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## **MINUTES OF 20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 18th July 2018**

**Held at Assembly Hall, Boyd Community Hub**

**207 City Road, Southbank**

### **1. Meeting Opened**

President Tony Penna declared the meeting open at 18:45 and welcomed those in attendance and welcomed Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Minister Martin Foley, Steve Perumal and Luke Flanagan from CoM.

### **2. In Attendance**

51 total  
34 paid members  
17 non-members

President advised those present that a quorum had been achieved.

### **3. Apologies**

Cr's from CoM, Kevin Louey, Beverley Pinder, Cathy Oke, Cr Andrew Bond from City of Port Phillip, Julie Darling, Arji Fry and Marjorie Secomb. No proxies were received.

### **4. Guest Speaker**

#### **Lord Mayor Sally Capp**

Thank you to Tony and welcome to Martin Foley, and Steve Perumal and Luke Flanagan. The Meet the Candidates night was a passionate occasion. Incremental change will not be enough, ambitious change is needed as mentioned in the campaign. Issues: i) Waste collection inefficient and wasteful, e.g. 36 companies involved. ii) Q.V. Market new engagement, iii) Homelessness: a complex issue, need for more collaboration, numbers are dropping and so are encouraging now 210. iv) Community engagement: people feeling frustrated about not being heard, community conversations, a Council initiative, so far one in Docklands, and one in Southbank eventually. Topics: i) Arts and culture precinct, ii) \$40 million spent in Southbank e.g. Southbank Boulevard Upgrade, Park at Boyd in August, Promenade, Works overall. Next budget City Rd.

#### **Q&A**

Phil A.: Chair of OC, Sunday Apartment on Coventry St. re solar panel and overshadowing; any hope against developers?



Capp: Part of planning regulations; if compliant, CoM obliged to approve.

Tony P.: CoM should have an advocacy role to State Gov't,

Capp: Use a residents forum to help with advocacy. Other ideas are welcome.

Female: Too much concrete, support green community.

Capp: Also supportive of green initiative, elevated park is her idea.

City Rd resident: Speed on City Rd near Mantra are high and accidents are likely to happening.

Number of trucks on City Rd.

Capp: Trucks need to be addressed, monitoring needs to be undertaken but State Gov't issue.

Sharon: Liveability, Southbank should have more status. Rename to define Southbank and have free trams to Southbank.

Capp: Free trams should be everywhere in CoM

John: Deputy Lord Mayor Aaron Wood's plan for solar panels in Dodd St? traffic accidents in roundabout on Coventry St, need to a stop sign

Capp: will follow up on solar panel. Traffic is VicRoads issue, but will follow up

Peter D.: Concerned at ugliness of Southbank, graffiti, rubbish, lack of cleaning, continuously littered. China: Incredible greenery, we need a lot more planning

Capp: we are empathetic to your observations. Would like to do walk around with you to look at these concerns.

### **Steve Perumal and Luke Flanagan**

Overview of Projects:

Southbank Boulevard - 24 months to complete, can walk in the sun. Do it stages in 18 months

Boyd Demolition in August, project finished by Feb/March

City Rd: Intersection with Southbank Blvd will be improved, new set of traffic lights at Clarke Street.

Undercroft at Kings Way - activity space. Planning the project this year

Promenade - Seeking consultations

## **5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

*Motion: to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 to be a true and accurate record.*

Motion moved by: Tony Penna      Seconded by: Lyn Carrodus and carried unanimously.

## **6. President's Report**

President Tony Penna delivered his President's Report and thanked each committee member individually for their contributions throughout the year (see Appendix A).

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Artemis Pattichi presented the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30 June 2017 (see Appendix B), and made herself available for questions.



### **8. Resolution to Accept New Memberships**

*Motion: to accept the individual membership applications for Jane Bait, Rebecca Silk, Romano Vladimirovas, Joanne Vanselow, Coula Panagis, Elaine Collins, Sharon Yang, Rob Parker, Eryl Morgan and approve their request for membership.*

Motion moved by: Tony Penna      Seconded by: Marcus de Rijk and carried unanimously.

### **9. Membership Fees**

SRA membership fees will remain unchanged at \$10 Individual, \$5 Associate Fee, \$20 Associate member - Friend, \$20 Associate member – Businesses, incorporated or unincorporated associations, \$100 building upto 100 lots, \$350 Buildings 101 to 350 lots, \$550 Buildings 351 – 699 lots, \$750 Buldings over 700 lots for 2018/2019.

