



**Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc.**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes 2 November 2023 - (unconfirmed)**

**1. Present:**

Pam O'Neil	Betsabe Ortiz
Nicholas Capes	Peter Moriatis
April Seymore	Michelle Humpheys
Josh Reid Jones	Amba Beedie
Neil Blake OAM	Adam Carey
Jan Cossar	Marg Lothian
Angie Scanlon	Glen Adams (Earthcare)
Ian Gray AM	Richard Whitfield (ELAN)
Will Burnham	Michael Gulliver
Mayor Heather Cunsolo (CoPP)	Natalie Davey (YWNA)
Cr Peter Martin (CoPP)	John Barrett
Josh Solomonsz	Merrill Jusuf
Julian Donlen	Iain Stewart
Cr Dr Jo Samuel King (BCC)	John Hillel
Nina Taylor MP	Sharron Hunter
Cr Tim Baxter (CoPP)	David Giles
Deborah Sykes	Wendy Joseph
Jan Cossar	Sibylle Holdheide
Nick Capes	Carol-Ann Allen
Richard O'Byrne	Marilyne Crestias
Isabel Robinson	Kathie Farn
Adrienne Hearn (FOAP)	Jayden Dimitrakopoulos
Jill Sokol (BP/LOS)	Pascale Jacq
Marcus Gwynne	Fernanda Soares
Rina Gao (EEV)	Vaibhav Argarwal
Tamara Taylor	Alyssa Seckinger-Crow
Jonny Green (StKBK)	Ngaio Sadler
Sue Pennicuik	Kay McKenzie
Tania Splawa-Neyman	Angelica Payne
Joe Malignaggi	Adrienne James
Peter Kelly	Cr Peter Martin (CoPP)
Vanessa Shambrook	Cr Robby Nyaguy (CoPP)

Lisa Horler

Dr Cecile van der Burgh  
Dr Sabrina Trocini

## 2. Apologies:

Hon Steve Dimopoulos, Victorian Minister for Environment	Anne Cairns	Cr Simone Zmood (Glen Eira City Council)
Zoe Daniel MP	Jean Hunter	Nick Moriatis
Josh Burns MP	Belinda Haydon	Emma Giakoumatos
Sam Hibbins MP	Sue Taffe	Kathrine Bowen
Cr Rhonda Clark (Port Phillip)	Trevor White	Nadav Zisin
Cr Fiona Stitfold (Bayside)	Caroline Price	
Cr David Zyngier (Glen Eira)	Adrian Jackson	
Genevieve Timmons	Helen Barraclough	
Jane Edmanson OAM	Jo Wallace	
Prof Kathryn Bowen	Em Hui	
Delia Bradshaw	Rob Youl	
Gina Fiske	Allison Shanahan	
Kathy and Alister Sholl	Rhonda Small	
Laura Marini	Janet Dimelow	
Brian Tee	Jessica Parrish	

3. Acknowledgment to traditional owners: the Yalukut Weelam people of the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong language group

4. The Secretary welcomed all attendees including:

- Nina Taylor, Member for Albert Park
- Port Phillip Mayor Heather Cunsolo and Cr Peter Martin, Cr Robbie Nyaguy, and Cr Tim Baxter
- Bayside Deputy Mayor Dr Jo Samuel-King
- And welcome to all EcoCentre members, former Committee members, EcoCentre friends, volunteers, as well as representatives here tonight from our affiliates and partner organisations

5 Confirmation of the [2022 AGM Minutes](#) from the 14 November 2022 meeting

*Moved: Deb Sykes Seconded: Josh Reid Jones "that the minutes of the 2022 AGM be confirmed" Carried.*

**6. Adoption of 2022/23 President's Report:** the President, Pam O'Neil presented her report for the last year (refer to Annual Report 2023)

*Moved Pam O'Neil, seconded Deb Sykes "that the President's Report be adopted" Carried.*

**7. Adoption of the 2022/23 Financial Report:** the Treasurer, Nick Capes presented the Annual Financial Statement 2022/2023 (refer Annual Report)

*Moved; Nick Capes, seconded Deb Sykes "that the 2022/2023 Financial Statement be adopted and the treasurer's report be accepted" Carried.*

[Signed audited financial statements - 30 June 2023](#)

**8. Adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Report:**

The 2022/2023 annual Report was tabled.

*Moved: Deb Sykes, seconded Dr Jo Samuel-King "that the Annual Report as tabled be adopted." Carried.*

**9. Adoption of the proposed changes to the constitution concerning the revised Affiliate membership clause the EcoCentre Constitution :**

*Moved: Pam O'Neil, seconded Ian Gray. Carried that*

**"Section 4.1 reads:**

***A natural person, or a not-for-profit Association with a statement of purposes aligned with those of the Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc, or a not-for-profit community group with a statement of purposes aligned with those of the Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc, may apply and be approved for individual or affiliate membership of the Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc as provided by these Rules on payment of the entry fee and annual subscription payable under these Rules.***

**10. Appointment of Committee:**

Pam O'Neil vacated the chair and the election of the Office Bearers was conducted by Mayor Heather Cunsolo, City of Port Phillip. As per EcoCentre Constitution 24 (3) 'If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.'

Ten nominations were received for the 10 (four executive and six ordinary members) positions on the Committee of Management, in accordance with the requirements of clauses 24 (1)(a) and 24 (1)(b).

Therefore the following nominees were duly appointed.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role nominating for</b>
Jan Cossar	President
Ian Gray	Vice President
Deborah Sykes	Secretary
Nick Capes	Treasurer
Josh Solomonsz	Ordinary Member
Josh Reid Jones	Ordinary Member
Pam O'Neil	Ordinary Member
Marg Lothian	Ordinary Member
Will Burnham	Ordinary Member
Kathryn Bowen	Ordinary Member

**12.** Jan Cossar took up the position as Chair and closed the official part of the meeting.

Jan gave a few notes of thanks, including:

- A special thanks to Pam O'Neil for her long standing service as President
- Thanks to those concluding their committee membership:
  - Dr Emma Giakoumatos
  - Elliot Costello
- And to those members returning this year to voluntary governance roles.
- Welcome aboard to first-time Committee of Management representatives: Will Burnham and Marg Lothian.

Jan invited attendees to stay for a presentation, refreshments and informal networking.

**13.** The close of AGM Business was followed by a short presentation by EcoCentre EO April Seymore, and refreshments and networking.