

NORWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held at the Don Pyatt Hall, Norwood on Wednesday, July 27th, 2022

The meeting commenced at 8:45pm following a presentation by council staff on current and future infrastructure projects.

WELCOME

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

APOLOGIES

Roy Francis, Margie Faseth, John Callisto, Pauline Cudmore

MINUTES

The minutes from the 2021 AGM, as documented on the NRA website, were accepted as a true and fair record of the proceedings. Moved by G. Crafter, seconded by S, Whittington and was carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's report for 2021/22 was delivered (see Appendix A for the full report). Moved by S. Whittington and seconded by R. Dunk that the report be accepted and was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Tom Smith, supplied the annual financial report. This is included here as Appendix B. The Association has a current funds balance of \$829.30. Moved by C. Francis, seconded by S. Whittington that the report be accepted and was carried.

ANNUAL FEES

A motion to retain the same membership fees as for 2021/22 (\$10 single, \$20 family, \$10 associate) was moved by T. Smith, seconded by D. Althorp and was carried.

LIGHTS UP!

Rowena Dunk spoke on holding this competition again for 2022 but required assistance. K. Wiggins and S. Whittington offered their services to serve on a subcommittee.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Proposed amendments to the NRA constitution had been circulated to members. The changes addressed issues with electronic payments and communication and associate member definitions and rights. These changes appear in Appendix C. It was moved by C. Francis, seconded by P. Etheridge that ALL the changes be accepted. The motion was carried.

ELECTIONS

Councillor Crystal Mex presided over the election of office bearers and committee members. Before nominations, a statement by Dr Roy Francis was read out that stressed the need for more member involvement on the committee to allow for a change of personnel.

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 – Tom Smith was nominated and there being no other nominations, was duly elected.
Committee members – Christine Francis, Alison Wood, David Alsop and Kay Wiggins were nominated, and all were duly elected.

CLOSING

The AGM finished at 9:10PM after which a supper was served.

APPENDIX A: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Norwood Residents Association AGM
Wednesday 27 July 2022
President's Report

The 2022-2023 year has been a relatively positive one, compared with previous years.

- We have a new State Government, which is promising to review the implementation of Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act and its associated Planning and Design Code. We are told that it will address concerns about protecting the character and heritage of our local communities and ensuring greater tree canopy coverage and green open space.
- We've had the first year of a new verge policy, which is slowly replacing dolomite with gardens on our streets.
- Council also adopted a new Tree Strategy, which we think is one of the more valuable strategic planning exercises it has undertaken in recent years.
- Council has finally produced a new Parking Policy, several years after it was called for by the Association.
- Council voted to change the speed limit on residential streets to 40km/h, following a clear vote of support by residents.
- A scramble crossing was finally installed at the intersection of The Parade and George Street.
- With the opening of the Nino Solari Plaza, the Beulah Road project is finally finished.

But it's not all been good news. For example:

- We have a new State Government, which is promising to bring back car racing to Victoria Park.
- The Norwood Pageant was again cancelled due to Covid.
- Council might have a new Parking Policy, but its implementation still seems months away and we are not convinced that it will make much difference unless enforcement is improved.
- The Minister for Transport has yet to approve the 40km/h speed change.
- There is still no sign of action on the implementation of The Parade Masterplan.

Turning to the Association itself, at the end of June our financial membership stood at 67. This compares with 57 the year before. The 17% increase is pretty good and we've grown by two thirds in the past two years, but 67 is still modest given that Norwood has about 6,000 adult residents.

We have 457 followers on our Facebook page, a one third increase on the 346 at the time

of the last AGM.

The last AGM elected myself as President and Tom Smith as Secretary. There were no nominations for Treasurer at the meeting, but Tom kindly took on that task as well. Christine Francis, Alison Wood and David Althorp were elected as committee members.

Since then the Management Committee has met on a monthly basis.

The NRA is unusual for this council area in holding multiple general meetings each year. This past year the following meetings were held:

- In August, with heritage consultant (and NRA member) Sandy Wilkinson
- In October, with KESAB speaker Sarah Bruns
- In March and May two “meet the candidates” forums were held before the State and Federal elections respectively. We took the lead on the first of these on behalf of the other residents associations in the electorate.
- And we held a picnic in Richards Park on a lovely evening in December, where we awarded prizes for the Lights Up! competition.

