

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.**

**AGENDA** for the **2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held at the Society  
at 6.00pm on **THURSDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

**MEMBERS (AND EMPLOYEES) ONLY ARE PERMITTED TO ATTEND**

**Chairman:** Dr William D Birch, President, to constitute the meeting and welcome Members.

**1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Kulin Nation**

**2. Apologies and Recognition of proxies received**

A final count will be provided on the evening.

**3. Receipt of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (as circulated)**

**Moved: N Williams Seconded: D Zerman**

That in accordance with Rule 11 (4) (a) the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 as presented by the Council be confirmed.

**4. Annual Report (including Officer, Council and Committee reports):**

**a President's Report on Council and Committees**

The President to present his report on the Society activities for the 2016 year.

**b. Financial Report for 2016**

The Treasurer to speak to the 2016 Financial Report and present the Auditor's statement.

**Moved: N Williams Seconded: D Zerman**

That the Annual Report (including the President's Report) of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2016 be received in accordance with Rule 11 (4)(b) and (c).

**Moved: N Williams Seconded: D Zerman**

That the Financial Report and Auditor's statement of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2016 be received in accordance with Rules 11 (4)(b) & (d).

**5. Appointment of Honorary Auditor:**

**Moved: N Williams Seconded: D Zerman**

That Mr Jonathan D Madgwick BBus ACA be invited to accept the position of Honorary Auditor of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2017.

**6. Council 2017:**

**6.1.** Dr Birch to confirm the names of the Councillors and Council Officers elected for 2017/18 [and previously advised via Ordinary Meetings and the Newsletter]

**2017-18 Council Officers:**

Mr David Zerman, President

Mrs Nicola Williams, Vice-President

Dr Peter Baines, Secretary  
Mr Andrew Davison, Treasurer  
Dr William Birch AM, Immediate Past President

**2016-17 Councillors** – continuing until April 2018 AGM, subject to re-election (all eligible):  
Ms Sophia-Louise Frentz, Associate Professor Robert Day, Associate Professor Gavin Smith, Mr Andrew Davison, Dr Kevin Orrman-Rossiter

**2017-18 Councillors** – newly elected:  
Professor Tom Beer, Mrs Pam Borger, Mr John Link, Mr Viktor Perunicic, Professor David Walker

**6.2.** Dr Birch to hand over to Mr Zerman as incoming President to conclude AGM business. Mr Zerman moves a vote of thanks to outgoing Councillors:

**Outgoing Council Officers:**

Treasurer, Mr Norman Kennedy; Immediate Past President, Professor Lynne Selwood

**Councillors:**

Chair of Publications, Records & Collections Committee, Dr Mark Williams;  
Chair of Outreach & Partnerships Committee, Mrs Helen Gardiner;  
Chair of Science Program Committee, Professor Sandra Rees.

**Contribution of Continuing Officers and Councillors:**

Outgoing President (and new IPP), Dr William Birch AM;  
Outgoing Secretary (and new VP), Nicola Williams

**7. CLOSE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

**Next Annual General Meeting on a date to be announced in 2018 in accordance with the Rules**

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.**  
**MINUTES** of the **2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held at the Society  
at 6.00pm on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

