ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED – NT DIVISION Incorporated Association A14887C



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27 August 2020

MINUTES

1. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies

Attendance

Jeff Richardson (JR) Tony Mott (TM) Jane Munday (JM) Bradly Torgan (BT) Vanessa Harrington (VH) Mia Sandgren (MS) Craig Smith (CS) Sarah Smith (SS) Anya Zimmermann (AZ) Janice Warrren (JW) Natalie Calder (NC)

Apologies

Bill Lowe (BL) Tom Ewers-Reilly (TR)

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 30 August 2019

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM held 30 August 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate account.

Moved: Craig Smith Seconded: Mia Sandgren

Accepted.

3. Annual Reports

President's report attached

Treasurer's report attached

4. Election of Divisional Committee

Jeff thanked the outgoing committee members. All positions were declared vacant.

President

Nominations: **Jeff Richardson** Elected unanimously

Seconded: Jane Munday

Vice-President

Nominations: **Bradly Torgan** Elected unanimously

Seconded: Jeff Richardson

Secretary

Nominations: *Jane Munday* Elected unanimously

Seconded: Jeff Richardson

Treasurer

Nominations: *Tom Ewers-Reilly* Elected unanimously

Seconded: Jeff Richardson

Member for Southern NT

Nominations: **Bill Low** Elected unanimously

Seconded: Jeff Richardson

General committee members

Nomination: *Tony Mott* Elected unanimously

Seconded: Jane Munday

Nomination: *Mia Sandgren* Elected unanimously

Seconded: Jeff Richardson

Nomination: *Natalie Calder* Elected unanimously

Seconded: Jeff Richardson

5. Other business duly notified prior to the meeting

 Next committee meeting to be held in September in an office so Alice Springs can join in;

- Given the success of the last EPA presentation, incorporate greater use of Zoom technology to increase access to participants;
- JM liaising with Narelle in the national office to send out a survey seeking feedback on EIANZ NT's services and what professional development and presentations would be useful. Given our strong financial position, a \$100 restaurant gift voucher was suggested as a prize.
- JM and JR to check with NTG regarding follow-up to our DBTI meeting.

6. Next AGM

August 2021

Meeting closed 5.54

Attachment 1: EIANZ NT AGM 27th August 2020 President's Report

Over the past year the NT Division again focused on engaging in government legislative and procedural reform. Most recently we have been lobbying government and business on ways to support NT based environmental practitioners.

Since the last AGM, the NT Division:

- was a supporting partner for the NT Resources Industry Environmental Management & Logistics Forum in September 2019. The president chaired the first day. We have been invited to be a supporting partner again in 2020;
- organised presentations on Al Gore's Climate Reality Project by Craig Smith, and implementation of the new environmental reforms by Paul Purdon and Lisa Bradley from the NTEPA;
- met with the government's environment policy regulatory reform team to discuss draft regulations;
- was invited to review and attend a workshop to discuss the NT's Environmental Offsets Policy
- held a strategic directions workshop for EIANZ NT to discuss what services we can provide to members, an events calendar and how to raise our profile;
- wrote a letter to the Chief Minister (CC'd in Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Department of Trade, Business and Innovation) regarding support for the Environmental Services Sector. This was a key outcome from the strategic directions workshop;
- submitted a public response to the Territory Economic Reconstruction Committee outlining the business case for supporting the Environmental Services Sector and making some suggestions on the way forward;
- lobbied the NT EPA regarding the need for accreditation of environmental practitioners under the new Environment Protection Act;
- supported the award for the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Environmental Planning and Policy;
- We updated the NT Division's webpage and drafted a member survey, which we deferred due to COVID19.

Membership

Membership steady: 37, 36 in 2019, 33 in 2018, 31 in 2017.

Disappointments

I did set an aim this year to reinvigorate the committee, I didn't achieve that. We almost got our support for CDU student placements programs in place, but unfortunately COVID19 put paid to that!

Looking forward

 Looking forward to a break from policy reform and moving on to proactive issues, in particular raising an appreciation for the sector's contribution and defending our role in providing quality work, as long as practitioners and regulators are appropriately resourced and supported.

Attachment 2: TREASURER REPORT 2020

Treasurer: Tom Ewers-Reilly

Date: 25 August 2020

Bank: ANZ
Account details:

Business Advance = BSB: 013-247 ACC: 399347064
Business Online Saver = BSB: 013-247 ACC: 399347101

Current balance:

- Business Advance = \$22,223.40 (as of the 25 August 2020)
- Business Online Saver = \$277 (as of the 25 August 2020)

Statement of Income and Expenditure for FY:

- Total Income for 19/20 FY = \$482
 - \$482 from membership share
 - o There was no income generating events this FY
- Total Expenses 19/20 FY = \$1,312.73
 - \$920.91 related to meetings and events (i.e. venue hire and catering)
 - o \$191.82 related to post box rental
 - \$200 related to sponsorship and donations
- Resulted in a net loss for 19/20 FY of \$830.73
- End of FY Audit went smoothly (all balanced and receipts provided to auditor)

Current signatories:

- Tom Ewers-Reilly
- Jeff Richardson

Pending actions:

Nil

Comment:

- Overall, despite a \$830.73 net loss this FY, we are in a good financial position in terms of continuing to fund local events and gatherings.
- Treasurers Report 2020 is saved in the NT EIANZ Dropbox folder under NT Meeting Minutes & Agendas/AGM2020

Regards,
Tom Ewers-Reilly