

**Fourth Annual General Meeting
of the
Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

NOTICE OF MEETING
to be held on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 at 5.00pm
at
Magnet Galleries
Waterfront City, SC G19 Wharf Street, Docklands, 3008

Or via Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81527574695?pwd=YmZCZkU5R0s3ZHRxeWZHS1h3SIF4QT09>

Meeting ID: 815 2757 4695

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Agenda

1. To confirm the Minutes of the third Annual General Meeting, held 11 October 2021, see pp.2-4
2. To receive the Annual Report from the Chair, see pp.5-7
3. To receive the Annual Financial Statement from the Treasurer, see p.8
4. Election of Directors
5. To confirm membership subscription rates
6. Any other business, notice of which has been received by the Secretary by 5 October 2022.
7. Meeting Close



MINUTES

of the Third AGM of MMHN Ltd

held via Zoom, Meeting ID: 829 3851 4269; P/C:
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on Wednesday, 11 October 2021, at 5pm

1 Present

Jackie Watts (Chair), Haya Al-Daghlas, Ross Brewer, David Goodwin, Jeff Malley, Michael O'Brien, Andrew Raftis, Liz Rushen, Greg Yorke, Martin Dixon, Valentina Bydanova, Michael Womack, Jorgen Berg, Bruce Gooley, John Botham, Susan Riley, Robyn Male, John Badcock; Mark Sims, Tim Horton; John Badcock, Sue Dight, Gordon MacMillan; Janet Bolitho; Ian Fletcher, Ian Thomson, Emma Russell, Helen Sykes, Norm Boreham; Neil Thomas

Proxies: None received

Apologies: Rosalie Triolo, Lill Sclater, Lesley Walker, Margaret Birtley

Jackie Watts opened the meeting with a cultural statement which acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the rivers, estuaries, bays and the oceans and the wealth of wisdom they have acquired over millennia and expressed respect to elders past, present and future.

2 Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting, held on 1 October 2020 at Melbourne Town Hall were accepted.

Moved: Jackie Watts

Seconded: Michael O'Brien

Carried

3 Second Annual Report

The Chair, Jackie Watts, referred members to her Annual Report on the year's activities, circulated with the agenda. She noted that this, our third AGM was being held virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. Dr Watts noted several matters: we had received grant funding from the English Speaking Union to upgrade our website; the City of Melbourne had endorsed the recent Biruu Report regarding the Mission to Seafarers; and that the MMHN proposal for a Maritime Experience Centre had been sent to Development Victoria and all relevant ministers and agencies, and finally. She thanked the leads of the five Special Advisory Groups, and all those who had provided significant assistance during the year, particularly the various university interns who had undertaken reports this year. The Annual Report was accepted and would be posted to the website following the meeting.

4 Report on financial transactions from July 2020 to June 2021

The meeting received the Statement of Income and Expenditure 2020-2021 as presented by the Treasurer, Andrew Raftis, who reported that the bank balance in the MMHN Account (Bank of Melbourne) was \$7182.

Moved: Jackie Watts

Seconded: Ross Brewer

Carried

5 **Amendment of Constitution**

The Treasurer, Andrew Raftis, explained that in accordance with clause 9 of the Constitution of MMHN, it is proposed that to better align to the model Register of Cultural Organisations rules, clause 8A of Constitution be amended:

Public Fund

a) amend clause 8A.9 to read as follows:

The company must comply with any rules that the Treasury Minister or the Minister for the Arts make to ensure that gifts made to the public fund will only be used for the company's principal purpose.

b) include clause 8A.10 as follows:

The company must provide to the Department responsible for the administration of the Register of Cultural Organisations statistical information on the gifts made to the public fund every six months.

Moved: Jackie Watts

Seconded: Jeff Malley

Carried

6 **Election of Directors**

In accordance with our Constitution, the following Directors stood down: Jeff Malley, David Goodwin, Andrew Raftis and Liz Rushen.

All offered themselves for re-election with the following nominations:

Jeff Malley Nominated by Ross Brewer, seconded by Greg Yorke

David Goodwin Nominated by Andrew Raftis, seconded by Liz Rushen

Andrew Raftis Nominated by David Goodwin, seconded by Liz Rushen

Liz Rushen Nominated by David Goodwin, seconded by Andrew Raftis

All four Directors consented to their nominations and were declared re-elected.

We also welcomed a new person to the Board in lieu of Sue Scarfe who resigned during the year. In accordance with the Constitution, she offered herself for election as a Director:

Jacyl Shaw Nominated by Ross Brewer, seconded by Martin Dixon

There being no further nominations, Jacyl was elected as a Director of MMHN.

7 **Membership Subscription**

The Chair advised the Board's decision that membership subscriptions would remain unchanged for the following year: Individual members \$30, Corporate members (not-for-profit organisations) \$50, Corporate members \$300. Agreed.

8 **General Business**

No items for general business were received. The Chair opened the meeting for questions and general discussion followed, including:

- A question from Bruce Gooley regarding memberships. Liz Rushen addressed the question and Chair spoke of the increase in reciprocal memberships
- Janet Bolitho asked a question about Internships to which David Goodwin responded.
- The Chair re-iterated that MMHN is open to contact at any time and encouraged members to contact MMHN in the future.

Company Secretary Liz Rushen thanked the ESU for funding the website upgrade and gave an overview of the new website. She noted that the website will be going live once some hosting issues had been resolved.

9 Closing remarks

In closing, the Chair emphasised that the MMHN is looking to maritime engagement in the future and will continue to support students and young people. The Chair thanked everyone for their enthusiasm and closed the meeting at 5.45pm.

MMHN Annual Report 2022

Yet another challenging year as we creep beyond COVID. However, once again, I can report significant progress for the MMHN, a clear demonstration of the resilience of the Network, and most importantly, of members of the MMHN Board!

The success of the network approach, adopted as a guiding strategy by MMHN has been amply demonstrated, not only in relation to individual maritime stakeholders, but also in wider connections with the public sector and industry.

You may have noted in the MMHN Updates each month numerous examples of MMHN advocacy facilitation and connection efforts across the maritime heritage and maritime industry sectors. This has involved brokering valuable links and collaborations, for example, in the re-location and acquisition of maritime assets artifacts and vessels.

You may also have noted expansion of the MMHN through reciprocal membership arrangements with organisation including Committee for Melbourne, Maritime Museums Victoria, the Nautical Association of Australia and the Australian Ocean Energy Group. We have also formed links to interstate organisations, such as the Australian Museums and Galleries Association, and the Naval Historical Society, and to international organisations, such as the City of Hull through its Hull: Yorkshire's Maritime City Project, and the International Congress of Maritime Museums.

In addition to these links, we have engaged in very effective advocacy, driving engagement and influence with government departments and ministers, responsible authorities, institutions, coastal towns and cities, the maritime industry and related commercial sectors. We are delighted that so many are now regularly reaching out to MMHN to collaborate.

In a sense, MMHN advocacy in relation to maritime industry issues has been strengthened by the pandemic. The global 'lockdown' served to remind state and federal governments that Australia's security, both economic and defence, still rests upon the efficiency and strength of our ports and our seafaring capabilities. It was ever thus - and in the face of a global pandemic, this strength has grown. *Maritime Melbourne* is critical to our future and our national prosperity.

You may also have noted evidence in the MMHN Update that MMHN advocacy is gaining traction with relevant state agencies, recent examples being in relation to the Commercial Ports Strategy where MMHN advocacy has been effective regarding the degeneration of Station Pier, the state of the cruise industry, the neglect of piers, the contentious proposal by the Port of Melbourne for an at-grade rail connection below the Bolte Bridge which threatens to strangle Melbourne's waterways. Similarly,

MMHN advocacy has been heard regarding the necessity of replacing the doomed Central Pier in such a way as to reflect and respect its significant maritime heritage.

A reminder that there is a standing invitation for all in the MMHN to share matters of concern, news and promotion via the MMHN Update each month: Email info@mmhn.org.au. The MMHN Update and the MMHN *Docklands News* column are advocacy avenues through which to share your maritime sector news - local, national and international.

MMHN continues to work towards extending awareness in young people of our rich maritime heritage and as well, the critical importance of maintaining a strong maritime industry into their future. One aspect of our outreach to young people is the MMHN Internship Program. In the past year we have had students from Monash University and Victoria University and in 2023, there is potential to engage with students from the University of Melbourne and RMIT. MMHN has also commissioned a book on Maritime Melbourne for 8-12 year olds which is due to be published next year and, in collaboration with OSSA, we are trialling a Maritime Art Exhibition for students at Docklands Primary School.

Following Covid, as there has been a reluctance by the public to attend events during the seemingly interminable winter, the MMHN Board has suspended the Events Program. Instead, in collaboration with OSSA, we are set to trial the production of brief recorded podcast interviews with fascinating people - the Maritime Conversations Series. Stay tuned.

MMHN measures its progress in all of eight MMHN Objectives - the achievement of which will collectively grow recognition of maritime heritage and enable Melbourne and Victoria, and the maritime industry as a whole, to prosper in this great southern port. A brief snapshot of progress on the eight major objectives - or Opportunities as we prefer to regard them:

- **MMHN Opportunity 1:** Maritime Experience Centre. MMHN is proactively engaged in consultations with Development Victoria, the City of Melbourne and the State Architect.
- **MMHN Opportunity 2:** Northbank Waterways Maritime Trail from *Birrarung Marr to the Blue Lake*. Successful advocacy led to the City of Melbourne extending the trail (aka Greenline) across to Victoria Harbour to New Quay as far as the Ron Barassi Snr Oval beneath the Bolte Bridge. The MMHN historical narrative project generously funded by the English Speaking Union will now accurately inform the City of Melbourne Waterways Signage project.
- **MMHN Opportunity 3:** Victoria Harbour - recognition and activation of an undeveloped public asset. Linked to advocacy around the proposed Central Pier/ MEC/Maritime Garden Maritime Experience Centre project, Shipping Control Tower, wharf replacements at New Quay and the Bolte West Precinct, support for, and promotion, of the Heritage Fleet. Advocacy to deflect the threat posed by the proposed Port of Melbourne rail freight bridge. Liaison

with resident groups, Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Parks Victoria and Victorian Ports.

- **MMHN Opportunity 4:** Marine Service Depot in Bolte West Precinct. Advocacy with Development Victoria to focus attention on regenerating the former Shipping Control Tower, wharf replacements at Bolte West Precinct to enable a Service Depot. Liaison with Better Boating Victoria and Boating Industry Australia (Vic) and Yarra's Edge Residents group.
- **MMHN Opportunity 5:** Maritime Skills Centre. Advocacy through the Department of Transport, TAFE sector, OSSA Schools initiative; liaison with Yarra's Edge Residents Group, Better Boating Victoria, Maritime Industries Australia and the Royal Australian Navy.
- **MMHN Opportunity No. 6:** Southbank Maritime Heritage Precinct: Advocacy culminating in a new project initiated by the Yarra Business Association investigating the untapped potential of a dedicated maritime precinct involving both south and north banks of the Yarra. Advocacy involving the National Trust, the Convention Centre, Maritime Museums Victoria and City of Melbourne.
- **MMHN Opportunity 7:** Re-Imagining Station Pier. Successful advocacy with Victorian Ports to reinvigorate cruise facilities; liaison with Beacon Cove and Port Melbourne Heritage Groups.
- **MMHN Opportunity 8:** Single Responsible Authority for Melbourne's Waterways. There is some evidence that the state government is moving forward on this through Victorian Port.

Finally, as Chair, I know that all the significant achievements in 2022 relate to the MMHN Board itself. First, you will be aware of the appointment of the inaugural MMHN Patron, Dr Kevin Fewster CBE AM FRSA who has an illustrious – stellar actually - background in the maritime sector. Second, while gratefully acknowledging the contribution made by retiring Board members, Jeff Malley, David Goodwin and Andrew Raftis, an ambitious organisation such as MMHN will not actually accept their exit entirely! I sincerely thank you all – and remind you that we will regard you as perpetually Board Members! Third, we have the great good fortune of having a crew of splendid, young, savvy, maritime enthusiasts nominating for the MMHN Board – three to fill vacancies due to resignations and one to fill an existing casual vacancy.

I conclude my report by expressing my genuine appreciation and thanks to the MMHN Board, the Special Advisory Groups, Internship Program participants and those involved in the myriad MMHN special projects not fully represented here.

Dr Jackie Watts OAM

Chair, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network

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Statement of Income and Expenditure 2021-2022

Opening Cash - 1 July 2021		7183	
Plus Income:			
Membership Fees	3240		
Grants – English Speaking Union	4000	7240	
			<u>14423</u>
Less Expenditures			
Affiliations (RHSV, AMAGA, ICCM)	458		
Insurance (RHSV)	319		
Website Development & Hosting	3914		
Historical Research	1980		
Catering	124		
Office, Post, etc)	139		
Banking, Paypal & Copyright fees	386		7320
			<u>7103</u>
Closing Cash - 30 June 2021	7103		<u>7103</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 June 2022

Assets:			
Cash at bank		5481	
PayPal Balance		1622	
Liabilities			
Nil	0		
Members Funds	7103		
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As at 30 June 2022:

1. No mortgages, charges or financial securities affected the property of MMHN.
2. MMHN was not a trustee of any trust, and no trust was held on behalf of MMHN.

The Annual Statements give true and fair view of financial performance and position of MMHN

I, Andrew Raftis, being a Director and the Treasurer of MMHN certify that the above statements give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the association during and at the end of the financial year ended on 30 June 2022.



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23 August 2022