

THE ROSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED

36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held via Zoom

at 8:00 pm on Tuesday 10th November 2020

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting and of the Special General Meeting held on 13th October 2020;
2. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the 2019-2020 financial year;
3. To receive and consider the financial statements of the Association for the 2019-2020 financial year;
4. To elect the members of the Committee;
5. To confirm the annual 2021-22 subscription and joining fee for membership of the Society;
6. Other business submitted in writing to the Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
(OR 119TH AGM OF THE ORIGINAL SOCIETY)
HELD ON 14th AUGUST 2019 AT ST JAMES CHURCH HALL GLEN IRIS

1. **OPENED:** 8.00

2. **APOLOGIES:** Bernadette Thomson, Beth Williams

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**

Moved: Diane Sharman Seconded: Leslie Deague Carried

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Nil

4. **THE 35th ANNUAL REPORT:**

I would like to thank sincerely the dedicated Committee for the support they have given me over the last year. Without this kind and generous team these nights and events would not be possible. There are many hours that we have each month to prepare and have the Society to run and to hopefully be a place where our members and guests feel welcome to share knowledge, exhibit roses, share friendship and above all for the love of the rose.

Moved: Sandra Turner Seconded: Fran Huesmann Carried

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

As at April 30 2019

Assets – CBA Cheque Account	\$17,870.11
CBA Online Saver	\$13,925.58
Total Assets	\$31,795.69
Liabilities – National Australian Rose Annuals	\$4,892.53
Net Assets	\$26,903.16
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Moved: Wendy Roper Seconded: Pam Drake-Noden Carried

7.MEMBERSHIP FEES

The membership fees have not been increased for at least 3 years and due to the rising cost of production and postage of the Rose News the Committee considers it necessary to increase the fees as of the next financial year.

Renewal Single \$40 – previously \$36
 Dual \$41 – previously \$45

The \$5 joining fee will remain the same.

Moved: Andrew Cosstick, **Seconded:** Jacinta Burke

8. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

The chair was declared vacant and Ian Spriggs (Past President) took over for the election of Office Bearers

NOMINATIONS:

President Sandra Turner

Vice-Presidents nominations have been received for
Michelle Endersby
Diane Sharman

Treasurer: Wendy Roper

Secretary: Pam Drake-Noden

Subscription Treasurer: Carl Ellefson

Ordinary Committee Members:

David Beard
Jacinta Burke
Andrew Cosstick
John Cranwell
Francesca Huesmann
Bernadette Thomson

All were duly elected with congratulations

Sandra mentioned other members who hold valued positions and are much appreciated and valued.

Elizabeth Omond-Smith – catering manager
Monica Brooks – librarian, in charge of welcoming and reception
Robyn Beard and Bernadette Thomson – monthly supper
Diane Fickling – Facebook and pruning demonstrations
Liz Gould – donator of preserves for sale to raise funds
Nat - Webmaster

8. **LIFE MEMBERS -**

The Committee has decided to present Clyde Laidlaw and Elizabeth Omond-Smith with Life Membership of the Rose Society of Victoria.

Monica Brooks read out summaries of the contributions of each of these members.

The presentations were greeted with loud applause.

9. JUDGES BADGES

Judges badges were presented to the current State Judges – Joyce Chapman, Bob Dixon, Carl Ellefsen, Max Marriner, Jean Newman, Laurie Newman, Rosalie Parsons, Ian Spriggs, Barbara Watson and Beth **Williams**.

10. WINNERS OF MONTHLY SHOW BENCH

Fran Huesmann made the awards to the following winners –

Open section – Ian Banks-Smith

Intermediate section – Ian Banks-Smith

Novice section – Michelle Endersby

12 WINNER OF THE NAME THE ROSE COMPETITION

Jacinta Burke made the presentation to this year's winner – Michelle Endersby

13 SPRING SHOW

Jacinta Burke and David Beard discussed preparations for the Spring Show and asked for volunteers for the roster.

14. GUEST SPEAKER

Michelle Endersby gave a talk on the "Rose Gardens of Sweden".

15. CELEBRATION

Monica Brooks gave a brief history of the Rose Society of Victoria which was celebrating a 120 year history. This was followed by the cutting of a cake to celebrate the occasion.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held via Zoom on 13th October 2020

Given the Government's Covid-19 restrictions, all the documentation relating to the Special General Meeting had been circulated to the RSV membership in the Spring 2020 Rose News. Members who were unable to attend the Zoom meeting were encouraged to vote on the Special Resolution by proxy vote.

The following members submitted valid proxy votes prior to the 5:00 pm Friday 9 October 2020 deadline:

Ian Banks-Smith, David Beard, Robyn Beard, Lorraine Bisdée, Tony Boll, Mary Bond, Monica Brooks Jacinta Burke, Pat Cerra, Barry Collett, Debra Collett, Andrew Cosstick, Karen Cosstick, Christine Cronin, Paul Cronin, John Cullen, Leo Doyle, Noela Doyle, Heather Duggan, Phillippa Dundee, Carl Ellefsen, Lorraine Ellefsen, Michelle Endersby, Malcolm Evans, Nanette Evans, Margaret Findley, Faye Giannini, Sue George, Julie Gibson, Sally-Anne Hains, Mary Harries, Maryanne Hopkins, Lise Hubert, Michael Iliffe, Yvonne Iliffe, Keith Jackson, Patricia Johnson, Pamela Kench, R Kohler, K Kohler, Shirley Lahtinen, Pauline Langfors, Stanley Ligeza, Paul Loret, Rhonda Loret, Beverley Maguire, Max Marriner, John Matthews, Del Matthews, June McIndoe, Lynette Moore, Alan Morris, William Nelson, John Nieuwesteeg, Veronica O'Brien, Elizabeth Omond-Smith, Rod Omond-Smith, Stefanie Pearce, Margaret Peters, Richard Piesse, Genevieve Pound, Lyn Reid, Alma D Reynolds, Wendy Roper, Wendy Rouse, Anne Shanahan, Diane Sharman, Carmen Smith, Peter Smith, Ian Spriggs, Margaret Stanway, Michael Taaffe, Doreen Thomas, Nino Troiani, Sandra Turner, Barbara Watson, Beryl Werner, Carissa Williams and Secretary, Morwell Centenary Rose Garden.

Proxy votes received from Rosalie Parsons (late) and Joan Carter (unsigned) were ruled invalid and not counted.

Zoom Attendees: David Beard, Robyn Beard, Jacinta Burke, Andrew Cosstick, Karen Cosstick, Carl Ellefsen, Michelle Endersby, Maureen Lucas, Max Drake, Pam Drake-Noden, Wendy Roper, Diane Sharman, Sandra Turner.

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

David Beard outlined the purpose and procedures for the Special General Meeting. Given the information previously circulated, a presentation was not made and attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions on the Special Resolution of which there were none.

The following Special Resolution was presented to the meeting to vote on (only those attendees who have not already proxy voted were eligible to vote):

"That The Rose Society of Victoria Incorporated adopt the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Model Rules as its Constitution with the following mandatory inclusions:

Name: The Rose Society of Victoria Incorporated.

Purpose: To foster an appreciation of the Rose by encouraging its promotion, cultivation and exhibition.

Financial Year: The year ending 30 June."

The result of the voting was:

	ACCEPT	REJECT
SGM ATTENDEES	3	-
PROXY VOTES	78	-
TOTAL	81	-

Accordingly, the Special Resolution was declared accepted.

Meeting closed: 8:20pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the Special General Meeting of The Rose Society of Victoria Incorporated held on 13 October 2020:

Sandra Turner

President

Date.

Pam Drake-Noden

Secretary

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April 2019 – April 2020 Annual Report on the Activities of the Association

What a different world we are living in compared with this time last year. We have had devastating bushfires followed by COVID-19 with many suffering the virus and sadly many lives lost.

