



Arboriculture **Australia**™

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday 1st June 2015

Mode: Face to Face

Chairperson: Henry Haavisto (President)

Present: *Directors:* Craig Hallam, Mark Hartley, Kyle Hill, Craig Hinton, Jim Roberts, Catherine Russo, Robert Stavrou
Members: David Balsamo, Johnathan Belsham, Peter Bishop, David Crook, Nathanael du Boulay, Frederick Janes, Jago Keen, Allen Lim, Mark Roberts, John Tolmie, Adam Tom, Glenn Walton, Scott Wilkie, Bill Willcock, Mark Willcocks, Joanne Verdon, Leo Yeung, Jeremy Young,

Staff: A Harrison

Apologies: *Directors:* None

Absent: *Directors:* Louise Bennett

Tabled Documents: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 7th April 2014

Meeting Commenced: 5.38pm

Welcome and Apologies Nil

Agenda Items

1. Tabling the Minutes – 2014 AGM

Moved: Craig Hinton – this was moved after his treasurers report

2nd: Henry Haavisto

All in favour

2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil matters Arisen

3. A brief report from the President of Arboriculture Australia Ltd

The Organisations financials for the 2015 year are back in the black and there is always room for improvement. We will continue to gain additional members, maintain our current members and add additional sponsors to the Organisation.

H Haavisto then inviting Arboriculture Australia™ Treasurer C Hinton to speak on financials



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4. A brief Report from the Treasurer of Arboriculture Australia Ltd & tabling of 2014 financial report

C Hinton advised nil production of the financial report was available. When finalised will be published on the Organisation's website at www.arboriculture.org.au

Organisation dis-satisfied with previous accountant therefore enlisted an alternative professional which has impacted the availability of final accounts for submission at this meeting. When made available, final accounts will be made available via our website or email upon request.

Previous year deficit explained as a long service leave allocation being finalised for a current employee. The strategy to overcome this \$12k deficit as shown, is to promote membership to encourage future net financials regain and remain in surplus into the future.

No queries raised by members in relation to financials.

5. Pre-notified questions from members Nil

6. Motions on Notice Nil

7. Three directors (Louise Bennett, Kyle Hill, Mark Hartley, vacancy) of the Arboriculture Australia Ltd Board, relinquish office

8. Election of new Directors to the Arboriculture Australia Ltd Board for the years 2015 – 2018

Nominations were presented for:

David Crook, Allan Lim, Mark Hartley, Jim Roberts, Catherine Russo, Robert Stavrou, Kyle Hill

It was determined that the nomination forms submitted for both Alan Lim and Kyle Hill were invalid due to incorrect lodgement of documents with information missing / incorrect. No further nominations were attained from the floor rendering the Board of Directors assigned with no vote required due to not achieving a full quota for the Board of Directors.



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9. Other business

a. **Wex Motorpass**

C Hallam introduced our new joint venture with Wex Motorpass. Originally thought of for an industry incentive scheme, it has been launched and is currently being promoted nationwide, with Wex Motorpass initialising calls to members to begin building our customer base. This incentive open to anyone who chooses to join the industry initiative with Arboriculture Australia™.

The additional revenue will be used to establish a Research and Education Scholarship Fund for the Arboriculture industry. Initial discussions related to the distribution of these funds have indicated that the majority of the revenue will be utilised for the Scholarship Trust with the remainder set to be invested into our state based groups. The split tentatively set at;

- .50c / month into a scholarship / research trust
- \$1 to be divided and distributed to state based groups with an additional option for those state based groups to donate some / all of their incentive back into the abovementioned scholarship fund.

The fuel card accounts also come with further discounts at related companies such as BP offering .04c / ltr off all fuel purchases, discounts at Bridgestone for Tyres etc...

We have a target of 2500 card within 12mths to initiate the discounts advised above with our hopes being for 5000 cards / year which will attract \$100k annual return.

Additional options for balance of revenue raised are yet to be finalised with a further \$120k in sponsorship also something we are going to strive for.

Meetings with state based groups due to commence in September 2015



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10. National Conference 2016 / 2017

Next National Conference to be held in Melbourne VIC with dates TBA. This will be a joint Conference with Melbourne University with the support of Melbourne City Council.

We estimate the size of the conference to include 40-50 speakers.

Arboriculture Australia™ are to administer the registrations etc. for this event with all-time billable and payable by Melbourne University. We will invest \$50k to feed this conference, leaving the balance of our \$120k annual sponsorship income as surplus.

Any profits from this conference will be delivered directly into the new Scholarship Fund which will be open for anyone to apply for. Estimated profit from conference based sponsorship surplus and revenue raised from conference \$60-80k

The ISA queried who set the \$50k investment for 2016 Conference which we advised was Arboriculture Australia™ figure advised to Melbourne Uni at initial talks.

Meeting Closed 5.53pm

Meeting closed: 6.15 pm