

# The Geographical Society of New South Wales

## 89<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

*Monday, 15th August 2016 at 6.00pm in the Geosciences Conference Room 449,  
Madsen Building, University of Sydney.*



### 1. Present and Apologies

**Present:** Phil McManus, Garth Lean, Josephine Gillespie, Jim Forrest, Stephen Codrington, Duncan Cook, Martin Pluss, Natascha Klocker, Fiona McKenzie, Colin Sale, Krishna Shrestha, Robert Solomon, Bronwyn Bate

**Apologies:** Kevin Dunn, Wendy Shaw, Jessica McLean, Meg Sherval and Sophie-May Kerr.

### 2. President's welcome to members

#### 2.1 Acknowledgement of Country

### 3. Minutes 88th Annual General Meeting held Monday, 17th August 2015 (See Annex I attached).

Moved: Robert Solomon

Seconded: Krishna Shrestha

### 4. Business arising from the Minutes

#### 4.1 No Business

### 5. Presentation of 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Society. The report was presented by the Executive Officer Bronwyn Bate (See Annex II attached).

5.1 Council asked if there were any physical geographers based in NSW that could sit on the Australian Geographer Editorial Board? Current physical geographer editor is not based in NSW but in Melbourne.

5.2 Robert Solomon asked those attending the meeting to consider making a presentation to the Travellers Club. He is concerned that we have the same presenters each year and it might be nice to have some new presenters.

5.3 Student membership has doubled in 2015-2016, when compared to 2014-2015 financial year.

5.4 President, Phil McManus thanked Council Members stepping down; Jim Forest (Honorary Treasurer), Emma Power (Vice President) and John Bliss (Website Convenor).

5.5 Phil also gave thanks the contributors to the report.

Moved: Stephen Codrington  
Seconded Duncan Cook

6. Presentation of Annual Financial Statement 2015-2016. The report was presented by Honorary Treasurer Jim Forrest (See Annex III attached)

6.1 Jim thanked the current Executive Officer (Bronwyn Bate) and two predecessors (Garth Lean and Rosalie Attie) who he felt have brought the accounts to a very high standard.

6.2 President, Phil McManus thanked the Honorary Treasurers, Jim Forrest and Stephen Codrington for their work.

6.3 Auditor, John Richardson reviewed the Annual Statement of Accounts prior to the AGM. Both Treasurers and John have signed off on the Annual Financial Statement (please see attached). The Department of Fair Trading have received a summary of the Society's finances for 2015-2016 (form A12).

Moved: Robert Solomon  
Seconded: Garth Lean

7. Council Nominations for 2016–2017 (Please see Annex IV attached)

7.1 This year the Society decided to advertised for Council Nominations

7.2 Emma Power (Vice President), Jim Forrest (Honorary Treasurer) and John Bliss (website convenor) stepped down. John Bliss will remain the website convenor until the end of 2016 before stepping down. A website committee comprising Phil McManus (President), Stephen Codrington (Honorary Treasurer), Jessica McLean (Councillor) and Bronwyn Bate (Executive Officer) will replace John in 2017.

7.3 Society thanked Emma Power, Jim Forrest and John Bliss for their hard work.

7.4 Additional nominations for 2016-2017:

- Garth Lean was nominated as a Vice President (replacing Emma Power) in a Council meeting held 22nd February 2016.
- Rae Dufty-Jones nominated as Councillor at this (2016) AGM.

7.5 The Society is still currently looking for a Treasurer to replace Jim Forrest.

7.6 Robert Solomon questioned whether it was necessary to have 2 x Honorary Secretaries and 2 x Honorary Treasurers? Is one of each enough? Council was undecided about this however; Executive Office Bronwyn Bate felt it necessary to have 2 of each in case someone was away.

7.7 Jo Gillespie suggested/ asked to what extent can we have regional representatives?

7.8 Caroline Cartier to be contacted to see if she would like to remain on Council.

Moved: Josephine Gillespie  
Seconded: Jim Forest

8. Co-opted Members

- 8.1 Bob Solomon, Travellers Club and Geographical Names Board
- 8.2 Chris Gibson, Australian Geographer.

Moved: Stephen Codrington  
Seconded: Fiona Mc Kenzie

9. Committee nominations

- 9.1 Stephen Codrington, Public Officer
- 9.2 Phil McManus, Academy of Science
- 9.3 Douglas W Juma, Archive Officer

Moved: Krishna Shrestha  
Seconded: Stephen Codrington

10. Other business

- 10.1 Society thanked President Phil McManus for his work.