### **10. Life Membership**

Outgoing President advised of the efforts of a previous committee member, Marjorie Secombe, and her service as Treasurer from 1998 – 2012 and that the outgoing committee wished to bestow Life Membership in recognition of this service.

*Motion: to bestow Life Membership to Marjorie Secomb in recognition of service as Treasurer from 1998 – 2012.*

Motion moved by: Tony Penna      Seconded by: Tracey Allen

### **11. Election of Committee**

The following members nominated to join the committee in writing prior to the AGM:

Tony Penna  
Artemis Pattichi  
Michael Buckingham  
Matt Pyatt  
Marcus de Rijk  
Dan O'Keeffe

The following members nominated to join the committee in person at the AGM:

Nathalie O'Sughrue  
Joanne Vanselow



Motion: *to confirm the election of the following SRA members to the SRA Committee in the capacity of ordinary committee members who shall serve until the next annual general meeting in 2019.*

Motion moved by: Tony Penna Seconded by: Marcus de Rijk and carried unanimously.

### **12. Election of Office Bearers**

Motion: *Special Resolution that the ballot for the appointment of office holders be held at the first general meeting following the AGM on 8 August 2018 and the newly appointed executive positions be announced via member newsletter following the appointments.*

This will allow members elected to the committee at the AGM the time and opportunity to discuss available executive positions and duties and discuss the preferences and inclinations of committee members prior to volunteering for these roles.

Motion moved by: Tony Penna Seconded by: Marcus de Rijk and carried unanimously

### **13. Community Expo**

The outgoing President mentioned the proposed upcoming community expo which SRA has proposed via a CoM community grant. This is pending on successful grant application.

### **14. Amendment C308 – Southbank Urban Design**

The outgoing President mentioned a community forum being held on 1 August to hear from a consultant engaged by SRA to hear the pro's and con's of the recently exhibited Amendment C308. This amendment is deemed equally important as Amendment C270 from 2 years ago.

### **15. Zero Waste**

The outgoing Treasurer, Artemis Pattichi, advised the audience that SRA is trying to go zero waste and therefore at the 2019 AGM we will not be printing the agenda, so we ask all our members to be mindful of this and either print their own or follow on their mobile device.

### **16. General Business**

Peter Duras - A vote of thanks to Tony and the committee.



Martin Foley (Member for Albert Park) was given an opportunity to address the audience. Martin discussed the Arts precinct purchase of the CUB site on Southbank Boulevard and advised Opera Victoria will be on the ground floor and the CUB site will become the NGV Contemporary gallery. Anticipated to open in 2022. The whole precinct masterplan is a 7-10 year project but it is anticipated some construction will commence in the next 12 months.

The issue of traffic congestion of Kings Way and Sturt street was asked. Not solution could be provided.

A question was asked about public art. Cr Rohan Leppert responded and advised the City is making it's biggest investment in public art in over a decade and Southbank will be a major beneficiary.

#### **17. Meeting Closed**

The meeting was closed at 20:48.



## President's Annual Report 2017/18

This was a shorter span between AGM's owing to the committee wishing to bring the AGM cycle closer to the end of financial year to assist with preparing after some complications in previous years. So while this report covers the financial year, the current committee was only active for 8 months of this year.

Our committee started out well, but lost two early on, then gained an extra, Marcus de Rijk, but with limited input from a few others meant we didn't have the full team we thought we had. In any case, with the active team we had, we still made great inroads and this committee put on two significant events in this short time.

Our committee continued to meet monthly although earlier this year we had to relocate from our dedicated office in the Boyd building. We now meet in the principles office in the Boyd library.

With a reduced committee from the previous year, this committee was not able to hold any social events, such as trivia nights, but the committee were able to continue to make contributions at Future Melbourne Committee and hold one significant event.

### Submissions

Compared to last year, the submission tempo held steady.

Nearly all submissions were accompanied by a verbal submission at the respective meeting, usually Future Melbourne Committee meetings. A total of 13 submissions were made for the year, although these were less intensive on the committee than the previous year. You may recall the two big submissions last year were the C270 Built Form review and the Short Stay review.

We are proud to list our submissions for FY 2017/18 below:

- FMC Submission - 2018-2019 Draft Plan and Budget
- FMC Submission - War on Waste
- FMC Submission - Southbank Boulevard and Dodds Street Draft Concept Plan
- FMC Submission - Busking Guidelines Review
- FMC Submission - Amendment C308 Central City and Southbank Urban Design
- FMC Submission - Ministerial Referral 131-139 Sturt Street Southbank
- FMC Submission - C304 and C305 - Southbank and Fishermans Bend Heritage Review
- FMC Submission - Ministerial Referral 56-62 Clarendon Street Southbank
- FMC Submission - Boyd Park Concept Plan

- FMC Submission - Draft Waste and Recovery Plan 2030
- FMC Submission - 87-127 Queens Bridge Street Southbank
- FMC Submission - 153-159 Sturt Street Southbank
- Heritage Victoria Submission - 24 Jan 18 - Robur Tea Building Heritage Permit Application

## **Affiliations**

SRA is a member of and/or active supporter of a number of community organisations which often require participation at regular meetings. Attendance is often quarterly but sometimes ad-hoc meetings can make it more frequent. I'm proud to say it is rare these meetings have ever been missed by SRA. These meetings are an important link to SRA for reciprocal support. Such organisations include:

- a. CoRBA (Coalition of Resident and Business Associations)
- b. IMPA (Inner Melbourne Planning Association)
- c. Fishermens Bend Network
- d. Melbourne Mens Shed
- e. YRBA (Yarra River Business Association)
- f. Southbank Safety and Security Committee

## **Events**

We held four events over the last year between two committees, all of which were successful and consequently built on our membership.

We continued to hold the 'New to Southbank' information evenings and these appear to still be a hit with new residents. We held two of these. We were due to hold the next in August but owing to another upcoming event in August, we will postpone the next one until September. If you haven't been to one, whether you are new to Southbank or otherwise, I encourage you to attend as I know you will learn something new about your community and environs.

We also held another Trivia night and that too proved to be a great success. These are very resource intensive on the committee and unless we have a large committee, then it is unlikely they will continue.

Towards the end of last year, we assisted the CoM to hold a 'Sunday Street' event. This also was a hit with the residents, but it is unlikely another will be held as they will now be the responsibility of the community to arrange and this would be too onerous on our committee.

The last event was the 'Meet the Candidates Mayoral By-Election', which by all accounts was a resounding success. We had an audience of around 70 and for the first time we trialled broadcasting the event over Facebook Live where we seemed to have drawn in a further audience of around 700, shared 8 times and received almost 100 comments for the event.

## **Engagement**

I met with Martin Foley MP, our local member for State Parliament, several times throughout the year and he was able to provide valuable insight on some of our local issues. I also met with relevant Councilors to discuss issues relevant to Southbank residents. Cr's Watts,

Leppert and Oke continue to be accessible and very supportive of SRA's goals and objectives.

## **Media**

On a few occasions throughout the year SRA was asked by the media for comment on certain issues. There was no individual stand out issue.

*Southbank Local News* remains our biggest supporter with extensive coverage of Southbank issues and quotes from SRA included in almost every edition. I have continued to complete the SRA column each month. I continued with the editorial style that I changed to last year, and maybe an opinion piece on the odd occasion. I hope the Southbank audience has continued to find these columns engaging and enlightening. I would like to extend a thank you to Sean Car, editor from *Southbank Local News*, for his efforts keeping the community abreast of local issues and encourage all our members to continue to support and read the paper.

## **Southbank Owners Corporation Network (SOCN)**

A new committee member, Julian Louey volunteered to convene the Southbank Owners Corporation Network. This was most welcome to free up some of my commitments. Julian previously being a lawyer with VCAT and now employed with an Owners Corporation company in the CBD, I felt his skills were fitting for the role and did the network well. Unfortunately Julien is not standing for the committee for this next year, so we will need to find a new convenor.

Overall SOCN is still going strong, having been established as a means for OC Chairs to collaborate on issues affecting their building and to exchange ideas between their OC's. Many buildings join SRA purely for the right to be a participant in these meetings as well as receive notification when a development which may affect their building comes before FMC. These meetings are held bi-monthly and a wealth of information is exchanged. This year, while a short year so few meetings thus far, we continued to have some great speakers, of particular note being the State Emergency Service.

Last year we had 23 building members. Over the course of the year we have lost one building, Tiara, because of a change of OC committee and sporadic meetings means they have not been able to commit to renew as yet. We are still hopeful their new committee will continue to see the benefits. Although we are expecting a few more sign-ups in the coming months after SRA makes a presentation to committees.

