

COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held at 6.30pm, **Wednesday 2nd October 2019**, in the Barn at
Collingwood Children's Farm, 18 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford 3067

Attendees: Ed Smart, Andrew Chan, Josh Hale, Elisa Turco, Eleanor Russell, Jennifer Bowen, Peter Barber, Lachlan Turner, Conor Hickey, Jess Gillespie, Sue Zhang, Anne Drake, Lachlan Cook, James Searle, David Ackland, Evan Zly, Carina Watson, Clive Rumney, Helen Semmler, Isabel Schoen, Kieran Dickson

Apologies: Jess Lai, Nina Collins, Chloe Horner, Hamish Ride

President: Lachlan Turner

Vice President: Jessica Gillespie

Treasurer: Jessica Lai

Secretary: Lachlan Cook

General Manager: Conor Hickey

Signed: 

LACHLAN TURNER

Signed: 

CONOR HICKEY

Lachlan Turner acknowledged the original owners of the land the Wurundjeri people and wished to pay respect to their Elders both past and present and to recognize their ongoing connection to Country.

All welcomed by the President, Lachlan Turner, who declared the meeting open.

The minutes of the previous AGM held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 were tabled.

Elisa moved the minutes be accepted and Ed Smart seconded.

The Annual Report was tabled including the President's and Manager's reports and financial statements.

Manager's report

Conor Hickey spoke briefly to the last year.

- we have more staff and more community consultation and engagement
- new staff roles, staff contracts and position descriptions with team leaders and re-structured working.
- CoM has developed and updated policies
- Chris Williams has begun a review of all the vegetation on the Farm
- we are engaging more closely with the Wurundjeri
- developing a MOU with City of Yarra
- a podcast is being put together
- creating educational programs
- the water mains have finally been done

- sending out a newsletter to around 7,000 people
- some solar panelling has been donated
- the 40th Birthday Party of the Farm is happening Nov 3rd

President's Report

The change of management has brought a fresh review to the Farm.

- looking at safety, getting proper processes in place, looking after staff
 - Fair Work did a review and we now have clarity around which award we should be under
 - whole host of governance process set in place, staff better structured and know their roles
 - better productivity
- Excited as CoM member to be part of this.

Financial report

- Increase in visitation
 - biggest expense remains staffing but worthwhile investment to increase numbers, particularly in the gardens, building engagement and quality of experience at the Farm
 - cash stable
- Ed moved motion to endorse all reports. Accepted.

There are 4 positions for 2 years for the Committee with 4 nominations. Nominees are: Lachlan Cook, Kieran Dickson Isabel Schoen and Sue Zhang. Each nominee spoke for a few minutes.

All were elected and welcomed.

Lachlan thanked David Ackland for his auditing work over the years. A new auditor will be appointed after the AGM at a special meeting.

Lachlan Turner thanked all those who had attended and declared the meeting closed.