

KCC
Kew Cottages Coalition
Annual General Meeting Minutes
7pm Wednesday 15 March 2022
Online via Zoom

Rod Quantock, declared the AGM open at 7.00pm. He acknowledged the traditional owners of the country, and introduced Brian Walsh, President, KCC, and welcomed the guest speakers, The Hon. Clifford Hayes MLC Southern Region; The Hon. Kelvin Thomson, Convenor Planning democracy, and Cr. Nick Stavrou, Studley Ward, Boroondara Council,

Minutes of the 31 March 2021 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the **31 March 2021** Annual General Meeting were taken as read and accepted by the meeting. (Download the audio from the kew.org.au website.)

Proposed Lindsay Grayson Seconded Brian Walsh Motion carried unanimously

Matters Arising.

Brian Walsh reported that the resolutions passed unanimously by the March 2021 Kew Public Meeting had been conveyed to the State Government as follows:

1. We call on Jacinta Allan (Minister for Priority Precincts) to provide an assurance to the Parliament that she, her Departmental Secretary and the Head of Development Victoria will all appear before the Legislative Council Inquiry into Heritage Protection.
2. We call on the Minister for Planning to provide an assurance to the Parliament that he, his Departmental Secretary and Deputy Secretary will all appear and give evidence before the Legislative Council Inquiry into Heritage Protection.
3. This Public Meeting supports the plan for the Kew Cottages Coalition to make a submission to the National Disability Royal Commission highlighting the issues related to Kew Cottages as a clear case study of governmental exploitation of the disabled to sell a major public asset and service, with no substantive benefit for disabled Victorians.

He said the Government's response was most disappointing because:

The Minister for Priority Precincts, Jacinta Allan, failed to respond.; and

The Minister for Planning, Richard Wynne merely said that:

On 28 October 2020 the Legislative Council agreed that the Environment and Planning Committee inquire into, consider and report, by June 2022, on the adequacy of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Victorian planning framework in relation to planning and heritage protection.

"At this stage, there has been no call for submissions by the Environment and Planning Committee. A decision regarding representation at the hearing will be determined at this time. "

Treasurer's Report.

Brian presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of David Pym. The Report was duly accepted and considered in accordance with Rule 9 of the model rules.

Proposed Lindsay Grayson Seconded Tony Michael Motion carried

President's Report.

Heritage Protection Inquiry.

Brian said that he hoped tonight's speakers would be able to update the meeting on the current status of the Legislative Council Heritage Protection Inquiry, and whether it would be able to complete its business before the forthcoming State Election in Victoria.*

[The Government Contract Website](#)

Brian reported that according to the Government Contract Website the Walker Contract had expired on 31 December 2020, and as far as the Coalition was aware, no further contracts had been entered into on the site by the Government, Walker, or other parties.

Stage 9.

Brian reported that Walker had sold Stage 9 to a private buyer some time ago in accordance with the amended Andrews Government/Walker KRS Development Contract. (See kew.org.au for a link to details of the Walker contract)*

Stage 9 had subsequently come to public attention in September 2021 when the new owner applied for a Heritage Permit to develop the site. The Coalition lodged an objection to the permit application.*

Foreshadowed Motions.

Brian Walsh foreshadowed the following motions for the Public Meeting.

- 1. This Public Meeting calls on all parties contesting the 2022 Victorian State Election to commit to:**
 - i) Implement a ban on Developer Donations, as is already in place in both NSW and Queensland; and**
 - ii) Establish a Parliamentary Inquiry to consider and report by December 2023 on the adequacy of the Heritage Act 2017, and the State heritage framework in relation to heritage protection in Victoria.**

- 2 . This Public Meeting calls on the State Government to explain without further delay:**
 - i. What is the current contract status of the Kew Cottages Walker Development ?**
 - ii. What has been the financial return to the State ?**

Brian concluded by thanking the Committee and all the Coalition's supporters who had worked so hard to hold the State Government publicly accountable for the Kew Cottages Walker Development.

Election of the Committee.

Brian announced that as there were the same number of nominations as office bearers required, the new Committee was declared elected.

Committee Members 2022-2023

President, Brian Walsh
Vice President, Lindsay Grayson
Secretary Margaret Ryan
Treasurer, David Pym,
Committee Member Mary Drost
Committee Member Ann Brewer

Moved. Brian Walsh Seconded Lindsay Grayson Carried..

AGM DECLARED CLOSED.

Rod Quantock declared the PUBLIC MEETING OPEN.

Tonight's Topic **Victoria's Heritage Protection on Trial***

Rod introduced the Guest Speakers:

Clifford Hayes MP, MLC Southern Metropolitan

The Hon. Kelvin Thomson, Convenor, Planning Democracy

Cr Nick Stavrou, Studley Park Ward, Boroondara Council.

See kew.org.au website for details including audio of the meeting.

Resolutions Passed

The following Motions were passed unanimously by the Meeting:

1 This Public Meeting calls on all parties contesting the 2022 Victorian State Election to commit to:

ii) Implement a ban on Developer Donations, as is already in place in both NSW and Queensland; and

ii) Establish a Parliamentary Inquiry to consider and report by December 2023 on the adequacy of the Heritage Act 2017, and the State heritage framework in relation to heritage protection in Victoria.

2 . This Public Meeting calls on the State Government to explain without further delay:

iii. What is the current contract status of the Kew Cottages Walker Development ?

iv. What has been the financial return to the State ?

Proposed. Lindsay Grayson

Seconded. Brian Walsh

Passed. Unanimously

8.10 pm Rod Quantock closed the Public Meeting

- Listen to the Guest Speakers online on kew.org.au