



## Minutes, 2009 Annual General Meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

Meeting commenced at 16:10 in the meeting room at Cassidy Arcade.

1. **Welcome and apologies:** Lynton Bond, Maryke Booth, Tom Baker, Jim Arnold, Sandy Lloyd, Margaret Piper, and Andy Westcott (Coordinator), Stephen Skinner (Waterwatch Coordinator).  
Apologies: John Bruggeman, Bruce Taloni.
2. **Minutes of AGM held 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008:** Motion to accept, proposed Lloyd, seconded Arnold, passed by acclamation.
3. **Business arising:** Constitutional changes were made to make the organisation a tax-deductible gift recipient, for which the trust fund is up and running. We are now also able to apply for grants from philanthropic foundations.
4. **Reports:**

**President:** Full text as appendix 1. Lynton noted that having an active group in the Queanbeyan CBD with three effective staff was vindication for the existence of the MCG. He also pointed to the production of the *Glove box Guide Frogs of the ACT region* as proof that teamwork pays off. He noted that the new urban developments in the Molonglo Valley, East Lake, Googong and Tralee were all going to require active engagement by members of the MCG...and in light of the Chief Minister's comments, on his return from Europe, that corporate sponsors can fund wetland revivals and similar projects. Lynton also spoke of his genuine gratitude to all the committee but especially to Claudia Nye (who is retiring) for her extensive support, advice and backup over the past six years. And finally, while content with the rental from the QCC, the many benefits of accommodation with the Murrumbidgee CMA office (and the map making equipment) is rather missed.

**Auditor's Report:** In the absence of the finalised Auditor's Report, Maryke presented the financial records for the last twelve months. It was noted that we appear to have made a 'book' loss, but are acting in consistency with our Deeds of Grant.

*Audited Molonglo Environmental Heritage Fund Financial Report* tabled by Maryke, motion to accept proposed Lloyd, seconded Baker, passed by acclamation

*Financial papers* tabled by Maryke, motion of provisional acceptance subject to final Auditor's report proposed Bond, seconded Lloyd, passed. There was also direction to the Coordinator to provide a book token present to Helen Tyssen for her tireless work on the financials and accounts. Papers at Appendix 2.

**Coordinator:** Full text as appendix 3. Andy pointed out the range of collaborations with other organisations on projects, large and small, that marked the year.

**Waterwatch Coordinator:** Stephen highlighted the activities of the numerous Waterwatch groups. Tabled Report as appendix 4.

5. **Appointment of Returning Officer:** Andy Westcott was appointed Returning Officer.

6. Election of Management Committee:

President: Lynton Bond proposed Lloyd, seconded Baker. Elected unopposed.

Vice President: Tom Baker proposed Lloyd, seconded Bond. Elected unopposed

Treasurer: Maryke Booth proposed Piper, seconded Lloyd. Elected unopposed.

Secretary: John Bruggeman proposed Bond, seconded Baker. Elected unopposed.

Committee Members (5 to be elected)

Sandy Lloyd proposed Booth, seconded Bond

Jim Arnold proposed Baker, seconded Bond

Bruce Talone proposed Bond, seconded Lloyd

With two vacant positions remaining.

Public Officer: John Bruggeman proposed Booth, seconded Bond. Elected unopposed.

7. Lynton resumed the chair. Tom proposed a vote of thanks for Lynton's last six years of service, which was duly given by acclamation. A discussion followed about seeking new recruits for the committee and the relative merits of longevity of role holders.
8. Appointment of Auditor: it was decided by affirmation to continue to retain Lawler partners.
9. Gift for the Waterwatch Volunteers: all to receive hats, tee-shirts and packs of postcards in recognition of their service this year.

Meeting closed at 16:52.

Lynton Bond, President

John Bruggeman, Secretary  
(Stephen Skinner acted on his behalf).