultation stage and hope to formally present the “Willoughby Hub” project to local council in a matter of a few weeks. Questions were asked from the floor about suitable accommodation being available for the bridge club, the cost of this, parking arrangements for club members within the new development, possible disruption of floor space and parking during the construction stage and financial arrangements. Mr Vertzonis could not provide definitive answers to the questions while the development remained in the approval process. However it does appear that the redevelopment has a long way to go and is not a short term proposition.

- The Club Manager, Mike Prescott, then spoke in glowing terms of the role played by our outgoing President, John Brownie, in bringing the club to where it is today. After 11 years at the helm John’s passion for the game and the club was highlighted, as was his leadership, management and negotiation skills. These attributes, among others, and John’s dedication to the club, were acknowledged by the Club last year when it bestowed John with the title of Life Member. Mike made a small presentation to not only John but also to Helen Brownie for being part of the team. Thank you both.

- A member raised her great concern in relation to the club’s recycling policy. The Chairman highlighted that the Committee took the Club’s recycling issue seriously and had resolved to provide recycling bins, suggest that players bring their own cups, mugs or water bottles (so long as they remove them immediately following the session), request the involvement of members at large and to advertise the issue within the newsletter. These activities and actions had been recently implemented and the Chairman confirmed that the Club Hon Secretary will place the recycling issue on the agenda of the next committee meeting for further discussion and resolution.

- The Chairman clarified, following a further query from the floor, that the Committee Meeting Minutes are not posted on our website due to confidentiality issues but, as per the Constitution, are available to our members for their review should they so desire. He clarified that the Club Manager, Mike Prescott, holds the Minutes register.

- The issue of proxy voting at the Club’s AGM was also discussed and the Chairman agreed that the issue will need to be reviewed to better manage proxies at future Meetings.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 12:30pm.

Approved by:

Date: