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MINUTES OF 18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 17th October 2016

Held at Assembly Hall, Boyd Community Hub

207 City Road, Southbank

1. Meeting Opened

President Tony Penna declared the meeting open at 6.08PM and welcomed those in attendance.

2. In Attendance

35 total
26 paid members
8 non-members
1 guest

President advised those present that a quorum had been achieved.

3. Apologies

David Moore, Paula Holian, Greg Davies and Rhonda O'Keefe were apologies for the meeting. No proxies were received.

4. Guest Speaker

President Tony Penna announced that the guest speaker scheduled to present had unfortunately withdrawn the morning of the AGM. The guest speaker was from the City of Melbourne Transforming Southbank Boulevard and Dodds Street Project team, and the reason given for their last minute cancellation was a conflict with the CoM caretaker period. The President explained to the audience that the caretaker period had been in place since 21 September 2016, and this cancellation was a disappointment to the Southbank community, many of whom had seen the guest speaker announced in a paid advertisement in the Southbank Local News.

President Tony Penna then introduced SGT Mark Kelly from the Southbank Police Station who had gratefully come along to deliver his Safety on the Street presentation, including Security Information Packs for audience members.



The presentation was informative and audience members asked several questions at the end. SGT Kelly concluded his presentation and left the AGM at 6.45PM with the thanks of SRA committee members and audience members present.

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: *to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2015 to be a true and accurate record.*

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

Motion: *to confirm the minutes of the previous special general meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 to be a true and accurate record.*

Motion moved by: Tony Penna Seconded by: Arji Fry 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 Arji Fry delivered the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30 June 2016 (see Appendix B), and made herself available for questions.

Motion: *to confirm the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Treasurer in accordance with Part 7 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.*

Motion moved by: Mike Vallis Seconded by: Peter Harkin and carried unanimously.

8. Membership Fees

SRA membership fees will remain unchanged at \$10 Individual, \$20 Friend of SRA, \$350 Building up to 350 lots, \$550 Building over 350 lots for 2017/2018.

9. Resolution to Accept New Memberships

Motion: *to accept the individual membership applications for Phillip Arbuckle, David Clark, Margaret Kett, Richard Keyte, Arthur Lumsden, Lynette Lumsden, Christopher McManamon, Nelly Mitchell and Melvin Yuan approve their request for membership.*

Motion moved by: Tony Penna Seconded by: Peter Harkin and carried unanimously.



10. Election of Committee

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

Tony Penna
Tracey Allen
Lucinda Darby
Dan O'Keeffe
Sam Rae
Joe Sarraf
Lynne Lumsden
Arji Fry

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

Melvin Yuan
Phillip Arbuckle
Richard Keyte
Peter Harkin

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 2017.

Motion moved by: Dorothy Armstrong Seconded by: Mike Vallis and carried unanimously.

It was noted that this might very well be the biggest SRA committee yet. Discussion was entered into regarding the election of 12 committee members and whether the Model Rules specified a maximum number of committee members. The Model Rules for an Incorporated Association were consulted and no such maximum - or minimum - was specified.

Action Item: It was agreed that a special resolution will be put forward at the 2017 AGM to limit the number of SRA committee members to a maximum of 12.

11. 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 and the newly appointed executive positions be announced via member newsletter following the appointments.

Motion moved by: Lyn Carrodus Seconded by: Peter Renner and carried unanimously.



12. General Business

A question was asked regarding C270 and another question raised about the option of paying SRA membership in advance.

13. Meeting Closed

The meeting was closed at 7.54PM.



President's Annual Report 2015/2016

This year we were blessed to have a full and engaged committee and it enabled us to finally catch up on projects I had planned from the commencement of my Presidency some three years ago. The committee met every month with additional planning meetings throughout the year to catch up on projects and events. I'd like to provide an overview of our activities and achievements throughout the year as follows.

Submissions

In the last 12 months we made many submissions and questions to Council and the Planning Minister/Department regarding various aspects of Southbank, the municipality and planning. We also participated in several discussion papers and consultation on projects impacting Southbank.

There were a total of 32 submissions or questions made throughout the year which is an impressive 100% increase on the number made the previous year. Nearly all submissions were accompanied by a verbal submission at the respective meeting made by me, normally Future Melbourne Committee meetings.

For a full list of submissions, please see Annex A.

