

AGENDA

**Watson Community Association (WCA) AGM
to be held at 7.30pm Thursday May 7, 2015
at Youth With A Mission (YWAM), Zelling St, Watson.**

1. Greetings and Apologies
2. Minutes of 2014 AGM
3. Matters arising from 2014 AGM
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Chair's Report
7. Working group/Subcommittee Reports
 1. Woodlands Group - Richard Larson
 2. Summernats - Rod Lestone
 3. Parties at the Shops -
 4. Art in the Park - Gillian Helyar
8. Election of Committee Members
9. Other Business
10. Forum on Community Engagement
11. Close and supper

MINUTES

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Meeting was opened at 7.45pm by Liz Grace (Chair) who thanked Leonie Watts and YWAM for the use of the room and facilities for both this meeting and the Parties at the Shops meeting preceding the AGM, as well as some food and drinks.

Present: Julie Smith, Richard Larson, Jon Real, Liz Grace, Gillian Helyar, Keith Helyar, Bev Thomas, Rod Lestone, John Briggs, Carrie Wright, Matthew Needham, Leonie Watts, Sergey Lobov, Dan Ong, Howard Grace, Robert James, Chris Nailer (briefly)

Apologies: Chris Bunn, Danae McCulloch, Peter and Anne Mc Donald, David Turbayne, Valaisan Campbell

Minutes of 2014 AGM. Some confusion as although they had been distributed by email before the meeting, inaccurate ones were produced at the meeting. Resolved with production of accurate printed ones (thanks Leonie) and Rod Lestone moved they be accepted. Seconded by Julie Smith. Accepted by consensus.

Matters arising from 2014 AGM: Liz raised the issue of public toilets. Following chat to Steve Dospot (Liberal MLA), Liz received a letter to the effect that public toilets were not being used enough to justify their existence at shopping precincts, and it was unlikely they would be built. Liz vowed to continue to press the issue.

Treasurer's Report Jon Real tabled the auditor's report, and wished to publicly thank Gethin Constable for auditing our accounts for the last several years. Jon noted that the WCA had a balance of \$4668 in the bank by end 2014, and noted that there been only one significant expenditure, that of new Woodlands brochures at nearly \$700. The present bank balance is in the vicinity of \$5,100. Motion to accept the report by Gillian, seconded by Richard. Carried.

Appointment of Auditor Motion to reappoint Gethin Constable moved by Jon Real. Accepted by consensus.

Chair's Report: (detail in attached file) Liz thanked members of the Committee for support, and also thanked the people who have worked on the Woodlands and planning issues. She noted the Watzon has increased in size, and thanked those who work on it. She made note of the social events that the WCA has conducted, and some of the positive features of the suburb. Liz moved that her report be accepted.

Working group/Subcommittee Reports

Watson Woodlands from John Briggs, supplemented by Richard Larson (detail in attached file). The main development over the past year has been the production of a new Management Plan as a result of JRHP being declared an offset for the proposed residential development on the northern boundary of the Park. This is close to release for public comment. However some work has continued within the Park principally feral plant and animal control, and plantings of wildflowers. Some weed control on the boundary has been done also. Some encouraging improvement in plant and bird biodiversity has been noted

Summernats from Rod Lestone. Reports were that the noise and smell were quite modified this year as the wind was not blowing towards the suburb.

Parties at the Shops 2015 - general report of the meeting just prior to the AGM was given by attendees. Date and time set for Thursday Nov 5 from 3pm with the theme "Good Living Watson" (notes from this meeting are attached)

Art in the Park 2015 from Gillian Helyar (detail in attached file). Held on Sunday April 12 from 10am-12noon in JRHP near Antill St entrance. Very pleasant but poor attendance, and needs more publicity and support for repeat.

Election of Committee

Ten written nomination were received, all seconded and and accepted. As each of the office bearers was prepared to continue in their roles, all were duly elected to these positions. Others were elected as Committee members. The results were as follows:

Chair: Liz Grace

Deputy Chair: Richard Larson

Secretary: Gillian Helyar

Treasurer: Jon Real

Committee Members: Leonie Watts, Matthew Needham, Chris Bunn, Julie Smith, Rod Lestone, Carrie Wright.

Other business

Nil

Forum on Community Engagement

General discussion was held about whether we should engage those who join the Association more. Because we now have negotiated a private meeting venue in exchange for an advertisement in the Watzon, we decided to make the meetings open to all Watson residents who wished to attend. There was some support for other involvement but no clear actions proposed.

The meeting was closed about 8.45pm, and followed by supper.