

THE CATHOLIC WALKING CLUB OF VICTORIA
Annual General Meeting
Saturday 29th June 2024
Held Outdoor Activity Hub, Westerfolds park
At 1:00pm

Welcome: Bernadette Madden welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present:

Bernadette Madden, Tom Buykx, Roy Burns, Julian and Mary Conheady, Alan Cuthbertson, Margaret Cuthbertson, Carole Donnell, Rob Giebels, Joan Kenny, Frances Mongan, Peter Naughtin, Bernie O'Shea, Maree Slater, Theresa Thomas, Harry Twining, Peter Wilson and Shirley Wilson, Dean and Jane Adams, Bernard Jordan, Caroline Vaitkunas.

Apologies:

Corrie van den Bosch, Clara Rizzi, Jan and Kevin Delaney, Jan Wilkinson, Malcom and Carmel Merrey, Jan and Kerry Maher, Barbara Piaskowska, Brian Dear, Adrian Jones, Paul Redmond, Margaret Cosgrave, Peter Cosgrave, Krystyna Derwinska, Peter Matheson, Xuan Matheson, Rose Thomas, Quentin Tibballs, Doug and Anne Fellows-Smith, Susie Buykx.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of 24th June 2023 were circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Motion: That these minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Mary Conheady

Seconded: Tom Buykx

Carried.

Financial report:

The financial report for the year ended 31 May 2024, as reviewed by Julian Conheady, was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

There being no questions from the members present, Margaret Cuthbertson moved the motion that this financial report be adopted for the purposes of sub-section 92(2) of the Associations Incorporation Reforms Act 2012.

Seconded: Frances Mongan

Carried

Margaret acknowledged the great contribution made by Julian Conheady to the review of the accounts and, on behalf of the Club, thanked him for his assistance.

Office Bearer's Reports

The reports from the President, Membership Secretary, Walks Secretary, Editor, Social Secretary and the Property Report were circulated prior to the meeting and are appended to these minutes.

Following the presentation of all reports the following motion was put to the meeting:

Motion: That the reports from President, Editor, Membership Secretary, Walks' Secretary, Social Secretary and Property officer be accepted.

Moved: Roy Burns

Seconded: Alan Cuthbertson

Carried

Resolution on number of General Members to be elected:

It was moved that in accordance with Rule 55 of the Club Rules, this meeting will elect up to seven ordinary (general) members of the committee in addition to the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Secretary.

From the seven ordinary members the roles of Editor, Walks Secretary, Social Secretary, Property officer and General Member(s) will be filled.

Following discussion as to the purpose of this resolution it was accepted by the meeting.

Moved: Bernadette Madden

Seconded: Tom Buykx

Carried

Election of office bearers

There being only one nomination for each of the available positions the following people were elected:

President: Bernadette Madden

Vice President: Carole Donnell

Treasurer: Margaret Cuthbertson

Secretary: Peter Wilson

Membership Secretary: Bernie O'Shea

General Members:

Editor: Joan Kenny / Jan Wilkinson

Walks Secretary: Peter Naughtin / Rose Thomas

Social Secretary: Malcom Merry

General Member(s): Margaret Cosgrave

Peter Cosgrave

Property officer: to be filled by one of the general members.

Bernadette (President) expressed thanks to those who have accepted positions on the new committee and to Rob Giebels and Loraine Kelly, who are leaving the committee, for their contribution to their roles on the committee.

Confirmation of Annual Subscriptions and visitors' fees:

As per the Club constitution, the Committee presented a recommendation regarding annual subscription for membership for the coming 12 months.

The **recommendation** is that the annual subscriptions for the year 2024 - 2025 be as follows:

Joining fee

Nil

Annual Subscriptions

Single members \$55

Married couples \$85

Members of Religious Orders \$45

Visitor's fees (per activity) \$5

Discount for members who nominate CWCV as their Secondary Club - \$20 (whether single or a married couple)

New members who join after the start of the financial year will pay pro rata based on the time of year they join.

Annual subscriptions are payable from the date of the AGM (29th June 2024) and for a period of 3 months thereafter.

The final due date for payment is 30th September 2024. Those members whose subscriptions are not paid by the due date will have their membership rights suspended until their subscription is paid. (As per the Club Rules).

Moved: Margaret Cuthbertson

Seconded: Rob Giebels

Carried.

Other Business:**1. Appointment of reviewer of accounts (auditor) for the financial year 2024- 2025**

Motion That Julian Conheady be appointed as the person reviewing the club accounts for the coming financial year.

Moved: Bernadette Madden

Seconded: Tom Buykx

Carried

Julian Conheady accepted the request to review the club accounts for the coming financial year.

- 2.** Mary Conheady (Search and Rescue contact) commented on the need to remind leaders to contact the S&R contacts to confirm parties had safely completed walks.

3. Joan re postage of The Catholic Walker

Joan tabled the following details in respect to the Increase in postage costs and the distribution of print copies of The Catholic Walker:

On 3 April Australia Post increased the cost of posting letters.

- We print approx. 63 copies of TCW 6 times a year. 7 copies are usually hand-delivered each issue. So, 56 copies are posted 6 times a year. The previous cost was \$2.40 per issue, now it is \$3 per issue.
- If we continue as before the increased cost of posting 56 copies, six times p.a. is \$201.60. (This is a \$3.60 increase for each member who receives a posted copy.)
- 50 C5 envelopes cost about \$8.

The Committee has been considering some options for responding to the increased postage:

- Continue as before, with the club carrying the extra cost
- Add the full cost of postage (\$18), or a nominal amount (e.g. \$10), to the annual subscription of those who wish to receive the magazine in the post.
- Reduce the number of issues of the magazine (and walks program) to four issues p.a.

The main point in raising the issue now is to make members aware and to initiate some discussion about the options for dealing with the extra cost.

Among those present there was a preference for a printed magazine rather than access online.

The consensus was that the Club's finances are strong enough to bear the extra cost in the short term but, at some point in the future, those wanting a printed copy may need to pay an increased subscription.

In the meantime, members could be encouraged to add a donation to their subscription to help offset the additional postage costs.

4. Joan re 70th anniversary of The Catholic Walker – Joan drew attention to the upcoming 70th anniversary of the publication of The Catholic Walker and her request for contributions from members of an article on "Your favourite (or most memorable) club activity. A flyer, seeking contributions, has been circulated to members.

5. Bernadette Madden thanked Paul Roberts who continues to contribute to the maintenance of the Club website, the committee members for their contribution to the administration of the Club and the Search and Rescue contacts.

6. Tom Buykx moved a vote of thanks and appreciation to the outgoing committee and best wishes to new committee.

Moved: Tom Buykx
Seconded Rob Giebels
Carried.

The formal business being completed the meeting closed and was followed by afternoon tea.

Signed: _____

Bernadette Madden
President