**VOTING MEMBERS (AND EMPLOYEES) ONLY WERE PERMITTED ATTENDANCE**

**Chair:** Dr William D Birch, President

**In attendance:**

Dr Michael Ackland, Dr Peter Baines, Mr Andrew Barling, Mr Robert Bicknell, Dr William Birch, Mr Dylan Brady, Dr Jane Canestra, Mr Charles Clark, Ms Wendy Coates, Mr Bob Constantine, Mr Andrew Davison, Dr Robert Day, Dr William Denholm, Mr Donald Dunstan, Mr Gregory Eccleston, Professor William Edwards (Ian), Mr Ian Endersby, Miss Karen Fenton, Ms Sophia-Louise Frentz, Mrs Helen Gardiner, Mr Michael Good, Mr Martin Harris, Mr Colin Hue, Mrs Wendy Hue, Mr James Johns, Dr Alexander Johnson, Associate Professor Edmund Joyce, Mr Ian Kelly, Mrs Patrizia Kelly, Mr Norman Kennedy, Professor Emeritus Peter A Kershaw, Mrs Elizabeth Lightfoot, Dr Phillip Macumber, Dr Laurence Martinelli, Mr David Mattiske, Ms Renate Mattiske, Dr Douglas McCann, Professor Bruce McKellar, Mrs Teresa Mitchell, Mrs Manju Mohandoss, Dr Trevor Morton, Mrs Elaine Muir, Miss Lisa Nink, Dr Kevin Orrman-Rossiter, Dr William Palmer, Dr Gregory Parkinson, Emeritus Professor Ian Polmear, Mr Duncan Rasmussen, Professor Sandra Rees, Mr David Rees, Mr Richard Robinson, Mr Ken Self, Dr Ray Shaw, Mr Christopher Simpson, Associate Professor Gavin Smith, Dr Peter Thorne, Ms Helen Vorrath, Dr Ben Wadham, Emeritus Professor James Warren, Professor Owen White, Dr Thomas Williams (Mike), Mrs Nicola Williams, Dr Mark Williams, Mr David Zerman

**1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Kulin Nation**

64 voting members attended the meeting were in attendance. The Chair constituted the meeting, welcomed Members and acknowledged the meeting was taking place on the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation, paying respects to elders past and present.

**2. Apologies and Recognition of proxies received**

Dr John Zillman, Dr Ken Bell, Mrs Tania Bennell-Williams, Associate Professor Leon Bren, Professor Stewart Burn, Dr David Cheal, Dr David Churchill, Mr Harvey Cook, Professor Suzanne Cory, Mr Leon Costermans, Dr Noel Cranswick, Dr Thomas Darragh, Ms Barbara Day, Mr Brian Dodgson, Dr Meredith Doig, Emeritus Professor Peter Dyson, Ms Elizabeth Eager, Prof Peter Ebeling, Ms Carol Ely, Prof Timothy Entwisle, Prof Merran Evans, Mr Alan Evered, Mr Richard Ferguson, Dr Alan Finkel, Mrs Judith Gordon, Mr Andrew Habets, Mrs Susan Halliwell, Professor Phillip Hamilton, Mr Graeme Hart, Mr Peter Hogan, Ms Susan Humphries, Dr Murray Johns, Mr Ian Jones, The Hon Dr Barry Jones, Mr Robert Joy, Professor Bruce Kemp, Mr Klaus Kiesel, Mr Kenneth King, Mr Darold Klindworth, Mr Paul Kouris, Professor Pauline Ladiges, Mr John Link, Dr Murray Littlejohn, Professor Iven Mareels, Ms Anwyn Martin, Dr Bram Mason, Mr Ronald McDonald, Mr William McMaster, Mrs Anne Miller, Mr John Neil, Mr Gregory Noonan, Mr Richard Olive, Professor Michael Parker, Mr Geoffrey Paterson, Mrs Margaret Polmear, Ms Barbara Power, Mr Michael Pryor, Mr Craig Robertson, Mr Jeffrey Robinson, Mr Robert Sandie, Professor Lynne Selwood, Dr Anthony Sloman, Mr Anthony Stokes, Dr Richard Thwaites, Miss Snezana Trkulja, Mr Ewen Tyler, Ms Sylvia van Dyk, Mr Gary Wallis, Dr Mark Warne, Ms Pera Wells, Dr Susan White, Mr Clive Willman, Dr Beverley Wood, Mr Roger Woodhouse, Mr Peter Yates

<b>Apologies Received</b>	<b>Proxies received</b>	<b>Nominated representative</b>	<b>Direction of Proxy</b>
76	31	Chairman	For
	32	Chairman	At proxy holder's discretion
	1	Martin Harris	At proxy holder's discretion
	2	Doug McCann	For
	1	Sandra Rees	At proxy holder's discretion
	1	Helen Vorrath	At proxy holder's discretion
<b>Totals</b>	76	68	

With 64 voting members in attendance and 68 valid proxies allocated to voting members present, the meeting exceeded the requisite quorum of 50 and could proceed with business.