Southbank Owners Corporation Network (SOCN)

Southbank Owners Corporation Network had its first birthday and it was reassuring to see the success over the last 12 months. SOCN was established as a means for OC Chairs to collaborate on issues affecting their building and to exchange ideas on what works and what doesn't. Most buildings join SRA solely for the right to be a participant in these bi-monthly meetings where a wealth of information is exchanged. There have been some great guest speakers too, including Prof. Michael Buxton, the local fire chief and SSGT Steve Bills from the new Southbank Police Station. This has allowed SRA to value-add to its Building membership fee and we think it's a bargain.

SOCN has gone from strength to strength with a 50% increase in membership and we are forecasting building memberships to be in excess of 20 by the end of November (just waiting for the next round of committee meetings to pass membership). Many of the new members are joining specifically for our expertise and the opportunity to be part of the conversation of what's happening in their neighbourhood.

SOCN made its own submission to the DELWP Amendment C270 Central City Built Form Review which was a significant accomplishment for the network. A consultant was engaged to represent SOCN and to assist with the presentation. Despite constituting our biggest expense for the year, the presentation was of paramount importance to the future of Southbank and a successful contribution to the Review. We were the only community group who contributed to this review.

Membership

Despite our best efforts and increased productivity, our individual membership base has held steady. We've managed to sign up quite a few members, but unfortunately those numbers were offset by those who haven't renewed their membership with us.

I assume part of this drop off is a result of members who signed up at the markets last year, and didn't engage and for some reason didn't renew their membership. If you're reading this and haven't renewed your membership, please do so. We're finding new ways all the time to add value to our membership and make it a worthwhile commitment.

Affiliations

SRA is a member of and/or active supporter of a number of other community organisations which often require attendance at, and participation in, or other committees. Generally attendance is quarterly but sometimes ad-hoc meetings can make attendance more frequent. It is rare that meetings have been missed. If I am unable to attend then someone from the committee would be the representative of SRA. These meetings are an important link to SRA for reciprocal support.

Such organisations include:

- CoRBA (Coalition of Resident and Business Associations)
- IMPA (Inner Melbourne Planning Association)
- 2 Schools Now
- Fishermens Bend Network
- Melbourne Mens Shed
- Yarra Riverkeepers Association
- Yarra River Business Association
- Southbank Safety and Security Committee

We've also recently commenced a mutual and supportive relationship with Melbourne Heritage Action and look forward to working more closely with them in the future.

Events

With an expanded committee we had the manpower to organise several events for the community, something I've always wanted to do. First was a collaboration in April with Boyd Community Hub where we organised a free community trivia night. The event was

such a resounding success that we ran it again in October this year, and were overwhelmed by the generosity of local businesses, who provided sponsorship in the form of prizes. Residents made new friends and we also secured a few new memberships which was a positive outcome for SRA.

In June we held a community information session with VicRoads on the widening of the Swan Street bridge. This was widely promulgated through the community and as such had a reasonable turnout of engaged local residents.

Overall, we enjoyed organising these events for Southbank and hope to continue with more events in the future.

Engagement

Throughout the year, I frequently met with Councillors to discuss Southbank related issues and formulate strategies to get our needs onto Council's agenda. A significant example of this engagement was in relation to Boyd Park and our subsequent campaign. As such, I would like to thank Councillors Ong, Leppert and Watts for their guidance and support. SRA has been congratulated by a number of Councillors for continuing to be a strong voice for its residents through its attendance and contribution at Future Melbourne Committee meetings and I'm very proud of the reputation we maintain at Council thanks to my dogged attendance.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle made a guest appearance at our committee meeting in August and provided inspiration and feedback to committee members. He told us SRA is held in high regard by Council through our level-headed approach and the considered content of our many submissions (listed above). The Lord Mayor considered SRA to be well-informed, engaged and free from bias which was great to hear and puts us in good stead for the future. We were respected across all levels of Council and we continued to be the first point-of-contact. This was evident when we were the first to be informed - and personally, by Prof. Rob Adams - about the revocation of the developer contract for the Boyd park project.

Martin Foley MP, our local member for State Parliament was also a great source of support and advice and we met 3 times during the year to discuss state government issues that affect Southbank.

