

KCC
Kew Cottages Coalition
Annual General Meeting Minutes
7pm Wednesday 26 February 2020
Phyllis Hore Room Kew Civic Centre
Cnr Cotham Road and Civic Drive

Brian Walsh, President, KCC, declared the AGM open at 7.00pm. He introduced the MC Stephen Mayne, and welcomed the guest speakers, The Hon. Clifford Hayes MLC Southern Region; Cr Cynthia Watson, Mayor, Boroondara Council; Michael Black AC QC, Local Resident; Cr Phillip Healey, Studley Ward, Boroondara Council; and Dr. Lindsay Grayson, Vice President, KCC.

Apologies were received from:

Ben Carroll MP, Tim Smith MP, Tien Kieu MP, Suzanna Sheed MP, Ingrid Stitt MP, Christine Couzens MP, Stuart Grimley MP, Bruce Atkinson MP, Rod Quantock, Margaret Ryan, Phillip Storer, Elizabeth Bentley, Ann Brewer, Frances Schultz, Nick Stavrou, David Davis MP.

Minutes of the 26 February 2019 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the February 2019 Annual General Meeting were taken as read and accepted by the meeting.

Proposed Lindsay Grayson Seconded Brian Walsh Motion carried unanimously

Matters Arising.

Brian Walsh reported that the motions passed unanimously by the February 2019 Kew Public Meeting had been conveyed to the State Government as follows:

1. That the Victorian Government and Development Victoria must immediately cease all further development at the Kew Cottages Development site.
2. That the Victorian Government must immediately reinstate Boroondara Council as the Planning Authority for the Kew Cottages site.
3. That the Victorian Government must ensure that Heritage Victoria is provided with adequate funding to both:
 - Proactively inspect and monitor compliance with heritage permits; and to
 - Properly enforce and defend its decisions in the public interest.

He said Clifford Hayes had raised these matters in Parliament, and would be reporting on the outcome at tonight's meeting.

Brian said that Heritage Victoria was still seriously under resourced, and the situation appeared to be growing worse by the day. As previously reported, Heritage Victoria had not even been legally represented at the Heritage Council Kew Cottages Development Review. Whereas, Walker Corporation had engaged 2 Senior Counsel, and many expert witnesses.

"That was like sending a lamb to slaughter", Brian said, "Heritage Victoria never stood a chance". But it got worse. After Walker won its appeal, John Hawker, Heritage Victoria's arborist retired, leaving the regulator bereft of any staff with expertise on the Kew Cottages landscape and tree management issues posed by the Walker development. It took many

Committee Members 2019-2020

President, Brian Walsh

Vice President, Lindsay Grayson

Secretary Ann Brewer

Treasurer, David Pym,

Committee Member Mary Drost

Committee Member Margaret Ryan

Moved. Brian Walsh Seconded Lindsay Grayson

Carried..

AGM DECLARED CLOSED.

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PUBLIC MEETING OPENED.

Tonight's Topic

Victoria's Heritage Protection on Trial

Stephen Mayne introduced the Guest Speakers:

Cynthia Watson, Mayor, Boroondara Council.

Clifford Hayes MP, MLC Southern Metropolitan

Cr Phillip Healey, Studley Park Ward

Dr. Lindsay Grayson, KCC.

Listen to the Speakers on www.kew.org [here](#)

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Resolutions Passed

The following Motions were passed unanimously by the Meeting:

1. Given Heritage Victoria's difficulty in enforcing the mandated Phytophthora control regulations, we call on Gavin Jennings, Minister for Priority Precincts to immediately halt all further development on the Kew Cottages site until the level of Phytophthora contamination can be accurately defined.
2. This Public Meeting calls on the Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament to establish an inquiry into Heritage Protection in Victoria.
3. This Public Meeting calls on the Minister for Planning to commit to returning Kew Cottages Planning Authority to Boroondara Council when the Walker Development Contract expires on 31 Dec 2020
4. This Public Meeting calls on the Minister for Priority Precincts, Gavin Jennings, and Development Victoria, not to renew the Walker Kew Cottages Contract when the current contract expires on 31 Dec 2020.

Proposed. Lindsay Grayson

Seconded. Brian Walsh

Passed. Unanimously

8.35 pm Stephen Mayne closed the Public Meeting