



## DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ECOTOURISM AUSTRALIA LTD

ACN 110 755 694

12:00 Tuesday 28th October 2014

Ecotourism Australia Office

6/67 O'Connell Tce, Bowen Hills QLD 4006

And

Online via Redback Conferencing webinar and teleconference

### MINUTES

#### Members in Attendance in person and online:

Rick Murray (Chair), Peter Cochrane, Michael Collins, Angus M Robinson, Cathie Withyman, Tony Charters, Lizzie Corke, Shelley Lavender, Kylie Robertson, Dan Cove.

#### Members in Attendance by proxy:

Claire Ellis, John Michael Cameron, Paul Chantrill, Ann Augusteyn, Ross Dowling, Young Ng, Keith Murray, Linda Cash, Hiroko Kobayashi, Kieran Wardle, Craig Dalgliesh Robins, Jennifer Anne McClintock, Rod Quartermain, Greg Ridgley, Kylie Bartle, Paul Wainwright

**Observers:** None

**Apologies:** Rod Quartermain, Ross Dowling, Duncan McKenzie, Claire Ellis, Peter Gash

**Chair:** Rick Murray

**Company Secretary:** Rod Hillman

**Minutes:** Loretta Stellino and Emily Ellis

Meeting opened: 12:02pm

#### Agenda

1. **Welcome and apologies** Noted above

2. **Confirmation of Minutes from 2013 AGM**

**Motion:** that the minutes of the previous AGM were accepted

Moved: S Lavender

Seconded: K Robertson

CARRIED

3. **Matters arising from 2012 minutes**

No business arising from previous meeting

4. **Report from the Chair - tabling of Annual Board Report**





Chair and Secretary spoke to the Annual Report.

**Motion:** that the Annual Board Report 2014 were accepted

Moved: M Collins

Seconded: P Cochrane

CARRIED

Chair thanked the EA staff for their professionalism and commitment.

## 5. Finance Report – tabling of Audited Statements

Chair and Secretary spoke to Audited Statements.

Subscriptions - Membership to National Tourism Alliance; will assess membership at the end of 2013/14 to see if it is worthwhile.

Advertising and promotion - No longer producing Green Travel Guide in print – moved to website listing.

**Motion:** that the financial reports as circulated were received

Moved: L Corke

Seconded: Michael Collins

CARRIED.

## 6. Election of Board Members

EA have received three nominations and one resignation, therefore an election was held at the AGM to fill five Director positions. The seven nominees were: Tony Charters, Peter Cochrane, Michael Collins, Dan Cove, Shelley Lavender, Angus M Robinson, Cathie Withyman.

The Chairman thanked all five retiring Directors for their contribution to the company during their term and particularly noted the efforts of Duncan Mackenzie who was retiring after more than ten years on the Board. He noted that Duncan Mackenzie had spent several years as Chairman and as Deputy Chairman and contributed a great deal to the development of the organisation over those years. He noted that, regrettably, Mr Mackenzie was unable to join us today due to personal responsibilities that arose unexpectedly.

He then passed the AGM to the Company Secretary to conduct the Election of Directors.

Election was conducted by poll over the Redback Conferencing Webinar, automatically tallied, and results were announced by the Secretary.

Poll results were deleted and proxy forms were destroyed.

The following five nominees were officially appointed as Directors for a two year term: Tony Charters, Peter Cochrane, Michael Collins, Dan Cove, Shelley Lavender.

The Chair welcomed and congratulated new Board members, and acknowledged Angus'





involvement in the Policy & Advocacy committee and Geotourism Forum, and recognised Cathie for her hard work as a dedicated certified tour operator.

Angus congratulated Dan Cove on election as a Director, recognising his hard work as a tour operator involved in Geotourism.

## **7. Other Business**

No questions arising from the AGM.

S Lavender thanked Chair for his hard work, and for taking the position of Chair when most needed.

M Collins thanked EA Office team for their hard work in enabling and conducting a successful online AGM for the first time.

Chair thanked Secretary and EA Office for their continued hard work and contribution, and then also thanked all attendees of the AGM for support and contribution.

**Meeting closed: 12:37pm AEST**

