

**ANTaR Victoria Annual General Meeting  
21 November 2009 10am – 11.30pm  
Minutes**

**1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**

Peter Lewis, ANTaR Vic Chairperson thanked people for coming and acknowledged the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri people, paying respect to elders who have held their tradition and young people who will carry forward that tradition.

**2. Present & Apologies**

Chair: Peter Lewis

Minutes: Charlotta Lomas

Alan Hardie, Andrew Crawford, Angus Frith, Anne Barton, Betty Corlette, Brigid Anderson, Clare Hughes, Clare Land, Edwina Bryne, Frank Hytten, Ian James, Jenne Perlstein, Jill Webb, John Burke, Keith Gove, Ken Davis, Margaret Spong, Michelle Isles, Muriel Mathers, Paul Bolan, Paul Miller, Rachel Hardie, Ro Bailey, Rosemary Rule, Sheree Harper, Tom Gay, Vicki Clark, Albert Critchley, Julie Kun, Alesha Kun-Lecy, Margaret Johnson, Wally Johnson, Rob Oke, Anna Benjamin, Sean Pickard, Matt Bell.

Apologies: Cheryl Kaulfuss, Delta Freedman, Carolyn Giovannetti, Diana Collier, Dr Helen Szoke, Helen Goulet, Helen Hill, Isla Macleod, Keith Kaulfuss, Keith Stodden, Margaret Newman, Marisol Salinas, Matthew Bouwmeester, Rhiannon Williams, Rhonda Renwick, Roslyn Bull, Steph Woollard, Terry Makin, Theo Mackaay, Roy Bradley, Margaret Bradley, Janet Bachsinar, Bob Heaton, Anne Longridge.

**3. The minutes of the 2008 AGM**

Were presented for acceptance as a true and accurate record.

Julie Spindler's name misspelt. Julie Kun was missing.

Moved: Jill Webb

Seconded: Julie Kun

Carried

**4. Chairperson's report (by Peter Lewis)**

Peter thanked those present and those not for all the hard work this year in keeping the issues alive. Peter thanked Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders for the consultation and advice along the way. Peter noted the key changes since last year being that Jacinda has gone on maternity leave and congratulated her on the birth of Harlow, and welcomed Charlotta who has taken over the role of Office & Volunteer Coordinator. ANTaR Vic has been able to work a strategic plan with our Myer Foundation to work on being a sustainable organisation over two years. Peter thanked the Brotherhood of St Laurence for their in-kind support of the terrace house. Peter introduced Edwina as the Communications and Partnerships Officer and thanked Paul and Jing for their work with the website and book-keeping, consecutively. Peter thanked two members, Treasurer Michel Beuchat and Chrisie Warren who are stepping down from the ANTaR Vic Committee of management. Two consultant groups have been employed with the Myer grant- Gunnai have been giving advice on Indigenous networking; and Hootville for Social messaging & raising ANTaR Vic's profile. Hootville are in the process of writing a report on these issues from workshop last month. ANTaR Vic's key activity this year has been Save Rec Vic campaign which boosted our media profile.

Peter introduced Keith Gove to give an update on the Save Rec Vic campaign:

The State Government defunded Rec Vic earlier this year. Lots of publicity and support from Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups but this had no effect on the funding. Meetings and communication with Reconciliation Australia, Minister Richard Wynne, VLGA, and action continues today through local council/government. Those conversations have given us a little

hope for receiving some funding, although no promise of funding has yet been made. It is clear that the defunding was not part of any coherent plan to do something else in relation to Reconciliation. This issue will continue to be lobbied. Rec Vic is being generously hosted by ANTaR Vic. Rec Australia and VLGA has been very supportive during the defunding process and continue to assist with lobbying.

Jenne spoke about ALP support.

Peter gave opportunities for questions for Keith:

Discussion around merging the funds of Rec Vic with Stolen Generations with out consultation without either group.

Peter talked about ANTaR Vic meetings with NGO groups and Rec Groups hosted by VCROSS. Local projects with VLGA. An ongoing process.

