

Richmond Vale Rail Trail Inc

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2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Station Hotel, 26 Coronation Street Kurri Kurri
9:30 am Tuesday 1 December 2020

Present

Billy Metcalfe
John Beach
Jutta Bradley
Marilyn Eade
Colin East
Prue Gage
Paul Gage
Leigh Gibbens
Kate Harris

Wendy Heys
Terry Lewin
Ron Main
Sam Mansfield
Malcolm Mills
Ross Nugent
Alec Roberts
Sam Reich

Apologies

Julianne Cripps-Clark
Paul Hughes
Steven Lucas
Kylie Martin
Ross Nugent

Tim Roberts
Meryl Swanson MP
Ingrid Waeger

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone. All present introduced themselves to the meeting.

Cessnock Council Report

Kate Harris (Principal Recreation and Community Facilities Planner with Cessnock City Council) addressed the meeting, to inform us as to progress thus far:

- D.A. lodged in July – covering the section of the Trail past Pambalong Nature reserve.
- Comments from Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) have been sought and received regarding their section of the Trail.
- Public Exhibition of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) will happen soon.
- A request for quotation has been made (closes 11/12/2020), to receive professional advice that Council can proceed. Feedback expected early in the New Year.

- Community Engagement with landholders and other stakeholders will then begin.
- Kate will advise when Council has met early in the New Year and we will hold a meeting for her to address us and advise of the situation.

President's Report

Billy acknowledged that 2020 has been a challenging year for us all due to the Covid 19 pandemic. He advised that Antonia Caruso from Newcastle City Council has been positive and supportive of the Rail Trail but that she has recently left the Council and we do not know who will fill her role going forward.

He also noted that the Committee of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail are approaching the NSW Government for \$9 million funding build a trail to Eltham/Booyong.

Billy thanked the Committee for their work throughout the year, especially in spite of the challenges of Covid 19 restrictions.

Treasurer's Report

Leigh reported that we have 25 members and a balance of \$1559.57 in the Newcastle Permanent account as at 30 November 2020.

All income since the previous AGM was from membership fees and the only expense was \$47.00 to Fair Trading for Annual Registration of the Organisation.

She also advised that she was in the process of setting up a PayPal account for RVRT Inc to facilitate the payment of membership fees and donations via our website.

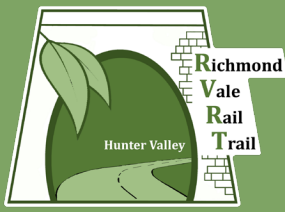
Land Care Report

Unfortunately, the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions made it impossible for the Land Care Group to operate in 2020 but normal activity is expected to recommence in March 2021.

Election of Officer Bearers

The following were elected unopposed for 2021:

President	Billy Metcalfe
Vice President	Terry Lewin
Secretary	Leigh Gibbens
Treasurer	Leigh Gibbens



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Committee Members will be:

John Beach, Marilyn Eade, Colin East, Leigh Gibbens, Terry Lewin,
Sam Mansfield, Billy Metcalfe, Sam Reich, Alec Roberts.

Landcare: Leigh Gibbens will need shoulder surgery in 2021 and requested someone to take over the Landcare Coordinator role. Sam Mansfield offered to look into doing that, subject to learning more about what is involved.

Other Business

Throughout 2021, the Secretary will update the ordinary members regarding any progress being made or other work being done by the Committee.

A meeting to include external stakeholders will be held later in 2021.

Next Meeting

1st week in February – exact date TBA.

Meeting Closed 11:30am