**3. Receipt of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 (as circulated)**

That in accordance with Rule 11 (4) (a) the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 as presented by the Council be confirmed.

**Moved: N Williams Seconded: D Zerman**

**Carried**

**4. Annual Report (including Officer, Council and Committee reports):**

**a President's Report on Council and Committees**

The President presented his report on the Society activities for the 2015 year. He emphasized the various advances made, largely to the enormous and inspired efforts of the Executive Director, Mike Flattley, and he thanked both Mike and the office staff for their excellent work.

Highlights of the year included: the re-invigoration of Council committees, and the involvement of more members; the raising of our social profile by Mike's use of Facebook and Twitter, and the offering the use of our building as venue for various science based community activities. The Science program developed by Sandra Rees and Committee has been outstanding, in the lecture program as well as the prize awards, including the Research Medal to David Karoly. We welcomed our new Patron, Her Excellency the Hon. Linda Dessau AM, who presented the Medal.

The 2015 Symposium, on 'Biodiversity and Climate Change', was a great success; the Policy Committee under Peter Baines has refined RSV policy documents and position statements, which are now on the website, and the move from print to on-line access for our journals was successfully made by the Publications Committee under Mark Williams. The Membership Committee, led by David Zerman, has actively investigated ways to provide greater value to members. This culminated in the well-attended Members' Forum, the many suggestions being the basis for our Strategic Prospectus document, 'Concord and Progress', which involved a great deal of work by Mike Flattley.

The Outreach Committee under Helen Gardiner has been particularly active, making great strides through partnerships with numerous external agencies and programs to extend the reach and impact of the RSV's efforts, particularly with schools and young scientists.

Overall, the RSV is beginning to function as a C21<sup>st</sup> organisation should.

The President concluded with thanking members for all their support, and the Council members, especially retiring member Tim Entwisle. There was a special mention of long serving Council member Graham Burrows, who died unexpectedly early this year.

**Moved: N Williams    Seconded: D Zerman**

That the Annual Report (including the President's Report) of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2015 be received in accordance with Rule 11 (4)(b) and (c).

**Carried**

**b.      Financial Report for 2015**

The Treasurer read his report and spoke to the 2015 Financial Report; he also presented the Auditor's statement.

There were no questions.

**Moved: N Williams    Seconded: D Zerman**

That the Financial Report and Auditor's statement of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2014 be received in accordance with Rules 11 (4)(b) & (d).

**Carried**

**5.      Appointment of Honorary Auditor:**

**Moved: N Williams    Seconded: D Zerman**

That Mr Jonathan D Madgwick BBus ACA be invited to accept the position of Honorary Auditor of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2016.

**Carried**

**6.      Council 2016:**

Dr Birch confirmed the names of the five new Councillors recently elected for 2016/17 [and previously advised in the April 2016 Newsletter):

**Officers:**

President Dr William Birch AM, Vice-President Mr David Zerman, Honorary Secretary Mrs Nicola Williams, Honorary Treasurer Mr Norman Kennedy, Immediate Past President Professor Lynne Selwood (ex officio)

**New Councillors:**

Ms Sophia-Louise Frentz, Dr Kevin Orrman-Rossiter, Associate Professor Robert Day, Associate Professor Gavin Smith, Mr Andrew Davison

**Continuing Councillors:**

Dr Peter Baines, Ms Helen Gardiner, Professor Sandra Rees and Dr Mark Williams.

**CLOSE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The meeting was declared closed at 6.15pm

**Next Annual General Meeting: 20 April, 2017**

After the formal part of the AGM, Mike Flattley delivered an enthusiastic and inspiring talk on the ideas and future actions which he hopes will arise from the new RSV strategy, 'Concord and Progress'. Later comments, over refreshments, indicated that members really were inspired.

The next speaker was The Honourable Ted Baillieu, former Premier of Victoria and a very enthusiastic commentator on the State's heritage, both architectural and scientific. Ted emphasized the importance of open minds and innovative thinking.

Light refreshments were served in the Burke and Wills Room.