



**Steels Creek Community
Centre, Inc
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Minutes for the **Annual General Meeting**
Wednesday, 22nd August 2007

1. Malcolm Calder called the Annual General Meeting to order at 7:39 PM on 22nd August 2007 at the Steels Creek Community Centre. A copy of the Agenda is at attachment 1.

2.

Members Present	Apologies
Malcolm Calder, President and Chair	Robyn Allan
Albert Leckie, Vice President	Judith Alexander
Keith Montell, Treasurer	Gwen Leckie
Ed Bartosh, Secretary	John & Jean Lowe
David Allan, Member	Christine Mullen
Greg Leonard, Member	Heather & Athel Smith
Christine Tomlins, Garden Club	Norm & Vicky Stewart
Jane Calder	Betty Taylor
Andrew Chapman	Eric & Jenny Tetlow
Ray & Bronwyn Dahlstrom	Richard Tomlins
Judith Ellerton	Gordon & Francis Brown
Chris Grikscheit	Non-Members Present
Margaret & John Houston	none
Geoff Keets	
Glynn Ward	
Anne & Mike Watkins	

A list of members, as defined by the bylaws as those members of the community who have attended any Centre function and paid their fee, is attached as 2.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from the last Annual General Meeting, 23rd August 2006, were handed to attendees. Chris Grikscheit moved and Mike Watkins seconded acceptance of the minutes.

4. Business Arising:

a. Future of the Centre Meetings

Malcolm Calder noted that the progress was slow. It took a while to get the building status report from the Shire of Yarra Ranges (SYR). Then, confirmation was received that the SYR would support maintaining the current building. A Working Group met in July that recommended that we continue using the current facilities, applying the maintenance funds and Capital Program grant to make the building more stable and safe. We will also use the grants system to work with the SYR to improve the Centre.

b. Disposition of Vera Adams Fund

We have \$555 in the fund at this point. Malcolm notes that we intended to place a bench and plaque on site, but needed to be sure that the SYR would maintain the building so that expenditures would be fruitful. Jane Calder suggested that we make a plaque for inside the building as well. The Committee will proceed on this project this year.

5. Correspondence

Incoming

1. Various Shire Quarterly Recreation Newsletters. Placed in the Centre for interest.
2. Various issues of Melbourne Water's *The Source*. Placed in the Centre for interest.
3. Thank you card from Healesville Interchurch Community Care, Inc. for our donations at Christmas.
4. Yarra Ranges Youth Services calendar – posted in Centre
5. Response to 13 July letter from Shire CEO naming POC for the Centre.
6. Flyer from Shire on the "Mayor Thanks the Volunteers" concert on 24 September was posted.
7. HICCI Chronicles
8. Shire – Draft Community Consultation
9. HICCI Christmas card with thanks for support
10. Shire Youth Services brochures
11. Offer for steelscreek.vic.au domain name
12. Shire Community Report for 2006
13. Request from Melbourne Water to update our Community Contact Details
14. "Ladybird, Ladybird" exhibit announcement at Nat Rhododendron Gardens

Outgoing

E-mail to committee and working group nominees on the draft SGM minutes and list of proposed discussion issues (also posted on the web site).

Community Contact details sent to Melbourne Water

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Keith Montell read his report at the meeting and it has been posted on the web site this month. A signed copy is at attachment 3. Because of the increased fees, we have had a surplus this Fiscal Year.

Keith Montell moved to accept his report, and Geoff Keets seconded acceptance of the report.

7. President's Report

Malcolm Calder reported on the state of the Centre and its sponsored groups (Attachment 4). The year 2006/07 has been a busy and fruitful year for the Centre. We worked with the SYR to determine the needs of this facility and formed a working group to evaluate options for the future of the Centre. The good news is that the Shire has budgeted \$15,000 for maintenance of the Centre building and has also awarded us a \$15,000 grant for health and safety fixes to the inside of the building.

Thanks are offered to the active groups and individuals who make up and provide vitality to the Centre.

Keith Montell asked for an explanation to the members on the planned expenditures from the SYR. Greg Leonard addressed the \$30,000 as \$15,000 for maintenance of the building and a \$15,000 grant for health and Safety improvements inside the building.

Chris Grikscheit moved to accept his report, and Christine Tomlin seconded acceptance of the report.

8. Election of Office Bearers

Malcolm Calder noted that neither he nor Ed Bartosh were standing for election, so they would act as Returning Officers. Ed Bartosh declared all offices to be vacant.

