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## **Notice of the 23rd Annual General Meeting**

**6.30PM Wednesday 1 September 2021**

**To be held by videoconference**

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Welcome**

The President will open the meeting and welcome all members present.

#### **2. In Attendance**

Members in attendance will be verified on joining the meeting to ensure voting is undertaken in accordance with the rules of Association.

The President will determine if there is a quorum.

#### **3. Apologies**

The President will communicate any apologies or proxies.

#### **4. Guest Speaker**

The President will introduce Melbourne Arts Precinct team to provide an update on the \$1.5 billion Arts Precinct Upgrade.

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

See Appendix A - 2020 AGM Minutes

*Motion 1: to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on Wednesday 19 August 2020 to be a true and accurate record.*

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

The President will deliver his annual report of the activities of the Association during the past year.

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

See Appendix B - 2020 Financials

The Treasurer will deliver the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30 June 2021.

Motion 2: *to confirm the financial statement for the 2020-21 financial year to be a true and accurate record.*

## **8. New Memberships**

If required, the President will move Motion 3: *to accept the individual membership applications and approve their request for membership.*

## **9. Membership Fees**

SRA membership fees will remain unchanged for 2021/22 at:

- \$5 Associate fee
- \$5 Associate Member – Friend
- \$10 Individual
- \$20 Associate Member
  - Businesses or organisations
  - Incorporated or unincorporated associations
- \$100 Building up to 100 lots
- \$350 Building 101 to 350 lots
- \$550 Building 351 - 699 lots
- \$750 Building 700+ lots.

## **10. Election of Committee**

Outgoing President will announce those already nominated for the committee and call for nominations.

Motion 4: *to confirm the election of the nominated SRA members to the SRA Committee in the capacity of ordinary committee members who shall serve until the next annual general meeting in 2022.*

## **11. Election of Office Bearers**

Motion 5: *Special Resolution that the ballot for the appointment of office holders be held at the first general meeting following the AGM to be held on 8 September 2021 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.

## **12. General Business**

The outgoing President will conduct any general business.

## **13. Meeting Close**

The outgoing President will note the time the meeting closed.

# Appendix A – 2020 AGM Minutes

22nd Annual General Meeting  
6.30pm Wednesday 19 August 2020  
Held as a Zoom Webinar

## 1. Welcome

Meeting opened at 6:34pm.

## 2. In Attendance

Members

Arji Fry; Artemis Pattichi; Bernadette Ryan; Ciaran Ashe; Claire Richard; Dan O'Keefe; Dave Best; Dorothy Armstrong; Elaine Collins; Fred Douglas; Jennifer Fletcher; John Coleman; Kristine Crawford; Laszlo Kucharszki; Lisa Dixon; Maria Tarrant; Mike Gaertner; Mike Vallis; Pam and Greg Davies; Ray Easterbrook; Renee Russell; Richard Drew; Stephen Moore; Terry O'Keeffe; Tony Penna; Tracey Allen

Non-members

Joanne Vanselow

## 3. Apologies

Jane Bate & Eryl Morgan; Lynne and David Lumsden; Susan Dennett; Tony Carroll

## 4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Motion #1:** to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on Thursday 26 July 2019 to be a true and accurate record; provided as Appendix A to the Notice of Meeting.

- Moved by: Tony Penna, Seconded by: Artemis Pattichi, Carried

## 5. President's Report

Tony Penna delivered the 2020 President's report.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer delivered the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30 June 2020 as per Appendix B to the Notice of Meeting.

**Motion #2:** to confirm the financial statement for the 2019-20 financial year to be a true and accurate record

- Moved by: Laszlo Kucharszki, Seconded by: Tracey Allen, Carried

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

**Motion #3:** to accept the individual membership applications listed below and approve their request for membership.

- Ray Easterbrook
  - Lisa Dixson
  - Gregor Evans
  - Stephen Moore
  - J Lemley
  - Roger Church
  - Khalida De Ridder
- Moved: Tony Penna, Seconded: Jennifer Fletcher, Carried

## **8. Membership Fees**

SRA membership fees will remain unchanged at \$10 Individual, \$5 Associate fee, \$5 Associate Member - Friend, \$20 Associate Member - Businesses, Organisations and incorporated or unincorporated associations, \$100 Building up to 100 lots, \$350 Building 101 to 350 lots, \$550 Building 351 - 699 lots, \$750 Building 700+ lots for 2019/2020.

