



**Economic Development Australia
State Practitioners Network - Victorian Chapter**

**AGM
Minutes**

Friday, 18 October 2019 at 2pm

[Level 12, Room 1, 60 Collins St - Room 1201](#)

Present

Peter Forbes (Chair) Melton	David Power (Treasurer) Melbourne Market	Chris Botha (Secretary) DJPR
Matthew Gould Macedon Ranges	Sally Curtis Destination Yellow	Lou Zarro Knox (apology)
Tim Ellis Geelong	Danielle Phyland Nillumbik	Shannan Little La Trobe (apology)
Helena Charles Golden Plains	Kurt Ainsaar Urban Enterprise	Paul Johnson Wellington Shire (apology)
Helen Beekmans Nominee (apology)	Ben Harnwell from Manningham City Council (apology)	

Victoria SPN responsibilities

- **ADVOCATE** for EDA, its membership, benefits and economic development.
- **LEAD** best-practice economic development.
- **BUILD** EDA's **REPUTATION**.

Meeting started at 14:04.

Welcome

- Chair Peter Forbes welcomed those in attendance

Apologies

- Paul Johnson, Lou Zarro, Helen Beekmans, Shannan Little and Ben Harnwell

Minutes of Previous AGM

The Committee reviewed the 2018 AGM minutes.

Moved: Tim Ellis, **Seconded** Danielle Phyland



- **EDA Vic Committee Chair's Report**

2019 Committee membership

Peter Forbes noted prior Chair Peter Jeffery's departure and thanked him for his work and noted Helena Charles and Kurt Ainsaar had joined the committee.

Sponsorship

Peter sincerely thanked .id (Demographic Insights), Localised, Remplan and Geografia for their sponsorships in 2019.

Peter acknowledged the partnership of the Launch Vic funded consortium of council's 3StartWest for co-sponsorship of the EDA #StartWest start-up master class.

Events

- **EDA On Track for Success** - November 2018 held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC).
- **EDA Women April 2019** – April 2019 held at One roof Australia The inaugural EDA event dedicated to women in economic and business development. Another first for EDA VIC.
- **EDA #StartWest Start-up Master Class** – June 2019 held at the Goods Shed (Launch Vic headquarters). A short video and some photography had had been produced with the video scheduled to premiere at the 2019 national conference in Adelaide.

Tim Ellis expressed gratitude towards the efforts of the committee to produce quality events.

The full transcript of the Chair's report can be accessed via the link below.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FGHECFn4SK2iSNDyk_Bdw6sdXF8-X6uF/view?ts=5da808f3

- **Election of Members**

The committee reviewed the nominations and the nomination process for election to the EDA Vic SPN Committee.



The committee subsequently voted unanimously to accept the two nominees, Helen Beekmans from City of Greater Dandenong and Paul Johnson from Wellington Shire Council, onto the committee for the next 3 years.

Action: Peter Forbes will contact Helen Beekmans and Paul Johnson to let them know of their success in being elected and invite them to attend the next committee meeting.

- **Election of Office Bearers**

Chris Botha was re-elected unopposed and unanimously as committee secretary for 2020.

Moved Sally Curtis, **Seconded** by Danielle Phyland

Peter Forbes was re-elected unopposed and unanimously as the Chair for 2020.

Moved Sally Curtis, **Seconded** by Danielle Phyland

Dave Power was elected unopposed and unanimously as the Deputy Chair for 2020

Moved Matthew Gould, **Seconded** Kurt Ainsaar.

- **General Business**

There was no general business raised.

The Chair declared the 2019 AGM closed at 14:25.