

AVOCA, ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Biennial General Meeting of the Avoca, Royal George & Rossarden Local District Committee held at the Avoca Community Centre on Thursday, 30 June 2016 commencing at 6.05pm

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Claudia Freeman (Chair), Shirley Freeman (to 7.10pm), Jacinta Allen, Dalija Wells, Shirley Squires, Susanne Jones, Cr Mary Knowles, Senior Sergeant Michael Gillies, Gail Eacher (Executive Assistant)

2 APOLOGIES

Helen Reynolds, Des Jennings (General Manager)

3 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON

Cr Knowles was requested to act as Chair for the Biennial General Meeting.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Shirley Freeman / Shirley Squires

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee held on Thursday, 26 March 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

5 REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON

The following report was read by the Chair of the Committee to 30 June 2016:

The Chair of the Committee to June 2016, provided the following report:

As the Chair of the Committee to 30 June 2016, I am pleased to report that since the last AGM held in March 2015 the Committee has continued to meet on a bi-monthly basis with the purpose being to identify and prioritise local needs, as well as to act as a conduit for information between the community and Council.

Council reviewed the terms of the MOU in May 2015 and in accordance with the revised MOU, AGM's are now held on a bi-annual basis and coincide with the bi-annual appointment of a new committee.

I appreciate the contribution of each of the members of the Committee who discuss and debate the issues tabled in order to seek the best outcome for the community.

I wish to thank

- *the members of the Committee for their commitment*
- *Council's Representative to the Committee - Councillor Knowles*
- *the Works & Infrastructure department under the guidance of Mr Chellis, and*
- *the Committee Secretary, Gail Eacher*

for their contributions to the success of the committee.

I also wish the members of the Committee all the best for the ensuing 2-year term and hope that we can continue to represent the communities of Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden on issues that are important to each of the communities.

Mrs Freeman advised that she was very happy with the relationship with Council. She observed that urgent matters were dealt with promptly, and made special mention of the prompt action taken by Council following the recent floods.

Dalija Wells / Jacinta Allen

That the Chairperson's Report be received.

Carried

6 MEMBERSHIP

Noted that Council had endorsed the nomination of the following members for the 2 year term to June 2018:

- Jacinta Allen
- Claudia Freeman
- Shirley Freeman
- Susanne Jones
- Helen Reynolds
- Shirley Squires
- Dalija Wells

Dalija Wells / Susanne Jones

That the information be received.

Carried

7 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

i) Appointment of Chairperson

Dalija Wells / Susanne Jones

That Mrs Claudia Freeman be appointed as Chairperson of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee.

Carried

There being no further nominations, Mrs Claudia Freeman was appointed the Chairperson of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee.

ii) Appointment of Vice-Chairperson

Dalija Wells / Shirley Squires

That Mrs Shirley Freeman be appointed as Vice Chairperson of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee.

Carried

There being no further nominations, Mrs Shirley Freeman was appointed the Vice Chairperson of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee.

8 REVIEW OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Committee noted that the Memorandum of Understanding had been reviewed by Council on 18 May 2015 (min. ref. 124/15).

No amendments to the MOU were recommended by the Committee.

The Committee RESOLVED to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding and requested that the Chair sign the MOU on behalf of the Committee.

9 OTHER BUSINESS

i) Meeting Times

The committee discussed the time at which the meetings commence.

The Committee RESOLVED to commence future meetings at 5.00pm.

10 CLOSURE

The Acting Chair closed the Biennial General Meeting at 6.12pm.