



Arboriculture Australia™

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday 7 April 2014

Mode: Face to Face

Chairperson: Henry Haavisto (President)

Present: *Directors:* Louise Bennett, Keith Foster, Craig Hallam, Scott Hanley, Mark Hartley, Kyle Hill, Craig Hinton, Allen Lim.
Members: Ian McKenzie, Phillip Julian, Matt Stephens, Kym Knight, Tom Greenwood, Rob Murray, John Douglas, Cameron James, Alice Rankine, Robert Sutton, Shane Hall, Leo Yeung, Geoff Messer, Jon Belsham, John Tolmie, Jeremy Young, Adam Tom, Bill Wilcock, Anthony Kachenko, Paul D'Hondt

Staff: C Roberton

Apologies: *Directors:* None

Tabled Documents: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 29 April 2013.

Meeting Commenced: 5.55 pm

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**
- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

No matters were raised.

4. Agenda Items

A) Presidents Report

The partnership with the Arboriculture Association (UK) has been a new initiative for 2014.

There has been positive feedback on the conference so far.



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B) Treasurer's Report

The report has not been circulated early as there have been some errors from the accountants that needed to be corrected before the document was circulated. A copy will be put up on the webpage after the conference.

We had a deficit again last financial year of \$70,000. There has been an increase in membership fees for the 2014 year, so this will cover the cost of running the organisation, with the same number of members. The Treasurer is confident that we will return to surplus in the next financial year.

The last few annual conferences have not been getting the numbers that we have anticipated, but this conference is looking good and should get us back on track.

Arb Aus is running more programs throughout the year, which also cost money to the organisation.

We are still in a strong financial position and still have positive cash standing.

C) Pre-notified questions from members:

No pre-notified questions from members

D) Motions on notice:

No motions on notice

E) Director(s) relinquishing office:

In accordance with the Constitution of Arboriculture Australia, the tenure of one (1) Director expired at this Annual General Meeting. The one (1) was Allen Lim

F) Election of new director(s) for years 2014 -2017:

Written nomination from Allen Lim had been received and was noted. The nomination was accepted.



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G) Other business:

Tom Greenwood: question regarding relationships with AA (UK) and ISA.

Arboricultural Association: this is a partnership with shared documents. Memberships for AA will be brokered through Arboriculture Australia Ltd and Australian members will not have to pay the \$100.00 postage for the magazine, as there will be a 15% administration fee on top of the annual membership to cover for this.

ISA relationship – 99.5% sure that we will have a MOU with ISA

Question from member about this conference, the number of delegates and the emphasis on family.

The surveys that were sent out to delegates of the last conference and to Arb Aus members received good feedback about what our members wanted from the annual conference, including some family friendly events and venues.

We will be sending surveys out to delegates of this conference and to members again following this conference for further feedback.

Most people see the addition of the Practising stream as positive, and there were more people attending this stream again this conference.

The costs involved in running this event- the larger the conference, the more expensive – we will look for feedback on this issue from the upcoming survey. We may need to look at running our conference in conjunction with other associations, i.e. NGIA or ForestWorks.

Need to remember that our conference is all run by volunteers.

We have had very positive feedback from families that have attended this conference, and we ask that you let other Arb Aus members know if you enjoyed the conference, so they will also consider attending the next conference.



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2017 will see the two anniversaries – the 20th anniversary of when ISAA/ISAAC was formed and the 30th anniversary of when the Tree Surgeon Guild of Australia/NAAA was formed. This will be a large conference and will be held in Sydney.

Most likely that next year's conference will be held in Adelaide. In 2016 we will possibly look at Western Australia. It is a high risk running conferences in areas like WA and Tasmania. We will need to look carefully at this and make sure that we can get the required numbers for attendance, before we can commit to running the conference in these areas.

Meeting closed: 6.15 pm