- Moved Tony Penna, Seconded: Tracey Allen, Carried

## **9. Election of Committee**

**Motion #4:** 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 2021.

Nominations:

- Ciaran Ashe
- Lazslo Kuchurszki
- Jennifer Fletcher
- Mike Gaertner
- Clair Richards
- Renee Russell
- Richard Drew
- Tony Penna
- Dan O'Keeffe.

As the number of nominations was less than the maximum 12 committee members, nominees were elected unopposed.

## **10. Election of Office Bearers**

**Motion #5:** Special Resolution that the ballot for the appointment of office holders be held at the first general committee meeting following the AGM to be held on 2 September 2020 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.

- Moved by: Tony Penna, Seconded by: Mike Gaertner, Carried

## **11. General Business**

Tony Penna advised those present that improvements planned to the SRA website would enable direct payment SRA memberships i.e. EFT not required

Tony Penna encouraged those present to come together and support local Southbank business during the Covid pandemic. This is a trying time for everyone, especially small business.

Tony Penna thanked Artemis Pattichi and Joanne Vanselow for their service on the Committee for the last 3+ years. Both Artemis and Joanne have made significant contributions to the SRA and the Southbank community. Sadly, Joanne is moving out of Southbank. Artemis is now running the Southbank Sustainability Group which is occupying an increasing amount of her time.

## **12. Meeting closed**

The meeting closed. 7:20 pm.

## Appendix A to SRA 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM Minutes 2020 – Presidents Report



### President's Annual Report 2019/20

Our committee this year had a full quota of twelve members. As a team, we had big plans for the year including the inaugural Southbank Community Day to be held in the new Boyd Park. More on that later.

#### Vale Marcus de Rijk

It was with a great deal of sadness that we learnt of the unexpected passing of committee member, Marcus De Rijk, after a tragic accident.

Deeply committed to his community, Marcus had been a committee member of the Southbank Residents Association for three years. His kind, gentle and diplomatic nature made him a much-loved member of our committee and our community.

Marcus was passionate about Southbank, loved apartment living and was extremely generous with his time, all the more impressive given he was also actively involved in other community organisations.

A talented musician, Marcus was a valued member of the Rats of Tobruk Memorial Pipes & Drums Band. We were fortunate to enjoy his drumming earlier this year and were honoured to share his performance of Amazing Grace from his balcony on ANZAC Day in full uniform. You might also remember his feature as Southbanker in the Southbank Local News.

As a member of the RMIT community, Marcus worked in learning systems and championed diversity and inclusion in work practices.

We sent our sincerest condolences to Claire and the rest of Marcus's family and friends during an incredibly difficult time.

We are working on ways to commemorate Marcus's contribution and legacy. Further updates will be advised as these plans develop.

#### Submissions

The number of submissions made this year is a reduction on previous years. This may be partly due to fewer blocks of land available to develop.

Nearly all submissions were accompanied by a verbal submission at the respective meeting, usually Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) meetings.

Our key FMC submissions for FY 2019/20 were:

- Southbank Promenade Upgrade
- Draft Affordable Housing Strategy

- Beulah Site Development: “the Green Spine”
- Apartment Living
- Melbourne - A great Place to Age

Since my time as president, some 8 years ago, we lobbied hard to reverse the decision to sell a portion of the Boyd park block for a high-rise development. If you are not aware, recently Council has awarded this contract. While this is a disappointing outcome, our members should be satisfied that SRA successfully lobbied to:

- Reduce the footprint of the block by about 30%
- Include 1000sqm of community space across two floors in the new development, and
- Create the Boyd park – green space that has become an important place for local residents to relax, play and exercise.

## **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:

- CoRBA (Coalition of Resident and Business Associations)
- IMPA (Inner Melbourne Planning Association)
- Melbourne Men’s Shed
- YRBA (Yarra River Business Association)
- Southbank Safety and Security Committee
- Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network

## **Events**

We continue to hold the ‘New to Southbank’ information evenings and these appear to still be a hit with new residents. 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.

The SRA participated in forums throughout the year focusing on current issues and future plans for Southbank:

- Yarra River big ideas forum
- Riverside Quays Taxi congestion
- Formation of the Melbourne Maritime heritage network
- Yarra River Business events
- CoM Annual Plan & Budget

## **Southbank Community Day**

The SRA planned to run an inaugural Community Day Saturday 21 March to celebrate the opening of Boyd Park and connect Southbank residents with the large number of arts, cultural, education and community organisations in the area. We had a big day planned, with the Lord Mayor and

other dignitaries invited to open the event, until Covid-19 happened. Everything was on track until Friday 13 March when the Melbourne grand prix was cancelled. It became clear to us that running the event posed a risk to the community and postponed the event.