Media

SRA was engaged by numerous media outlets throughout the last year, improving our profile and our brand. This year it was mainly print media, particularly *The Age*, *Herald Sun* and *Australian Financial Review*. We have continued to maintain a close rapport with the journalists of these respective outlets and we are a good resource for a quote relating to Southbank issues. But of course, *Southbank Local News* was the standout with extensive coverage in each edition via our SRA President's column and appearance in several articles during the year.

SRA has made numerous comments on planning issues and have been quoted numerous

times from our submissions to Council and would like to thank the editors of the *Southbank Local News* for their support and helping give a voice to the issues important to Southbank. I would like to say a special thank you to Editor Sean Car, who does a great job telling the Southbank story from month to month and if you live in Southbank and don't read this newspaper, I encourage all of you to do so.

Some of you may have noticed an overall improvement to the content and readability of my newspaper columns and newsletters in the last 12 months but I can't take all the credit. Having a dedicated Secretary on the committee has made all the difference and I don't know how we ever did without one.

Social Media

Our Facebook page has been very successful this year with an 80% increase in the number of Facebook followers to 332. Not only that, we now publish relevant information more regularly and with significant interaction and discussion generated on posts. This has all been made possible by having a dedicated committee member to manage the page and ensure we maintain a significant presence and engage with our audience.

With this additional help, I was able to embrace Twitter and improve our social media presence there and I found it very effective. Some of our Tweets were even retweeted or responded to by the Minister for Planning and Martin Foley was a regular re-tweeter of our content.

Communication

Our preferred medium of communication with members this year has been our member newsletters. With more support from the committee, we were able to send more informative newsletters to members more often and were able to ensure our members received breaking news first. Just as it should be.

Projects

Some notable projects and updates are:

- Implementing the name change from Group to Association across all aspects of SRA.
- Switching over from our .com.au domain to .org.au. This will be a subtle change you may not notice, but which represents progress.
- Creation of a new website which we are launching at tonight's AGM.
- Our new portable display booth at events has been popular and our new committee name tags have helped identify us as SRA committee members.

A project I'm excited about is the 'New to Southbank?' project encouraging new residents to attend an information session and find out how to get the most out of Southbank's fantastic community, services and public facilities. The committee have been working hard to finalise

this PowerPoint presentation and I can announce with great relief that the project is now complete in preparation for our first public presentation in January.

Our biggest project for the year would have to be our campaign to save Boyd Park. Biggest in the sense that it was our single biggest community engagement but also in terms of workload for the committee. While this campaign was ultimately unsuccessful we did garner in excess of 1000 signatures on our change.org petition and submitted in excess of 13 pages of feedback from the community to Council. The campaign had a flow on effect of significantly increasing our Facebook followers and resulting in a few new members. Council certainly heard the needs of the community but continued to pursue the sale and development of the block. We will still get a park, but albeit smaller than it could have been.

After a big promise at our last AGM, we are finally launching the new website. I think you will agree this was a much needed overhaul and I'm sorry it took so long, but as you can see our committee really has been busy. We want the site to be a one-stop shop for all Southbank resources and we encourage you to have a look. More importantly the community will now be able to access each submission we make allowing our organisation to be more transparent to our members and the wider community.

Future Projects

The main project for next year will be to improve community engagement and offer incentives between local businesses and local residents. We want to encourage local businesses to offer a discount to SRA members in the form of a loyalty program. This project is still in its infancy but will be a win/win insofar as businesses will attract local customers and residents will gain more value from their SRA membership in the form of discounts. This is a significant project and I look forward to progressing with it next year.

Financial

Financially the organisation is well positioned and expenses have again been minimised with the exception of the engagement of a consultant for the Amendment C270 Built Form Review to represent SOCN at the DELWP Panel hearing. This consultant cost SRA \$2,750 (negotiated down from \$10,000), but was a worthwhile spend and fortunately we had the funds to do so. This expense reinforced the need to continue growing our financial position for the future opportunities like this one.

Conclusion

As you can see, it's been a very productive year and I'm proud of all we accomplished thanks to the contributions of our dedicated committee. I want to thank each committee member for their efforts: Arji Fry (Treasurer), Tracey Allen (Secretary), Samantha Rae, Dan O'Keeffe and Peter Harkin.

As many of you know, this could be my last President's Report for SRA if I'm successfully elected to Council at the end of October. It has been a rewarding past three years and while I've accomplished so much, it still feels like I've just begun.

