

## **Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting**

Meeting held at 7.30pm, Thursday 11 November, 2004 at ACON, 9 Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills.

Meeting chaired by co-convenors Somali Cerise and Rob McGrory.

### **1. Apologies**

Lee Anderson, C Moore-Hardy, Diane Veness & Mary Frouse.

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes from previous Annual General Meeting**

*Moved by Mark Barraket.*

*Seconded by Scott Carn.*

### **3. Co-Convenor's Report**

⇒ **Jenni Millbank assumed the Chair**

Rob McGrory and Somali Cerise spoke to the Co-Convenor's report in the Annual Report.

⇒ **Resolution:** To adopt the Co-Convenor's Report.

*Moved by Nikki Maloney.*

*Seconded by Scott Carn.*

⇒ **Somali Cerise resumed the Chair.**

### **4. 2004 AGM Awards**

Rob McGrory explained the background to the Awards which are intended for those people who over the years have contributed to the work of the Lobby and the Awards have been established to recognise those people.

Rob McGrory presented an Outstanding Volunteer Award to Anne O'Grady for her contribution to the lobby during the absence of an Office Co-ordinator and Treasurer.

Somali Cerise presented an Outstanding Financial Supporter Award to Iris Group Productions for their financial support of the lobby through the Azure Dance Party.

Rob McGrory presented an Outstanding Supporter Award to Anthony Albanese for his contribution to law reform in regard to superannuation.

Somali Cerise presented a Hall of Fame Award to Dan Baxter for significant and long term contribution to the Lobby.

Rob McGrory presented a Hall of Fame Award to Cathie Fox for her significant contribution as treasurer of the Lobby.

## 5. Secretary's Report

Julie McConnell spoke to the report in the Annual Report, including:

Giving thanks to Anne O'Grady in her support of the administration of the office during transition between Treasurers and Office Co-ordinators.

Julie also thanked Darren Williamson for the great job he had been doing as the new Office Co-ordinator.

⇒ **Resolution: To adopt the Secretary's Report.**

*Moved by Scott Carn.*

*Seconded by Simon Margan.*

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Rob McGrory presented on behalf of Thorsten Mueller.

Rob advised that there was a likelihood that an extraordinary general meeting will need to be held in the new year to discuss changes to the constitution, so that the lobby's tax status will be more favourable.

⇒ **Resolution: To adopt the Treasurer's Report.**

*Moved by Anthony Schembri.*

*Seconded by Anthony Hillis.*

## 7. Events and Fundraising Report

Mark Barraket spoke to the Events and Fundraising report in the Annual Report.

⇒ **Resolution: To adopt the Events and Fundraising Report.**

*Moved by David Scamell.*

*Seconded by Paula Novotna.*

## 8. Campaigns Working Group Report

Georgina Whelan spoke to the Campaigns Working Group report in the Annual Report.

⇒ **Resolution: To adopt the Campaigns Working Group Report**

*Moved by Scott Carn.*

*Seconded by Anthony Powell.*

## 9. 2004 AGM Elections

Jenni Millbank moved the motion:

"In accordance with clause 7 (i) of the Constitution that acceptances of nominations for the positions of office bearers be accepted by writing, by proxy or orally at this meeting."

⇒ **Resolution: That the motion be moved.**

*Moved by Jenni Millbank.*

*Seconded by Anthony Hillis.*

Michael Woodhouse was appointed the returning officer and assumed the Chair. He explained that in accordance with clause 6(b) of the Constitution, there are 4 executive members (including 2 convenors – 1 female and 1 male) and 11 other Committee members.

1. Nominations were called for the position of Female Convenor. Julie McConnell nominated by Somali Cerise.

⇒ **Julie McConnell elected to Female Convenor**

2. Nominations were called for the position of Male Convenor. Rob McGrory nominated David Scamell. No further nominations.

⇒ **David Scamell elected to Male Convenor**

3. Nominations were called for the position of Secretary. Kathy Sant nominated Jenny Mann. No further nominations.

⇒ **Jenny Mann elected to Secretary**

4. Nominations were called for the position of Treasurer. Rob McGrory nominated Mark Barraket. No further nominations.

⇒ **Mark Barraket elected to Treasurer**

5. Nominations were called for the position of Female Committee Members.

Somali Cerise nominated Georgina Whelan.  
Georgina Whelan nominated Caitlin Spencer.  
Jenni Millbank nominated Frances Eden.  
Nikki nominated Paula Novotna.

No further nominations.

⇒ **Georgina Whelan, Caitlin Spencer, Frances Eden and Paula Novotna elected.**

6. Nominations were called for the position of Male Committee Members.

Rob McGrory nominated Anthony Schembri.  
Justin Scowen nominated Antonio Bacca.  
Mark Barraket nominated Justin Scowen.  
David Scamell nominated Mark Walters.

No further nominations.

⇒ **Anthony Schembri, Antonio Bacca, Justin Scowen and Mark Walters elected.**

7. Nominations were called for the position of Mixed Committee Members.

Somali Cerise nominated Jodhi Kirk.  
Anthony Powell nominated Joel Mu.  
Georgina Whelan nominated Scott Carn.

No further nominations.

⇒ **Jodhi Kirk, Scott Carn and Joel Mu elected.**

Julie McConnell moved a motion of thanks to Rob McGrory and Somali Cerise for their outstanding contribution to the Lobby as Co-Convenors for the last two years.

## **8. Close of meeting**