



Minutes 2017 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 126th Annual General Meeting of the Geelong Chamber of Commerce Thursday 27 April 2017 at The Pier Geelong

The Geelong Chamber of Commerce 126th Annual General Meeting commenced at 5:50pm

1. Welcome and apologies

President Kylie Warne welcomed members, guests and Chamber Directors to the 126th Annual General Meeting of the Geelong Chamber of Commerce with 203 Chamber members present.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 125th Annual General Meeting held on 13 April 2016

It was moved that the minutes of the 125th Annual General Meeting held on 13 April 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: M. Edmonds

Seconded: J. Fitzgerald

CARRIED

3. Receipt of the 2016 Annual Report of the Chamber which includes the reports of the President, Chief Executive Officer and the Chamber programs

President Kylie Warne presented the 2016 Annual Report of the Geelong Chamber of Commerce noting the report had highlighted the Chamber's involvement in the broader community with various Committees; advocacy activities and building alliances; and encouraging success through events and programs such as the Powercor Geelong Business Excellence Awards and Small Business Smart Business program.

It was moved that the 2016 Annual Report be received.

Moved: J. Hunter

Seconded: D. Peart

CARRIED

4. Receipt and adoption of the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st Dec 2016

The financial report for the year ended 31 December 2016 was presented by the Chair of the Chamber Governance & Risk Committee, David Peart. Mr. Peart noted that the Chamber Board was satisfied with the audited reports advising that the report is a true and fair reflection of the Chamber's financial position. Mr. Peart noted that the board was satisfied that the Geelong Chamber of Commerce was able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

It was moved that the 2016 Financial Statements be received.

Moved: J. Hope

Seconded: J. Stekelenburg

CARRIED

5. Appointment of Auditor for 2017

David Peart advised that no resolution is required as the Chamber wishes to re-engage Davidsons as the Chamber's auditor for 2017. The firm offers its services again and they have been most satisfactory for 31 years.

6. Presentation of Member Recognition Certificates

President Kylie Warne proceeded to present certificates of recognition to –

- Karingal St. Laurence for 20 years membership
- Adams Print for 25 years membership

7. Election of Directors 2017 – 2020

Bernadette Uzelac advised that after the close of nominations, a notification was received from James Baird advising of his resignation from the Board. This created a third elected Director vacancy. Nominations for elected Directors were received from Kylie Warne, John Fitzgerald and Nick Klein. As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, no election was required. Therefore Ms. Uzelac declared that Kylie Warne, John Fitzgerald and Nick Klein were duly elected as Directors of the Chamber Board.

President Kylie Warne congratulated John Fitzgerald on his re-election and thanked him for his contribution to date, and extended her congratulations and welcome to Nick Klein on being elected to the Board. Ms. Warne thanked James Baird for his contribution and the broad range of skills he brought to the Board during the past 2 years. Ms. Warne also advised that appointed Director, David Peart, was leaving the Board after 6 years, having also served as a Chamber Director for a prior period of six years. Ms. Warne thanked David for his contribution on the Board over a total of 12 years and also in his role as Chair of the Governance & Risk Committee.

8. Other business

President Kylie Warne paid tribute to past Presidents who had passed away during the year.

Daryl Heath – President from 1974 – 1975 who passed away on 7 July 2016

Wal Lawler – President from 1982 – 1983 who passed away on 13 December 2016

Rodger Bodey – President from 1986 – 1987 who passed away 7 January 2017

Sue De Gilio – President from 2006 – 2007 who passed away 14 April 2017

As there was no further business raised, President Kylie Warne thanked members and guests for their attendance and declared the 126th Annual General Meeting of the Geelong Chamber of Commerce closed at 6:10pm.