

# **GFA AGM Minutes Thur 03-Aug 2017 5:30-6:00 pm Belconnen Fire Station .**

## **APOLOGIES.**

Shirley Gourgard.

## **Minutes of the 2015-16 AGM.**

Minutes for the previous AGM were tabled and accepted.

Moved Darryl Seto.....seconded Doug Finlayson

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT. Chris Watson.**

- 1) Chris Watson summarised the main achievements for the 2016-17 year and tabled his formal report for the year. Copies available separately.
- 2) Moved that the report be accepted. ??? Did not note names here

## **TREASURES REPORT (Doug Finlayson).**

Doug tabled the audited accounts for the year 2016-17. Copies available separately.

Moved that the treasurers report be accepted. Chris Watson. Seconded Robyn Coghlan .

Doug Finlayson noted that John Wells of Scullin a retired accountant kindly audited our book "pro bono"

## **SPECIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Darryl Seto explained that some amendments to the GFA constitution have been recommended by Camilla Taylor from the EDO ACT. These are required so that we can have "formal legal standing" in relation to making representations to the land and environment court. Darryl explained that "formal legal standing" is required for environmental matters unlike the situation for normal civil or criminal cases.

### **The motion to be put to this meeting is to insert:**

After the first line 3.1-

*(a1) promote, engage in and ensure the conservation and protection of the environmental values, including biodiversity and heritage values, in the region surrounding the Ginninderra Falls, including the ACT.*

*{a2) promote the conservation of the built and natural environment in the West Belconnen and adjacent NSW region.*

*(a3) promote public awareness of the environment surrounding the Ginninderra Falls, in both ACT and NSW, by engaging and disseminating information to the public.*

After 3.1(a) (ii)-

*(iia) advocating and progressing the conservation and protection of the environment in the West Belconnen and adjacent NSW area.*

After the text "national park" in 3.1{a), 3.1(b) and 3.1(b) (i )  
*, or other protected or conservation area,*

Moved Darryl Seto. Seconded Dave Kelly. Passed by unanimous show of hands.

## **Election of Office bearers**

The Public Officer, Darryl Seto, took the chair with the assent of the meeting. All positions were declared vacant.

- J There was one nomination for President, Ms Robyn Coghlan .
- J Nominated Chris Watson . Seconded Luis Teran **Duly elected.**
- J There was one nomination for vice-President, Mr David Kelly ..
- J Nominated Chris Watson Seconded ?? **Duly elected**
- J There was one nomination for Treasurer, Dr Doug Finlayson.
- J Nominated John Connelly Seconded ?? **Duly elected.**
- J There was one nomination for Secretary, Mr John Connelly..
- J Nominated. Chris Watson , Seconded Dave Kelly **. Duly elected**
- J There were five nominations for the Committee, Chris Watson , Brian Rhynehart , Ms Ellen Proust/Robinson, Mr Darryl Seto, Douglas Amarfio . **Duly elected.**

FORMAL MEETING CLOSED 6:10PM

## **FIRE RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS.**

- 1) Doug Finlayson gave a summary of material presented at the recent Bush Fire Symposium.
- 2) Dr Jason Sharples from the University of NSW gave a presentation regarding recent research on dynamic fire behaviour and also the significant effects that are produced by ember attack. He noted that in relation to the Ginninderry development this new research should be taken into account when determining the appropriate Asset Protection Zones.

MAIN MEETING CLOSED 7:00 PM.