The Committee put a lot of time and effort into planning for the Community Day that won't be wasted. We are hoping to hold the event in October ... 2021! At this stage, holding public events of any type appears unlikely until well into 2021.

## **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 Councillors to discuss issues relevant to Southbank residents. This included a number of meetings with the Lord Mayor, Sally Cap and councillors Rohan Leppert and Nicholas Reece who continue to be accessible and very supportive of SRA's goals and objectives and the wider Southbank community.

## **Media**

On a few occasions throughout the year SRA was asked by the media for comment on certain issues. In spite of some news organisations actively seeking negative commentary from the SRA, the Green spine being a notable example, we continue to positively advocate for the Southbank community.

*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 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, and now owner of *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)**

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 OCs'. 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.

Over the year, the SRA has also facilitated engagement between SOCN and council on developments and important local changes such as the:

- Beulah (green spine) development
- Kavanagh Street bike path upgrade
- Southbank Boulevard green space upgrade

## **Social Media**

Our presence on social media continues to grow. 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. I would like to thank Clair and Renee for their efforts with managing our social media presence.

## **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 very 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. However, holding events such as the Community Day involve significant expenditure that must be offset by government grants to be viable. We have applied for a CoM 2021 grant to contribute funding to holding this event next year.

I saw an opportunity for SRA to do the City of Melbourne community mail outs instead of using the third-party they would usually use. The 6,000 notice letterbox drop for the Kavanagh street bike path, would have cost the CoM \$6,000, the SRA did it for \$2,100. A win-win for council and SRA. Revenue for SRA, reduced costs for CoM and peace-of-mind that the task was actually completed and our residents were indeed informed.

The SRA committee will continue to manage the funds prudently to ensure positive and productive outcomes for SRA and the wider community. We are expecting a number of cost for the next year as we attempt to hold the community day and embark on a new website.

## **Future**

As mentioned, we intend on holding a Community Day in 2021 involving businesses and organisations from our community. 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.

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

## Appendix B – 2020 Financials

### Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Jun-21	Jun-20
<b>Income</b>		
Grant - City of Melbourne	0.00	6,550.00
Individual Memberships	1,060.00	739.62
Building Memberships	6,987.50	8,900.00
SRA Services (CoM Letter Drop)	3,880.00	0.00
SRA Services (Election Letter Drops)	7,160.00	0.00
History Book Sales	570.00	0.00
Donations	70.00	510.00
Bank Interest	21.58	16.49
Reimbursements	3,356.50	0.00
Other Income	1.00	0.99
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,106.58</b>	<b>16,717.10</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Annual Fees and Charges	205.00	396.00
Attendances, Memberships & Subscriptions	50.00	362.00
Communications and IT	159.89	103.57
Depreciation	0.00	0.00
Finance Charges	16.12	4.81
Insurance	1,158.66	2,820.50
Marketing and Promotions	2,249.50	2,814.94
Office Supplies	0.00	59.00
Printing	1,543.55	248.60
Professional Fees	930.00	0.00
Room & Other Hire Fees	3,356.50	3,350.04
Transport and Other Expenses	15.30	5,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,684.52</b>	<b>15,159.46</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>13,422.06</b>	<b>1,557.64</b>

**Balance Sheet**  
**As At 30 June 2021**

	Jun-21	Jun-20
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
Cash in Bank	44,368.30	31,584.72
Cash in Square	638.48	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>45,006.78</b>	<b>31,584.72</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Office Furniture & Equipment (at Cost 2009)	0.00	0.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>45,006.78</b>	<b>31,584.72</b>
<b>Members' Funds</b>		
Members' Funds at Beginning of Year	31,584.72	30,027.08
Add: Surplus / (Deficit)	13,422.06	1,557.64
<b>Total Members Funds</b>	<b>45,006.78</b>	<b>31,584.72</b>
<b>Bank Reconciliation:</b>		
Cash in Bank (as per Balance Sheet)	44,368.30	
Add Unpresented Cheques:		
<b>Bank Balance (as per Bank Statement)</b>	<b>44,368.30</b>	