



**Warrandyte Community Association Inc**  
(ICA No. A004 2350W)  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013**  
**Warrandyte Diary Office, Warrandyte Community Centre, Yarra Street, Warrandyte**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Present	24 Members, which satisfies the Quorum requirement of at least 20
<b>Ordinary Business</b>	Dick Davies opened the AGM and welcomed all members attending.
1. Apologies	Lesley Ryall, Doreen Burge, Ian Penrose, Tricia Barrett
2. Minutes AGM 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012	<i>Resolution to accept the minutes of the AGM 11 November 2012</i> <i>Moved: Bruce Davidson, Seconded: Warwick Leeson</i> <i>Carried unanimously</i>
3. Reports	To receive committee reports upon transactions of the Association during the preceding financial year:
a. President's Report	<p>Dick Davies opened his summary of the previously circulated President's Report by thanking Committee members Richard Aumann, David Ellis, Merilyn Evans and Jozica Kutin who were stepping down.</p> <p>The main activity for the year has been the Fire Ready program, which is still a going concern. Because of the implications for life and property, the WCA has received pro bono legal advice on its legal position and wording for disclaimers on advice given to the public on matters like bunkers. The WCA presents opportunities for members of the community to be exposed to information only; this position is similar to that of the CFA.</p> <p>Some highlights of the program to date are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bushfire awareness survey results were published within two months of survey completion;</li> <li>• The Fire Bunkers forum was very well attended;</li> <li>• Sample fire plan used by many including the Creekside Retirement Residences;</li> <li>• The software group Random Hacks of Kindness has produced a Fire-watch App;</li> <li>• The Fire Planning video by the Warrandyte Theatre Company has earned significant accolades.</li> </ul> <p>Future activities include:</p>

- Tailoring fire plans for different situations. Emphasis to date has been planning for a typical Warrandyte family.
- Coverage is also needed for more vulnerable people. This extends beyond the elderly and disabled, to include people with little awareness of dealing with a bushfire hazard, e.g. new arrivals, visitors, tenants, river day-trippers.
- Pilot scenario workshop, 28 November at Andersons Creek Primary School. Holding this at the school emphasises issues with collecting children from school during a fire hazard.

#### Planning issues:

On the new state planning zones, WCA has led a robust campaign that has attracted some criticism. However, WCA believes the government has a responsibility to explain its plans and their impact properly.

WCA has been supporting efforts by Manningham and Nillumbik Councillors to register planning amendments with the Minister. Quoting from a legal opinion in a recent Australian Company Directors' magazine, Dick noted that one only knows the real meaning of new legislation when tested in court.

#### On local planning issues:

- WCA has been monitoring developments with the Yarra Street petrol station site, now owned by United Petroleum. WCA has asked Manningham Council to take a strong position on any apparent illegal activities. Recently, another petrol station has been proposed for the old Bird Engineering site. WCA will firm its position after canvassing members.
- WCA has played a part in the Warrandyte Community Centre (WCC) refurbishment. While the new works are impressive, WCA is disappointed by the cost and procedural difficulty of accessing facilities for occasional use by community groups.
- WCA supported Lawrence Court residents concerned about unauthorised development. This is now resolved, although there is some dismay at the extent of works undertaken.
- WCA has a positive working relationship with Manningham and Nillumbik Councils; this is maintained through semi-annual meetings with both councils, as well as ad hoc meetings as needs arise.
- Melbourne Hill stormwater drainage problems; WCA has provided forum for affected parties. WCA has taken no position.

#### Acknowledgements of support:

- Dick thanked Nick Robinson for his ongoing work as the WCA representative on the sewerage backlog program. This has progressed smoothly in Warrandyte, but there are significant cost issues in North Warrandyte where connection fees have been estimated in the order of \$20,000.
- Dick thanked Warrandyte Community Church for its support for community activities since 2009.

Looking forward, 2014 is shaping up as an equally busy year:

	<p>Fire program will develop support for vulnerable people and extend fire planning the video, possibly to one intended for an audience of children. The Fire Program is a finalist for three awards for fire awareness &amp; resilience.</p> <p><i>Resolution: To receive and accept the President's Report for 2012-13.</i>  <i>Moved: Bruce Davidson, Seconded: Warwick Leeson</i>  <i>Carried unanimously</i></p>								
<p>b. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Dick Davies announced the following key items for the financial accounts as at 30 June 2013:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Net Profit</td> <td>\$6,751.86</td> </tr> </table> <p>Note: this includes the funds distribution of \$6600.49 from the former Warrandyte Civic Association</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Cheque account balance</td> <td>\$11,978.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fire Grant account balance</td> <td>\$20,824.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Equity</td> <td>\$34,130.14</td> </tr> </table> <p>Looking forward:  Unspent funds remaining from the initial Fire Grant may be retained until 30 June 2014. Lodgement of claim for the final payment of approximately \$8,300 is expected by end of December 2013.  Noting the balance in the WCA cheque account; Dick noted that the Committee has proposed to transfer \$5,000 from the Warrandyte Civic Association distribution to the Fire Ready project. In addition, another \$2000 in this account will be transferred to the fire account to finalise a Bendigo Bank Fire Project Grant. This is not shown in the accounts to end June.  WCA has applied for further funding from the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants and Resilient Australia Awards. However, competition for funds from both sources is very strong; the results of our applications are not yet available.</p> <p><i>Resolution: To receive and consider the Financial statement submitted by the Association in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.</i>  <i>Moved: Kerry Boyle, Seconded: Bruce Davidson; Carried unanimously</i></p>	Net Profit	\$6,751.86	Cheque account balance	\$11,978.74	Fire Grant account balance	\$20,824.40	Total Equity	\$34,130.14
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<p>4. Special Resolution</p>	<p>Dick Davies outlined the process required by legislative changes that gave rise to the new WCA constitution, which has been circulated earlier to members. The new rules comprise 72 clauses; double that of the previous constitution. Some alterations to the model rules were necessary. These are submitted to the Victorian Dept. of Consumer Affairs, who can invoke change if they deem necessary.</p> <p><i>Special Resolution:</i>  '<i>To adopt the revised Rules of Association for the Warrandyte Community Association Inc. November 2013 in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (AIR Act)</i>'  <i>Confirmed; Moved Bruce Davidson, Seconded: Warwick Leeson Carried unanimously</i></p>								
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Committee Election	<p>Kerrie Boyle assumed the Chair to put the motion.</p> <p><i>Resolution: To elect officers of the Association and ordinary members of the Committee of Management 2013-2014.</i></p> <p><i>a. President: Dick Davies</i></p> <p><i>b. Vice-President: Jonathan Upson</i></p> <p><i>c. Secretary: Warwick Leeson</i></p> <p><i>d. Treasurer: Bruce Davidson</i></p> <p><i>e. Six (6) Committee Members:</i></p> <p><i>David Dyason</i></p> <p><i>Fiona Elliott</i></p> <p><i>Doug Mealy</i></p> <p><i>Lesley Ryall</i></p> <p><i>Doug Seymour</i></p> <p><i>Meindert Withoff</i></p> <p><i>Ex Committee:</i></p> <p><i>Jozica Kutin - Membership secretary</i></p> <p><i>Briony Bottarelli – Assistant Membership secretary</i></p> <p><i>Moved Bruce Davidson; Seconded Warwick Leeson. Carried unanimously</i></p>
Meeting Closed	12:35

**Minutes approved:**

**Signed**

**Date**

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