

WEST ST KILDA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

West Beach Pavilion, Beaconsfield Parade
6.00pm, Wednesday 30 September 2026

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2024-25 AGM held on 24 September 2025 (see below)
3. President's Report of Activities during 2025-26
4. Financial Report for 2025-26
5. Determination of annual subscription for 2027-28
6. Call for nominees and election of Committee for 2026-27
7. Other business.

MINUTES of 2025 Annual General Meeting

West Beach Pavilion, Beaconsfield Parade, West St Kilda
at 7:30pm on 24th September 2025

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** Treasurer Megan Nevett welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. She introduced Committee Member, Catherine Sharples as co-chair of this Annual General Meeting due to the absence of President Leigh Hardy who is ill and unable to attend.
 - a. **Apologies** were received from Leigh and Anne Hardy, Roseanne Bell and Carol Jordon.
 - b. **There was a change in the order of this meeting** to allow our speaker Josh Burns to speak before the formal AGM as he must fulfil other commitments later in the evening.
 - i. The Federal Member for Macnamara the Hon Josh Burns addressed the meeting for about 20 minutes. Josh spoke about his work in Macnamara and particularly in federal government housing policy.
 - c. Catherine thanked Josh Burns and continued to chair the meeting.
 - d. Each current WSKRA committee member, and their roles were presented to the meeting.
 - i. Secretary - Gerome Villarete
 - ii. Treasurer - Megan Nevett
 - iii. Ordinary Members – Clare Lincoln and Catherine Sharples
 - e. It was noted that Ray Snyder has moved from St Kilda West and has left the Committee during the year. Our thanks were extended to Ray for his long and significant work on the Committee. We also mention the sad news that Charles Bare, a long-term member and Committee member died recently. Charles has been a significant contributor to the association and several other voluntary organisations. We will miss Charles.
2. **Confirmation of minutes of previous AGM:** Copies of the minutes of the 2024 AGM, held on 20th November 2024 were provided with the agenda. The minutes were accepted unanimously as a correct record of that meeting.

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3. **President's report:** The President's report was presented by Catherine. The report will be available on the WSKRA website. The meeting accepted the President's Report
4. **Treasurer's report:** Megan Nevett, the WSKRA Treasurer, presented the financial report. Hard copies were available at the meeting. The report was presented and accepted unanimously. It will be available on the WSKRA website.
5. **Determination of annual subscription for 2026-2027:** The Committee proposed the annual subscription be increased to \$20 per person and was accepted unanimously. It was indicated that the fees had not changed for several years and the present increase was necessary to cover basic WSKRA costs of two annual newsletters and four community get-togethers. It was also noted that donations are encouraged to help boost funds for events.
6. **Call for Nominations and election of office bearers for 2025-2026**
 - i. According to our rules the Committee has four officer positions – President, Deputy President, Secretary and Treasurer – plus other ordinary members.
 - ii. The 2024-25 Committee roles were declared vacant, and an election called for 25-26 Committee.
 - iii. The outgoing Committee advised that four officer positions and up to 6 ordinary members be continued. This recommendation was proposed and unanimously accepted.
 - iv. Catherine Sharples called for nominations from the floor.
No others indicated interest in joining the Committee at the meeting. The Chair invited members to meet with Committee members, at any time during the year, if they wanted to know more about committee membership.
 - v. The following members were elected to the Committee for 25-26:

a. President:	Leigh Hardy
b. Deputy President:	Catherine Sharples
c. Secretary:	Gerome Villarete
d. Treasurer:	Megan Nevett
e. Committee:	Clare Lincoln

Catherine then thanked all past and present committee members, and volunteers, for their service since the last AGM.

7. **Other business:**
Catherine thanked our guest speaker Josh Burns again and reminded everyone they are welcome to raise any items from the floor at the end of the meeting. Catherine also reminded those present that membership fees are now due.

The AGM was closed at 8:25pm, for supper and informal small group discussion.

Questions and issues from the floor:

Several issues were raised and discussed at the meeting. These included the discontinuance of the no right turn at Cowderoy Street trial, the application to reopen the Beaconsfield Hotel, the extended closing of Albert Park for Grand Prix and safety related to bikes and scooters being left on footpaths. Claudia Craig spoke about the sale of an apartment block in Fraser Street that is to be demolished and replaced by a single dwelling.