Victorian Native Title Settlement Framework:

**Victorian Native Title Settlement Framework** was finally released. Issue around who will fund the process in Victoria, State or Federal Government? Correspondence sent from ANTaR Vic to government outlining that the framework a positive move, that it is important for support for traditional owners but that the issue of funding needs to be resolved.

Submission for Human Rights Framework. Indigenous rights as a special category was too difficult. Australian human Rights charter gives some platform for Indigenous Rights

Treaty working group. Drafted framework and ideas. Ongoing. Also applied to ANTaR national.

ANTaR Vic led Remember 11.11.1869 campaign. Significant media attention, especially thanks to Hootville Consultants. Thank you to people for selling and supporting.

Local Reconciliation Groups:

A lot of people have been working hard at the local level.

Next year's focus: 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Corroboree 2000.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR) Dec 2000 and the Melbourne Reconciliation walk where around 1,000,000 walked in support for reconciliation. Various organisation made commitment to the CAR in addressing the unfinished business. This will be a core focus for next year. Key components- a lot of people made commitments. Key recommendations of the CAR report were declarations and roadmaps to reconciliation. ANTaR Vic's focus for next year on key memory.

Peter opened the floor for questions.

Angus spoke about the Native title Settlement Framework.

## **5. Financial report and statement (by Frank Hytten, on behalf of Michel Beuchat)**

Frank made an appeal for a treasurer. No one volunteered.

Frank summarised the Financial statement.

The substantial figure of over \$60,000 shown as surplus for the year under review, it should be noted that the bulk of this amount (\$50000) consists of the 2009 instalment received under the Myer Foundation. Grant. Merchandise a significant source of income, with increased. Sales Donations from Regular Donors increased slightly, individual membership dropped by 25% .This is a significant problem. Frank made an appeal for people to encourage other to join as members or become regular donors as these are our key forms of income. Frank thanked Charlotta and Jing for maintaining

accurate records of the finances, thanked the BSL for their in-kind support and thanked Edina for finding ways to save money and to do things cheaply.

Motion was put forward that the 2008/2009 financial report be accepted.

Moved: Vicki Clarke

Seconded: Sheree Harper.

Carried.

#### **6. Recognition of volunteer contribution (Charlotta Lomas)**

Charlotta thanked the many volunteers who have contributed to ANTaR Victoria's work over the past year. She said ANTaR Victoria was very lucky to have over two hundred volunteers in the database to call upon. Without our volunteers, ANTaR Victoria would not be able to achieve the great work it does. Charlotta gave special thanks to the regular office volunteers this year, Vera Schomers, Isla McCleod, Andrew Crawford, Meftihe Achamyeh, Justin Brooks, Retta Berryman, Howard Tankey, Clare Hughes, Sean Doyle & Anna Gebhardt who dedicated many, many hours at the ANTaR Vic office in a plethora of ways. Charlotta thanked those volunteers who batted the very hot temperatures to sell remember 11.11/1869 wristbands to the general public. Finally Charlotta thanked the Committee of Management for lap the hard work in the last year.

Matt awarded the winner of the ANTaR Victoria award for 'outstanding contribution towards Land, Justice and Reconciliation' for 2009 as Georgina Gartland. Matt talked about Georgina's work Whitehorse Friends of Reconciliation, and work around petitioning against the Racial Discrimination Act.

#### **7. Election of Committee members**

Peter Lewis declared that the nominations for the committee were received from:

Chairperson – Peter Lewis (Chairperson)

Public Officer – Jill Webb - (Public Officer)

Jenne Perlstein

Matt Bell

Brigid Anderson

Frank Hytten

Julie Kun

Angus Frith

Clare Land

Russell Anderson

Keith Gove (coopted)

No Secretary or Treasurer was nominated

Peter Lewis declared the positions filled and welcomed the committee members.

Meeting concluded, followed by Mikael Smith's talk.

Close of meeting at 11.30am.