

# **WATERMARK INCORPORATED**

## **Minutes of Tenth Annual General Meeting**

**DATE:** Monday, 30th November 2009, at 4.30pm

**PLACE:** Adult Community Education Centre, Raymond Street, Sale

**PRESENT:** Chairman Des Sinnott , Secretary, Wally Evans, plus Joanne Bourke, John Caldow, Duncan Malcolm, Ron Reed, Alwyn Ryan and Don Ripper, Martin Carlson ( Bug Blitz Trust) plus eight members of the general public ( Watermark members)

**APOLOGIES:** Committee Members John Bate, Rod McMillan and Denis Tricks, plus Hon Philip Davis MLC, Mr Darren Chester MP, Michelle Adler and Kathy Malcolm.

### **A. Heart Morass Wetlands: Aboriginal Sites of Heritage**

In conjunction with Bug Blitz initiative based at the Heart Morass Wetlands, Bug Blitz Executive Officer , John Caldow introduced Dr. Joanna Freslov who explained the provisions of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

Specific aspects detailed included:

- The key provisions
- Issues of interest
- Provisions to be complied with
- Responsibilities of those who may propose works on aboriginal heritage sites and/or become aware of aboriginal sites

Dr Freslov alerted those present to typical places and objects eg: scarred trees, coastal shell middens, Gippsland Lakes and rivers shell middens, stone tools, artefacts, mounds, historical places, spiritual places and landscape features.

It was mutually agreed that any areas and / or sites of significance what e become aware to the Heart Morass Wetlands Management Committee ( Bug Blitz, Watermark, Field and Game Australia and WGCMA) will be refereed to Dr. Freslov.

**B. Watermark Annual General Meeting**

**1. Welcome:**

Chairmen Des formally welcomed all present.

**2. Proxy Forms:**

Nil received

**3. Minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting:**

It was noted that the AGM scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 to be held on site at the Heart Morass Wetlands in conjunction with the Wellington Shire "Water Water Festival" activity was postponed due to inclement weather

**4. Annual Report**

Chairmen Des and Secretary Wally referred to the comprehensive Annual Report tabled for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

Chairmen Des formally presented his detailed Chairmen's Report.

Motion:- That the Annual Report incorporating the Chairmen's Report be received.

**Moved:-** Ron Reed                      **Seconded:-** Duncan Malcolm

**Motion Carried**

**5. Financial Statement**

Secretary Wally tabled copies of the financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2009 and advised that the Auditor Report was imminent

Motion:- That the financial statements be received.

**Moved:-** Don Ripper                      **Seconded:-** Wally Evans

**Motion Carried**

**6. Life Membership**

Motion:- That Watermark's inaugural Life Membership be awarded to Duncan Malcolm and Wally Evans in recognition of their contribution since inception

**Moved:-** Ron Reed                      **Seconded:-** Trish Sinnott

**Motion Carried**

**7. Election of Committee**

Chairmen Des formally declared all positions vacant and invited Duncan Malcolm to Chair the election process

Nominations were then invited for and the following persons elected to the respective positions as listed.

- President : Des Sinnott
- Vice President : Rod McMillan
- Secretary : Wally Evans
- Treasurer : Don Ripper
- General Committee : John Bate, Joanne Bourke, John Caldow, Duncan Malcolm, Ron Reed, Alwyn Ryan and Denis Tricks

**8. Membership Fees**

**Motion:- That the scheduled of annual membership fees remain as at present**

**Moved:-** Trish Sinnott                      **Seconded:-** John Caldow

**Motion Carried**

The meeting closed at 6:45pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of the Tenth Annual General Meeting

This                      day of                      2007.

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Chairman

**INAUGURAL COMMITTEE MEETING REMINDER:**

To be held in Watermark office at 4pm on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010.