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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute.

7.00pm, Thursday 16 May 2019

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2018 AGM
3. Matters arising from previous Annual General Meeting.
4. Correspondence.
5. President's report.
6. Secretary Librarian's report.
7. Treasurer's Report.
8. Special resolution.

*"That the PMI revokes its incorporation under the Prahran Mechanics' Institute Act 1899 and becomes incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012."*

9. Election of one committee member.
10. Appointment of auditor.
11. Other business.

The AGM will be followed by a presentation by Liz Porter on the history of the Victorian Police Forensic Sciences Centre

Refreshments provided after the presentation.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute and Circulating Library  
held at 39 St Edmonds Road, Prahan  
Thursday 16 May 2019 commencing at 7.00pm**

### MINUTES

#### **Attendance**

Dr Judith Buckrich, Cr Steve Stefanopolous, Ben Quin, Cr John Chandler, Dr Michelle Cleary, Chris Michalopoulos, Tim McKenna.

Donald Barker, Luke Barker, Claire Barton, Gary Bester, Jenny Campbell, Jennifer Chapman, Denys Correll, Stephen Diamond, Sally Edwardes, John Merry, Diana Haby, Murray Haby, Steven Haby, Ellen Coates, Julia Hamer, Michaela Hill, Barb Hoad, Dr Katie Moss, John Pardy, Marie Pernat, Marianne Preissner, Mary Reid, Carol Stals, Jack Stock, Chris Moysey Barker, Pippa Strang, Robert Kingston, Carolann Thompson, Mr A. Thompson, Deb Towns, Mr E. Towns, Mike Trickett, George Tsingos, John Watt, Ian Weatherly, Penny Woodward, Stacey Zarifopoulos, Wendy Eldridge.

#### **1. Official opening and apologies**

Dr Judith Buckrich officially opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies were received from Sam Hibbs, MP, David Hayter, Len Regan and Margaret Oulton.

#### **2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM**

The Minutes were confirmed.

Moved: Judith

Seconded: Robert Kingston

Carried: All

#### **3. Matters arising from the previous AGM**

There were no matters arising from the AGM

#### **4. Correspondence received**

There was no correspondence received in relation to the AGM

#### **5. President's report**

Judith presented her report to the meeting and highlighted a number of events such as attendance at the Clunes Booktown event which saw us increase our presence to a

potentially larger audience. Judith also singled out the contribution made by our volunteers during 2018.

It was a difficult and challenging year in relation to having to relocate the library as part of the repairs to the carpet however this was undertaken with minimal disruption to operations. Our Chapel Street properties and finances remain challenging issues for us now and in the future.

Judith thanked the Committee and staff for their efforts in 2018.

Moved: Wendy Eldridge

Seconded: Katie Moss

Carried: All

#### **6. Secretary Librarian's report**

The Secretary Librarian presented his report to the meeting and wished to thank the staff for a busy year in terms of events, maintaining our collections, increasing membership and promotion of the PMI.

The Secretary Librarian paid tribute to the contribution Ursula Zamecnik had made over many years and it was a regretful decision to make the position of Librarian Technician redundant after a period of serious consideration. The Secretary Librarian wished Ursula the best and thanked her for her efforts.

In closing the Secretary Librarian thanked the Committee for their efforts and support over a busy and challenging year.

Moved: Carol Stals

Seconded: Marie Pernat

Carried: All

#### **7. Treasurer's report**

Ben presented his report to the meeting.

It was noted that we have ongoing rental issues with our Chapel Street properties and that our previous success with grants across the board have not been as successful as we would have liked.

Containment of costs remains a challenge and staffing remain one of our biggest expenses. Our investments with Perpetual Trustees continue to provide us with some financial security however it is dependent on share market movements.

Moved: Ben Quin

Seconded: Gary Bester

Carried: All

#### **8. Special resolution**

The following motion was put to the meeting:

“That the PMI revokes its incorporation under the Prahran Mechanics Institute Act 1899 and becomes incorporated under the Associations Reform Act 2012”.

The Secretary Librarian then outlined the background and purpose of the motion (refer attached document presented to the members).

Questions and comments were then welcomed from the floor.

Dennis Correll spoke in his capacity as a member of the Associations Forum and outlined the benefits of such a move for the PMI in terms of having control over its finances and the ability to for example sell and acquire property, make investments and so on.

Robert Kingston raised the importance of long term strategic financial planning and made reference to the incorporations Act in NSW and its relation to how NFPs and other organisations operate under those auspices.

There being no further questions or comments the Secretary Librarian put the vote to the meeting:

Motion in favour: 44

Against: 1

Carried: All

**9. Election of one Committee member**

The meeting was advised that the position held by Ben Quin was up for re-election.

The meeting was advised that one nomination was received from Ben Quin and therefore as there were no other nominations Ben Quin was unelected unopposed.

**10. Appointment of auditor**

Prospect Accountants were appointed as auditor for the 2019 financial year.

**11. Other business**

There being no other business the meeting was officially closed at 7.45pm.

Steven Haby  
Secretary Librarian