## **Social Media**

Our presence on social media continues to grow with a massive 29% increase in the number of our Facebook followers this year. Our activity on Facebook enabled us to communicate with the community and with a diverse group of people who are interested in Southbank and who might not be a member of SRA. Our posts generated much discussion and debate and also helped us to reach residents who were interested in joining SRA and wanted more information on becoming a committee member. We also ran several Facebook campaigns and it was positive to see our followers engaging. Our biggest success came from our FB live events.

## **Membership**

Our individual membership base has held steady. As in past years, new members are replacing those that choose not to renew for various reasons. We know that some aren't renewing because they no longer reside in Southbank but we're always trying to find ways to retain our memberships. Events are usually our most effective means of obtaining new members.

## **Financials**

Financially the organisation is healthy and we have continued to keep costs low. We continued to receive support from the City of Melbourne with a \$1,500 residents group grant.

The committee continued to be prudent with SRA funds during the year, knowing first hand just how expensive a specialised consultant can be. As I have said in previous years, I envisage that we lock \$20,000 away in a term deposit to hold in reserve for any such circumstances where we may need to engage the services of a specialised consultant.

We have applied for another CoM grant for a community 'Expo' to be tentatively held in April 2019 after our grant request for the same, but with a focus on our birthday, was rejected claiming the CoM doesn't support anniversary events. Yet I am aware of other community groups who have successfully been able to get funding for the same. If this expo does proceed, then no doubt it will require a reasonable amount of funding from SRA.

The SRA committee will continue to manage the funds prudently to ensure positive and productive outcomes for SRA and the wider community.

## **Future**

As mentioned, in April 2019 we intend on holding a community Expo inviting all businesses and organisations from our community to be involved. There will be a lot of planning to make this happen, so if anyone would like to assist I am sure you will be well received. Of course it would be great to see all our members there.

Two years ago I mentioned a new loyalty program project. Unfortunately, once again we were unable to make any progress on this during the past year. We are hopeful of being able to get this project completed before the expo event, should it go ahead.

Once again, I'm sure you'll agree we've had a busy and productive year although we couldn't have achieved what we did without our dedicated committee of volunteers. I want to acknowledge their efforts and I hope they're just as proud of the work we have achieved as I am. To those members standing down this year, I'd like to extend a special thank you. To those renewing and any new committee members joining us, I look forward to working with you to achieve great things for Southbank over the coming year.

Regards,



Tony Penna  
President  
SRA 2017/18



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## Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2018

	Jun-18	Jun-17
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
Cash in Bank	23,245.92	17,362.43
Cash in PayPal	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>23,245.92</b>	<b>17,362.43</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Office Furniture & Equipment (at Cost 2009)	0.00	3,645.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	(3,645.00)
	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>23,245.92</b>	<b>17,362.43</b>
<b>Members Funds</b>		
Members Funds at Beginning of Year	17,362.43	14,110.69
Add: Surplus / (Deficit)	5,883.49	3,251.74
<b>Total Members Funds</b>	<b>23,245.92</b>	<b>17,362.43</b>
<b>Bank Reconciliation:</b>		
Cash in Bank (as per Balance Sheet)	23,245.92	
<i>Add Unpresented Cheques:</i>		
<b>Bank Balance (as per Bank Statement)</b>	<b>23,245.92</b>	
Variance	0.00	0.00



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## Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2018

	Jun-18	Jun-17
<b>Income</b>		
Grant - City of Melbourne	1,550.00	0.00
Individual Memberships	940.00	1,060.00
Building Memberships	6,057.50	11,950.00
Donations	210.00	170.00
Bank Interest	11.09	7.36
Other Income	265.00	201.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,033.59</b>	<b>13,388.36</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Annual Fees and Charges	241.00	241.80
Attendances, Memberships & Subscriptions	281.00	220.00
Communications and IT	262.16	195.76
Depreciation	0.00	692.00
Finance Charges	5.67	4.19
Insurance	0.00	2,333.02
Marketing and Promotions	888.48	2,997.36
Office Supplies	112.16	92.39
Printing	609.41	322.61
Professional Fees	177.80	2,750.00
Room & Other Hire Fees	214.90	220.26
Transport and Other Expenses	357.52	67.23
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,150.10</b>	<b>10,136.62</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>5,883.49</b>	<b>3,251.74</b>