Regardless of what the future might bring, I plan to continue giving all I can to the community of Southbank in whichever capacity this may be. It may be as President, ordinary committee member or individual member of SRA but I still have a lot to contribute and I look forward to doing so.

I would like to thank the community at large for allowing me the opportunity to serve them. It's been a privilege and I believe I've been able to make a difference. I hope you think so too.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Penna', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tony Penna
President
SRA 2015/2016

2015/2016 Submissions

FMC Submission - Planning Permit Application TP-2015-60 64-68 Clarendon St Southbank
FMC Submission - Ministerial Referral TPM-2009-1, 496-502 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
FMC Submission - Ministerial Referral ID-201506 433-455 Collins Street Melbourne
FMC Submission - Transforming Southbank Boulevard and Dodds Street
FMC Submission - Ministerial Referral TPM-2015-18 93-119 Kavanagh Street, Southbank
FMC Submission - Ministerial Planning Referral TPM-2013-30 A 84-90 Queens Bridge Street
FMC Submission - Program of actions - conduct of the 2016 Melbourne City Council Elections
FMC Submission - Planning Permit Application TP-2015-587, 22-24 Wells Place, Southbank
FMC Submission - Bicycle Plan 2016-2020
FMC Submission - Cr Watts Greater transparency in electoral donations
FMC Submission - Central City Built Form Review – Amendment C270
FMC Submission - Notice of Motion Cr Mayne Introduction of an online gift register
FMC Submission - Notice of Motion Call for candidates to voluntarily decline donations
FMC Submission - Draft Urban Ecology and Biodiversity Strategy
FMC Submission - City Road Masterplan
FMC Submission - Ministerial Referral TPM-2015-32 268-270 272 and 274 City Road Southbank
FMC Submission - Ministerial Referral TPM-2015-37 71 to 87 City Road, Southbank
CAV Submission - Consumer Property Acts Review - Issues Paper #1 March 2016 - OC Managers
FMC Open Question - Better Apartments Lobbying
CAV Submission - Consumer Property Acts Review - Issues Paper #2 April 2016 - Owners Corporations
FMC Submission - Transforming Southbank Boulevard - Ideas Plan
DELWP Submission - Amendment C270 City Central Built Form Review
Council Submission - Boyd Park
DELWP Panel Hearing - Amendment C270 City Central Built Form Review
FMC Open Question – 248 - 250 Sturt St
DELWP Submission - Better Apartments - Draft Design Standards Discussion Paper
FMC Submission - Sunlight to Public Spaces
CAV Submission - VCAT Fee Structure Review 2016
FMC Submission - 2016-2017 Draft Plan and Budget
FMC Open Question – Continuation of 248-250 Sturt St Questioning
FMC Open Question - C208 Developer Contributions Update
Objection to Planning Minister - TPM-2015-37 71 to 87 City Road, Southbank



**Appendix B
to SRA 18th AGM Minutes**

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BALANCE SHEET		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE		
	2015	2016
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in Hand	\$0	\$0
Cash in Bank	\$10,512.37	\$13,418.69
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$10,512.37	\$13,418.69
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Office Furniture and Equipment		
Cost in 2009 (\$3,645)	\$905	\$769
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-\$136	-\$77
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	\$769	\$692
TOTAL ASSETS	\$11,281	\$14,110.69
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Members Funds at beginning of year	\$8,130	\$11,281.37
Plus Surplus	\$3,151	\$2,829.32
Total Members Funds	\$11,281.37	\$14,110.69

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE		
	2015	2016
INCOME		
1. Annual Grant City of Melbourne Council	\$3,000	\$3,000
2. Bank Interest	\$4	\$6.11
3. Donations	\$390	\$120
4. Membership	\$3,878	\$3,896
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,272	\$7,022.11
EXPENSES		
1. Activities and Subscriptions	\$611	\$1,355.50
2. Advertising and Promotion	\$1,212	\$633.88
3. Communications & Computer	\$250	\$0
4. Dept Justice Annual Statement Fee	\$53	\$81.60
5. Internet and Web Page	\$576	\$1,105.00
6. Office Supplies	\$35	\$185.06
7. PayPal Expenses	\$10	\$25.60
8. Printing	\$71	\$729.15
9. Public Insurance	\$1,167	\$0
10. Depreciation	\$136	\$77
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,121	\$4,192.79
BALANCE RECEIPTS - EXPENSES	\$3,151	\$2,829.32