- There were no advance nominations for President. Nominations were called from the floor. Keith Montell nominated. His nomination was moved by Alby Leckie and seconded by Greg Leonard. There were no other nominations, so Keith Montell was elected.
- There was only one advance nomination for Vice President – therefore, David Allan was elected.
- There was one advance nomination for Secretary - therefore, Judith Ellerton was elected.
- There were no advance nominations for Treasurer, and nominations were called from the floor. Mike Watkins nominated. His nomination was moved by Ed Bartosh and seconded by David Allan. There were no other nominations, so Mike Watkins was elected.
- There were 2 advance nominations for Members of the Committee: John Houston and Eric Tetlow. Nominations were opened from the floor. Ray Dahlstrom nominated. His nomination was moved by Ed Bartosh and seconded by John Houston. There were no further nominations, so Ray Dahlstrom, John Houston and Eric Tetlow were elected.

- It was noted that the Tennis Club elected Heather Smith as their representative at their AGM; Christine Tomlin will continue as the Garden Club representative.

All new Committee of Management members were congratulated, and last year's members were thanked for their service. Malcolm will continue as Chair until the conclusion of the meeting.

9. General Business

a. Tennis Club Report

Alby Leckie reported that we had three teams playing summer competition, and 2 won flags. We currently have two teams in the ERT finals this season. Mid-week ladies are doing well. The Tennis Club had its AGM on the 12th with a sausage sizzle. Night tennis has grown by leaps and bounds. We received \$36,000 in grants this year – a courts upgrade to a softer synthetic grass, one to expand the property for safe off-road parking, and one for new uniforms. Malcolm thanked the Club for its support of the Centre functions in serving Devonshire teas at the markets and sausage sizzles at other events.

b. Garden Club Report

Christine Tomlins reported the Garden Club has approx. 58 members. Their years has been busy and interesting with visits to:

- Blue Lotus Water Lilies,
- Kilmore Silky Roses Nursery & open garden,
- Ceres Environmental Garden in Brunswick,
- Hedgeend maze for their Christmas Break-up, and
- Cranbourne Botanical Gardens.

The Flower Show was good last year, even considering the drought. The Growing Group is a small group of loyal people who really do well with Jane at the helm. They have great plants for the Show each year. Officers are: President: Chris Lumsden, Secretary: Gillian Poulton, and Treasurer: Geoff Keets.

c. Land Care Group Report

David Allan reported their focus this year has been on finalizing funding for the Steels Creek Road Native Revegetation Project. The first stage was implemented in autumn; stage 2 follows in the spring. Thanks to all (from near and far) who have helped with planting days. They are trying to encourage people to nominate and take a lead in projects in which they have a special interest, with support from the wider organization. Their AGM is expected to be called soon.

d. Art Group Report

Malcom Calder reported 4 active members continue to meet on Thursday afternoons. The Art Show was a big success, and Balgownie has agreed to host it again next year.

e. Film Night Report

Chris Grikscheit reported an average attendance of 26.4 – and \$528 was given to the Centre in user fees last year. A new serial has been started which, at the reduced screening rate of once per month, should take us through next year. David Allan will replace Jean Lowe as co-convenor.

f. Jolly Thing Report

Chris Grikscheit reported good coordination on production. He noted Frank Hoogenraad is moving from the area, so we will need to find another sponsor for the newsletter. Frank donated \$250 for the production of the *Jolly Thing* last year.

g. Stitchers Report

Jane Calder reported their numbers are about 25. They meet weekly – 2 are instructional and the remainder are “sit and sew”. They had great success with the “Biggest Afternoon Tea” this year – it was reported in the Lilydale Leader newspaper.

h. Clamberers Report

David Allan reported their monthly walks have continues locations in Steels Creek and beyond. The average attendance is about 10. Thanks to all who suggested and led the walks.

i. Future of the Centre Working Group Report and Recommendations

Covered in the President’s Report.

j. Other General Business

(1) *Closure of the Yarra Glen Medical Centre.* Malcolm noted that with the passing of one group doctor and the impending retirement of another, the clinic is closing it Yarra Glen office to concentrate in Healesville. The site is already leased, so no facility is currently available. The Chamber of Commerce and other groups are trying to recruit a practice, with, perhaps, space in the new shopping centre.

(2) Ed noted that those Committee members not continuing should turn in their keys as we have a set number available to us.

(3) Ed Bartosh moved that we again purchase a historical text, value up to \$70, to be donated as an award to the Yarra Glen Primary School, Grade 6 competition. Chris Grikscheit seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Edward Bartosh
Secretary

**STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT
STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON WEDNESDAY 23rd AUGUST 2006
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes from previous AGM (10 August 2005)**
- 4. Business Arising**
 - a. Playground equipment**
- 5. Correspondence**
- 6. Treasurer's report**
- 7. President's Report**
- 8. Election of Office Bearers**
- 9. General Business**
 - a. Report and discussion on the proposal for a new Centre**
 - b. Tennis Club Report**
 - c. Garden Club Report**
 - d. Land Care Group Report**
 - e. Art Group Report**
 - f. Film Night Report**
 - g. Stitchers Report**
 - h. Other General Business items**

