



# Zero Net Emissions by 2030

## **Mount Alexander Sustainability Group Inc**

### **Annual General Meeting 2021**

18 November 2021, 7.30 pm

At Castlemaine Town Hall

#### **1. Welcome and acknowledgement of country.**

Meeting started at 7.40 pm.

Secretary, Gerry Egan, welcomed attendees and advised of a change in the order of the agenda items, to place the guest speaker first.

Gerry then provided an acknowledgment of country.

#### **2. Guest Speaker, Kitty Walker.**

Terry White introduced the speaker and advised that she had become ill this morning and so was unable to be present in person. Nevertheless, she is attending by Zoom and we are very grateful for her doing that.

The presentation commenced with the showing of a short movie introducing Queenscliffe Climate Action (available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/mHD7eN7m7cg>).

Kitty then joined the meeting via Zoom. She apologised for not being able to attend in person. She acknowledged the Wadawurrung people, explained the features of her region, and described the journey being undertaken by the Queenscliffe community. The journey includes achieving a declaration of a climate emergency, the development of a Climate Emergency Response Plan, and the implementation of the plan. She then answered some questions from the audience.

The audience thanked her with a round of applause.

#### **3. Attendance and apologies**

Peter Brain took the Chair and asked for apologies. Attendance sheets were filled in as people entered.

**Attendance – Financial members (15):**

Brier Johnson, Gerry Egan, Kieran Blain, Bill Grant, Mary Blain, Maurice Molan, Peter Brain, Terry White, Shona Macdonald, Melissa Pollock, Barry Dunn, Marita Egan, Anitra Nelson, Fay White, Malcolm Robins

**Attendance - Non-members (or members who are not financial) (9):**

Sarah Myles, Lorraine Le Plastrier, Cathy Wheel, Tom Danby, Barry Thomson, Bronwen Machin, Carolyn Neilson, Ben Thomson, John Nieman

**Apologies (9):**

Jess Carter, Mick Lewin, Ian Jones, Lesley Jones, Deane Belfield, Marie Belfield, Christine Kilmartin, Elizabeth Newburch, Lynne Waddington

The meeting has a quorum.

**4. Proxies**

Secretary advised that he had received one proxy form, giving Gerry Egan the proxy vote on behalf of two people (Ian and Lesley Jones), and he provided this form to the Chair. No others were presented to the meeting.

**5. Acceptance of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**

Chair advised that the document needs to be amended by changing the date at the top of the document from 12 Nov 2019 to the correct date of 12 Nov 2020. The meeting agreed that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (AGM) could be taken as read.

A motion was proposed “that the minutes (with the amended date) be accepted as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.”

**Moved:** Mary Blain

**Seconded:** Maurie Molan

**Resolution:** Carried.

**6. Matters arising from the previous AGM**

The Chair advised that there were no matters arising from the minutes.

**7. Report from the Committee**

Peter advised that the annual report had been circulated and is available on the website.

He made a presentation covering the following matters:

- An outline of the sources of greenhouse emissions in the Shire;
- A list and explanation of actions and projects that could achieve ZNET by 2030;

- The status of some of those projects;
- A commentary on the recent Federal Government plan for ZNET by 2050.

He also highlighted the following other matters from the annual report:

- Thanks to the staff and Committee for all the good work done;
- Thanks to Mary Blain who is stepping down from the Committee and to Ian Jones who has resigned as Bioenergy director;
- The following payments were made to members of the Committee for services performed:

MASG:

- Regen Ag, Deane Belfield, \$9,101
- Regen Ag, Bill Grant, up to \$500 to be paid in 2021/22
- Regen Ag, Melissa Pollock, \$158.40

BIOENERGY:

- Mick Lewin, Chairman fees, \$7,186
- Deane Belfield, Preconstruction services, \$35,000

No questions or comments were raised by attendees.

A motion was proposed that the annual report be accepted.

**Moved:** Melissa Pollock

**Seconded:** Bronwen Machin

**Resolution:** Carried.

## 8. Treasurer's Report:

Maurie Molan summarised the written Treasurer's report, which is part of the annual report and includes a certificate signed by two committee members certifying that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Association.

No questions or comments were raised by attendees.

A motion was proposed "That the statement is confirmed as a true and fair record of the financial position of MASG during and at the end of its last financial year."

**Moved:** Gerry Egan

**Seconded:** Mary Blain

**Resolution:** Carried.

## **9. Setting membership fees**

Gerry Egan advised that the committee recommends that the fees and the due date (31 July) continue unchanged.

No questions or comments were raised by attendees.

A motion was proposed “that membership fees and the due date continue unchanged.”

**Moved:** Gerry Egan

**Seconded:** Terry White

**Resolution:** Carried.

## **10. Election of committee members**

Chair declared all positions on committee vacant.

Chair advised that the AGM must decide the number of committee positions to be six, seven, eight or nine. He further advised that the committee recommended a continuation of the current practice to have nine positions.

A motion was proposed “that, in addition to the four office bearers (Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary), the committee comprise a further five ordinary committee members.”

**Moved:** Peter Brain

**Seconded:** Maurie Molan

**Resolution:** Carried.

Chair asked the Secretary what nominations had been received. Gerry Egan then advised that he, as Secretary, had received nominations with the required seven days' notice for Lynne Waddington (a new nominee) and the following members of the existing committee – Melissa Pollock, Deane Belfield, Gerry Egan, Mick Lewin, Peter Brain, Terry White, Bill Grant and Maurie Molan.

Chair advised that these nominees, being equal to the number of committee positions, are deemed to be elected.

Chair congratulated the elected committee members.

## **11. Other Business**

Chair invited members to raise other items of business. No matters were raised.

## **12. Meeting closed**

Meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm.