

NORWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held at the Don Pyatt Hall, Norwood on Wednesday, August 18th, 2021

The meeting commenced at 7:40pm.

WELCOME

President Dr Ian Radbone welcomed everyone attending and outlined the structure of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

The Hon Steven Marshall, Mick Roche, Margie Faseth, Liz McLeay, Carole Whitelock, Roy Francis

MINUTES

The minutes from the 2020 AGM, as documented on the NRA website, were accepted as a true and fair record of the proceedings.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's report for 2020/21 was delivered (see Appendix A for the full report).

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Rowena Dunk, supplied the annual financial report. This is included here as Appendix B. The Association has a current funds balance of \$1597.12.

ANNUAL FEES

A motion to retain the same membership fees as for 2020/21 (\$10 single, \$20 family, \$10 associate) was voted on and carried.

ELECTIONS

Councillor Crystal Mex presided over the election of office bearers and committee members.

President – Ian Radbone was nominated and there being no other nominations, was duly elected.

Secretary – Tom Smith was nominated and there being no other nominations, was duly elected.

Treasurer – Rowena Dunk did not wish to stand again and there being no nomination for the post it has been left for the committee to organise a replacement.

Committee members – Christine Francis, Alison Wood and David Alsop were nominated, and all were duly elected.

PRESENTATION

Local heritage architect Sandy Wilkinson gave a talk about the continuing loss of historical housing and his suggestions for arresting this decline together with examples of his company's projects.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

CLOSING

Sandy was thanked for the presentation and a gift was presented to him after which supper was served.

APPENDIX A: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Norwood Residents Association AGM Wednesday 21 July 2021. President's Report.

I took over from Chris Francis as President in July 2021. Chris had worked tirelessly to resuscitate the Association from a position where it's future was in doubt to one where we were back on track, with a vigorous committee.

Since then progress has continued at a modest pace, with the most dramatic new activity being the introduction of a monthly newsletter. It was hoped that the Norwood Matters would revive membership. If it has, the success has been limited, as membership numbers have increase from 40 to a still modest 57.

Our committee activities have helped to secure some "wins" for the residents. The feared helipad that was proposed for a new building on the corner of The Parade and Portrush Road is not going to happen. The work done by Chris and the previous committee helped bring about changes that has made the new Planning and Development Code a better planning instrument than the draft version led us to fear. Following our last July's general meeting on street management, the Council introduced a new verge policy that is far more supportive of residents who would like to make their verge more attractive.

We certainly can't take all the credit for these wins. Policy changes and big public decisions always involve lots of people and different groups. But we helped.

And there were cases where we were ignored – most obviously in the widening of the Portrush Road/ Magill Road intersection.

Member activities

We conducted four general meetings during the year, a tour of the new facilities at Norwood Oval, as well meetings on the following topics:

- How the new planning system works
- New ideas for Norwood
- Norwood's heritage buildings and how to protect them.

We conducted only one social activity – a tour of Norwood's heritage conducted by Denise Schumann. For most of the year we have been limited by restrictions due to the Covid pandemic.

Committee activities

During the year the committee prepared ten submissions on matters put out for consultation by either the State Government or the NPSP Council.

We also seven letters, mainly to local member Steven Marshall, on a variety of other matters. (None were responded to by Mr Marshall, though one or two of these received a bureaucratic response from a member of his staff.)

Committee members met with the Mayor and Council staff, met with Opposition Planning spokesperson Tony Piccolo, attended a workshop of the State Planning Commission and attended several meetings of related bodies, such as the Community Alliance of SA and neighbouring resident association meetings.

We also had two meetings with representatives of the NPSP resident groups, one of which we hosted.

Newsletter

We started *Norwood Matters* in July last year in order to fill the gap created by the demise of the Eastern Messenger. Since then a new weekly newspaper, the *Adelaide East Herald* has begun publication. However the Herald focuses on “good news” and there is little overlap in the stories covered with *Norwood Matters*.

Several members have expressed their appreciation of the newsletter, and it is an important means by which members can be kept informed of local goings on. It is my recommendation to the new committee that the newsletter continue for the time being.

I would like to thank the Dunstan Electorate office for their help in the distribution of the newsletter. They cheerfully printed the paper copies that we have used to make the newsletter better known among non-members and those without an email address.

Website, Facebook

During the year our Secretary Tom Smith re-designed our website, both to give it a more modern appearance and to make the information on our site more easily available. We have also taken to using posts to keep you informed. You can subscribe to posts on our website.

We now have 346 followers on our Facebook page. This is clearly our most effective means of reaching people, we recognize that we could be more effective in using this resource. We would welcome more help from residents who use Facebook.

Thank you to the committee

There are only five of us on the committee, and we have all been active.

Special thanks to our Treasurer, Rowena Dunk, for both keeping our books and keeping our finances healthy with her jam sales. Rowena has also contributed to the newsletter with the regular “Domestic Matters” and “Past Matters” items.

Thanks also to our Secretary Tom Smith, both for his handling of correspondence, but also for maintaining and enhancing our digital profile. Past President Chris France has been active writing letters and submissions (as well as a myriad of other tasks), and committee member Alison Wood has taken on the job of printing and distributing copies of the newsletter.

These tasks are all in addition to a myriad of minor activities needed to keep the Association running. All the committee members (apart from me!) take turns hosting our monthly

meetings. These are invariably pleasant and we often stay on after the agenda is completed to enjoy each other's company.

There's room on the committee for more!

Ian Radbone
21 July 2021

APPENDIX B: TREASURER'S REPORT

NORWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC. FINANCIAL REPORT 2020/21

Bank Balance at July 1, 2020	\$884.6
Petty Cash at July 1, 2020	\$124.15
Total	\$1,008.31

INCOME

Receipts in Membership	\$580.00
Receipts for jams etc.	\$427.50
Bank interest	\$1.06
Donations	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$1,038.56

EXPENSES

Subscription to Community Alliance SA	\$105.00
Wordpress (website) subscription	\$84.00
Mail Chimp (emails) subscription	\$26.00
Gifts	\$30.00
Sundries re suppers	\$69.25
Expenses to make jams etc.	\$27.60
Donation to Protect Our Heritage	\$106.50
Bank charges	\$1.40
TOTAL	\$449.75

Bank Balance at 30 June 2021	\$1,337.02
Petty Cash at 30 June 2021	\$260.10
TOTAL	\$1,597.12

Comment: Seven members have prepaid their memberships for 2021/2022, which is not indicated on memberships paid in this document.