



Reconciliation Victoria's 2015 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 12th November, 2016

Maurice Rioli Room, Level 3, Korin Gamadji Institute

Attending

Ro Bailey, John Baxter, Helen Bennett, Melissa Brickell, Carole Browne, John Browning, Virginia Burns, Emily Chauvel Byrne, Diana Collier, Meg Davoren-Honey, Belinda Duarte, Sylvia Edgar, Anita Fraile, Sabrina Fraternali, John Farlow, Keith Gove, Georgina Gartland, Ina Graham, Margaret Hatty, Kerry Hicks, Ray Higgs, Helen Hill, Palmina Iacobelli, Nazra Ibrahim, Michelle Isles, Ian James, Dennis Kelly, Frank Kennedy, Lorraine Langley, Peter Lewis, Terry Makin, Erin McKinnon, Tom Moloney, Andrew Mortimer, John Murray, Elyjah McLeod, Damian O'Keefe, Jennifer Perlstein, Rhonda Renwick, Kerri Ritchie, Dierdre Robertson, Angela Rozali, Rosemary Rule, John Smith, Margaret Spong, Howard Tankey, Paul Tant, Diane Thompson, Jill Webb, Bob West.

Apologies

Vicki Clark, Kath Travis, Joy Murphy, Carmel Koesasi, Jo Whitehead, Pat Scally, Mandy Traynor, Keith Stodden, Linda Bennett, Barbara Oehring, John Burke, Gerard Jose, Vicki Grosser, Peter and Aaltje Harvey, Joseph Cook, Yosefine Dean, Deb Chapman, Pam Tankey, Jan Aitken.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 Minutes of previous AGM: Accepted

Moved: John Farlow

Seconded: Ro Bailey

3 Chairpersons' report

Keith Gove

- Keith encouraged attendees to read Annual Report which recognises the progress being made by the movement.
- This has been a year of reflection for Reconciliation Victoria and the movement
- Reconciliation Australia's State of Reconciliation Report indicates significant progress but much work still to be done
- Thanks to our funding bodies for their continued support – Victorian Government - Aboriginal Victoria and Local Government Victoria, Reconciliation Australia, Portland House, Australian Communities Foundation, City of Melbourne
- Introduced Council members present – John Farlow, John Baxter, Michelle Isles, Melissa Brickell, Peter Lewis, John Smith.
- Recognition of the terrific work and achievements of the staff including those who left us during the past year – Erin McKinnon, Aileen Traynor, Damian O'Keefe, Libby Zerna, Emily Chauvel Byrne, Deb Chapman and Dan Carter

- Acknowledgement and thank-you to retiring Council member John Smith –instrumental in RecVic’s local government work including the development and launch of the Maggolee website. Presentation of gift to John Smith in recognition of his significant contribution to Reconciliation Victoria. John thanked the organisation for the opportunity to be involved, including on the local government and Maggolee work - ‘It’s been a long journey’. Explained his motivation and commitment to reconciliation which will continue, reflected how far we’ve come since his grandmothers’ days, but acknowledged we still have a long way to go.

Belinda Duarte

- Commenced by acknowledging country and traditional owners
- The biggest gift you can give yourself is to understand your story and lineage – and Rec Vic’s work is unravelling Victoria’s story
- Treaty conversations – RecVic keeping networks informed
- Excited by work on our 10-year strategic plan to be produced by the end of this year – invited members and supporters to get in touch following today for more information or to provide feedback or input
- Reconciliation Victoria’s journey began 15 years ago, many committed people have contributed to the grassroots movement over that time
- Like many small organisations we face the constant challenge of trying to affect change across a broad mandate with very limited resources
- Reconciliation Victoria looking to work more strategically, want to reflect international and national indicators, as identified in the five ‘dimensions’ of reconciliation in the [State of Reconciliation Report](#) released by Reconciliation Australia earlier this year
- We are looking at utilising the five dimensions as a framework for all sectors of the community to develop a common understanding of reconciliation, and RecVic transitioning into a coordination role across key sectors, to maximise our collective impact.

Motion: That the Chairpersons Report be accepted.

Moved: Keith Gove

Seconded: John Farlow

4 Financial Report and Statement

Treasurer John Farlow presented the 2015/16 Financial Report. RecVic’s accounts were audited at the end of the financial year and this resulted in an unqualified audit. We were left with a surplus of just over \$7000 at the end of the financial year. The balance sheet suggest we are cash rich however the majority of funds in the bank are allocated for specific projects in 2016/17.

There were no questions on the report.

Motion: That the Financial Report and Statement be accepted.

Moved: John Farlow

Seconded: Rosemary Rule

5 Statewide Coordinator's report

Erin McKinnon

Highlights from the 2015/16 year included:

- Launch of the Maggolee website in October 2015 – a long journey – thanks again to John Smith for his work on this
- Regional local groups forum at Budj Bim in April 2016 – unique experience, 40 participants from all across Victoria
- 2016 Hart Awards – key event for NRW – shined a spotlight on the great reconciliation work of local groups. Congratulations to Geelong One Fire and Wauthaurong Co-op for taking the honours for Reconciliation in the Park, and City of Yarra who were recognised for the development of a local Aboriginal History Teachers Resource.
- Internal systems improvements – strengthening finance and governance systems and processes. Thanks to new recruit Aileen Traynor for her contribution to this work.
- Thanks to the following Volunteers - Julie Catlin [enews], Ella Adams [Maggolee], Alana Picone [Annual Report], Tom Moloney [Mail-outs], Howard and Pam Tankey, Carol Brown, Ro Bailey and Deb Chapman [Events]
- Welcome to new staff member Aileen Traynor and welcome back Emily. I'll be on maternity leave again shortly so Aileen will be Acting Statewide Coordinator and we'll be recruiting to backfill her role. Thanks to Damian for once again doing a stellar job pulling together both the Annual Report and AGM.

Motion: That the Statewide Coordinators Report be accepted.

Moved: Erin McKinnon

Seconded: Helen Bennett

Belinda Duarte: To be minuted work of staff, volunteers and Council members

6 Any business that any member has requested in writing

None received

7 Election of Council

Two council vacancies, and two nominations received from Deb Chapman and Michelle Isles.

Motion: That Deb Chapman and Michelle Isles nominations to Reconciliation Victoria Council be accepted.

Moved: Peter Lewis

Seconded: John Smith

Deb Chapman and Michelle Isles elected as Council members unopposed.

Meeting closed.