
The Glebe Society 54th Annual General Meeting DRAFT MINUTES

Sunday 3 September 2023 at 10 am in the Glebe Town Hall

Welcome

The meeting was chaired by Ian Stephenson, President, who welcomed those present and gave an Acknowledgement of Country

1. Present

55 members attended.

Apologies were received from Clover Moore, Sylvie Ellsmore, John Buckingham, Dorothy Davis, Angela Callinan and MaryBeth Brinson.

The President acknowledged the attendance of Councillor Imelda Davis and Isabella Barker from the City of Sydney representing the Lord Mayor.

2. Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were confirmed

Moved: Mark Stapleton

Seconded: Lydia Bushell

Carried

3. President's Report

A full account of the President's report is in [Bulletin 8/2023](#).

Moved: Jude Paul

Seconded: Jane Gatwood

Carried

4. Treasurer's Report

An audited copy of the Society's accounts was provided at the meeting and will be available on-line for members to view. The Treasurer reported an improved financial position for the Society since the previous year thanks to members' generous donations and the success of the guided walks and other events.

Moved: Lydia Bushell

Seconded: Judy Vergison

Carried

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary noted that The Society's membership as of 30 June 2022 was 411. She noted that there had been 53 new memberships in the year.

Moved: Di Anstey

Seconded: Sybil Jack

Carried

6. Management Committee Update

6.1 Election of Office Bearers

The following nominations were received:

President: Duncan Leys

Vice President: Mark Stapleton

Treasurer: Jane Gatwood

Secretary and Public Officer: Jude Paul

Ordinary member: Angela Callinan, Glen Powell, MaryBeth Brinson.

No elections were required; all nominations were approved unanimously.

Ian thanked the members of the Management Committee for their work over the last 12 months and invited Glen Powell to say a few words about his background and interests.

6.2 Convenors of sub-committees

Environment: Vacant

Heritage: Judith Paul

Bays and Foreshores: Vacant

Communications: Allan Hogan

Community: Louis Taborda

Planning: Ian Stephenson

Blue Wrens: Andrew Wood

Transport and Traffic: Duncan Leys

7. Acknowledgements

Ian thanked the current/immediate past convenors for their contribution to the Society's valued reputation as a highly credible, representative community voice.

Ian noted that very many people assist and contribute to the work of the Society as unsung heroes. Ian thanked Allan and Hogan and Tarny Burton for their work on the Bulletin and the team of proofreaders, particularly Edwina Doe. He thanked Janet Wahlquist and Brian Fuller who are both standing down after many years of serving the Society in various roles.

8. Guest Speaker – Kobi Shetty, MP for the NSW state seat of Balmain

Kobi Shetty MP thanked the meeting for the invitation to speak.

Kobi reflected on the new New South Wales government and its emerging priorities.

On the NIMBY/YIMBY arguments, Kobi noted the growing involvement of developers and arguments to build out of the housing crisis at any cost.

She reflected as an Inner West councillor on shifts in the way some local government makes planning decisions.

With regard to public housing, Kobi noted her belief that the Government needs to take a more proactive role in the oversight and funding of public housing. She also noted the current policy on 'affordable housing' only requires this classification to be maintained on any particular building for 15 years and consideration should be given to an extension of this.

Noting that the Wentworth Park lease expires in 2027, Kobi called for proactive action now to prepare the argument to maintain the Park as green space.

In other remarks Kobi noted that the proposal to extend the route of the Glebe Ferry is ongoing and the importance of the Centipede service to local children and families.

9. Close

The Secretary gave a vote of thanks to Ian for his service to the Society and to the Glebe community in his term as President. This was unanimously applauded.

Duncan thanked the Management Committee members, both those staying on and those stepping down, and expressed his enthusiasm for his new role.

The meeting closed at 11 am. Refreshments were then served.