Apart from the production of our monthly newsletter, most of our other activities have been advocacy:

- We've written to the State Planning Commission, to the Chair, Reimagining Victoria Park network to the Council and to the new Minister for Planning.
- Committee members have had several meetings with Council staff, the most recent being this week. We've also met with our local State MP, Steven Marshall.
- We've had several media engagements, mainly about heritage matters and also about the development proposed for the area behind the Parade/ Osmond Terrace intersection.
- We've attended meetings of the Community Alliance of SA, which is an umbrella group for residents associations. We also met with other residents associations within the Norwood Council area.

Although I'm proud of our role in informing members and advocating on their behalf, I often look at our neighbouring residents associations and envy their broader scope of activities. The Lights Up! Christmas lights competition and subsequent picnic was a step in this direction. Former Treasurer Rowena Dunk and Brenda Harris played a special role in running the competition. Thanks also to Sue Whittington, Graham Brown and Ian Rohde, who formed the judging panel and to Carole Whitlock, who presented the prizes.

We will shortly be meeting with Norwood Rotary about possibly working with them on practical projects to beautify our suburb.

But if we are to broaden our activities, we need people willing to get involved. The

Committee has been happy to support those willing to do so, as we did for Lights Up! But we need people to roll up their sleeves. Lights Up itself will only keep going if we have people to run it.

And the Association itself will only exist if we have people to run it. Our constitution allows for a Management Committee of up to 12 members, including office bearers. We have had only five. And while each of us is willing to stand again, for most of us it will be our last year. We need new faces on the management committee or else the Association will die.

But I'd like to finish on a more positive note. If committees are not your thing, we would welcome help with many other things that we are doing, or would like to do but can't because we don't have the people to do it. If you think you can help in some way to make Norwood a better place in which to live, please talk to us about it.

Ian Radbone
26 July 2022

APPENDIX B: TREASURER'S REPORT

NORWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC. FINANCIAL REPORT 2021/22

Bank balance as at 1/7/21	\$1336.97
Petty cash as at 1/7/21	\$260.10
TOTAL	\$1597.07

INCOME

Membership fees	\$590.00
Fund raising (jams etc)	\$128.35
Donations	\$1.00
Bank interest	\$0.85
TOTAL	\$720.20

EXPENDITURE

Donation to National Trust	\$100.00
Meeting expenses (hall hire, catering, gifts)	\$492.47
Wordpress (website) subscription	\$84.00
Square (EFTPOS) purchase	\$59.00
Projector purchase	\$691.00
Certificate of incorporation certificate fee	\$61.50
TOTAL	\$1487.97

Bank balance as at 30/6/22	\$792.20
Petty cash as at 30/6/22	\$37.10
TOTAL	\$829.30

APPENDIX C: CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Change (1) Section 4 (Membership) paragraph (b)

Change:

People who are not Norwood residents, but represent Norwood-based organisations that accept the objectives in this Constitution, may be granted Associate Membership by the Management Committee or by vote at an Association general meeting.

To:

People who are not Norwood residents, but represent Norwood-based organisations **or have an interest in the Norwood community** that accept the objectives in this Constitution, may be granted Associate Membership by the Management Committee or by vote at an Association general meeting.

Reason:

To formalise the acceptance of individuals as associate members without having to be part of an organisation.

Change (2) Section 4 (Membership) paragraph (b)

Change:

Associate Members shall have no voting rights, and may not hold office in the Association.

To:

Associate Members shall have no voting rights, and may not hold office in the Association **nor be a committee member**.

Reason:

To explicitly exclude associate members from committee positions.

Change (3) Section 5 (Management) paragraph (e)

Change:

Notice of such meeting shall be given to all current members.

To:

Notice of such meeting shall be given to all current **Committee** members.

Reason:

To clarify that only committee members need to be notified of a committee meeting.

Change (4) Section 5 (Management) paragraph (e)

Change:

by a notice in writing sent to their personal address at least seven days before the meeting.

To:

by a notice **either** in writing **or electronically** sent ~~to their personal address~~ at least seven days before the meeting.

Reason:

To allow for electronic (eg email) communication).

Change (5) Section 6 (Management) paragraph (a)

Change:

Written notice of this AGM must be given to all financial members of the Association at least fourteen days and no more than 28 days before the meeting.

To:

Written notice (**either by letter or electronically**) of this AGM must be given to all financial members of the Association at least fourteen days and no more than 28 days before the meeting.

Reason:

To allow for electronic (eg email) communication).

Change (6) Section 9 (Treasurer) paragraph (a)

Change:

Payments shall be made from petty cash or by Association cheque signed by at least two designated members from no more than four designated for this task by the Committee.

To:

Payments shall be made from petty cash or by Association cheque **or by bank transfer** signed/**authorised** by at least two designated members from no more than four designated for this task by the Committee.

Reason:

To allow for electronic banking.