The RSV had the annual Autumn Spectacular at Garden World Braeside on 6-7 April 2019 and with the help of members and our three Gardens of Excellence: the Victoria State Rose Garden, Morwell Centenary Rose Garden and the Mornington Botanical Rose Garden. This was a display not a competition and was spectacular with the colour and fragrance outstanding. We enjoyed the weekend talking and sharing knowledge with likeminded rose enthusiasts of modern and heritage roses. Buyers of rose bushes after seeing the blooms on display were informed of care and planting details.

During June and July members conducted rose pruning demonstrations at Treloar Roses, Garden World, The Morwell Centenary Rose Garden, The Victoria State Rose Garden, Mornington Botanical Rose Garden, Town and Country Gardens, Wilson Botanic Gardens, Keith Styles Municipal Gardens and Mill Park Garden Club. These are well attended events.

Our July 2019 meeting was dedicated to getting ready for the spring rose show for newer members who are unaware of how to show is prepared and run. Preparation included our Chief Judge Barbara Watson talking about judging, selection of blooms and tips for the competition. Jacinta Burke our dedicated Show Manager explained the role of the show committee. We shared the evening with a selection of homemade hot soups and savoury scones followed by a lovely selection of cakes for supper. This was a relaxed, fun and enjoyable evening shared by all that attended.

The NRSA AGM and Rose Show were held in Adelaide October 2019. This was a fabulous weekend. The event was attended by President of the World Federation of Roses Henrienne De Briey, members from all States of Australia and New Zealand. The weekend included the AGM, meeting for 2021 World Rose Convention (that will now be 2022). Also included was a Friday night meet and greet and a wonderful dinner on Saturday night at the Sage Hotel. On the Monday we were treated to a fabulous day at Neutrog in Kanmantoo that we were taken on a tour by Angus Irwin and a look around then treated to lunch in the gardens of Neutrog that was enjoyed by all that attended.

My 2019 Spring Show weekend started off on a wonderful early Friday 8 November 2019 meeting with World Federation President Henrienne De Briey for her first visit to the Victoria State Rose Garden. It was a very grey still morning that showed off the colour of the garden beautifully. Wal Johnson and Cheri Slipais joined us on the tour. Henrienne enjoyed the garden tremendously and was most impressed with the maintenance of the garden that is run by a passionate group of volunteers. The garden was being transformed at the time for the Rose Festival an annual event enjoyed by thousands of guests rose growers, garden tool vendors, guest speakers, along with food vans and so much more.

The Spring Rose Show was dedicated to our Australian rose breeders and roses. The Show committee was led by Jacinta Burke with Michelle Endersby, Diane Sharman, David Beard, Andrew Cosstick, Bernadette Thomson, Fran Huesmann and myself.

We were delighted to have representatives of The Alister Clark Memorial Garden join us for this special occasion featured in the foyer was the most amazing display of roses from the garden greeting our guests with beauty and a heady perfume all week end. Helen Curtain and her team of volunteers were there to share information over the weekend.

Without the dedication of the exhibitors that are so passionate on showing their roses, this would not be the spectacular event it is. Our show bench was a delight with the staging, quality, colour and perfume in the room. Thank you to all who participated.

Daniel Hannemann Roses, Reliable Roses, Victorian Salvia Study Group each year are wonderful contributors with sales of wonderful plants and information shared all weekend.

Representatives of the Mornington Botanical Rose Garden, Morwell Centenary Rose Garden and The Victoria State Rose Garden all attended with outstanding displays. All gardens are fabulous supports of the RSV with time and effort their members give to our Society always much appreciated.

Tilly and Andrew Govenstone authors of "The Women behind the Roses" attended and for a lecture that was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. We also had Helen Lovell explaining the wonderful Neutrog products to use on our gardens. Michelle Endersby, Ian Spriggs and Steve Beck all gave wonderful talks on rose-related information to our interested guests.

Our dedicated catering team led by Elizabeth Omond Smith delighted our guests with a selection of sandwiches and fabulous Devonshire teas that were prepared throughout the weekend.

The following week end was a busy time as Morwell Centenary Rose Garden had a Rose Show with lectures, sales tents of wonderful rose and garden items, food vans although the star of the show was the spectacular rose garden that was a delight to be there to enjoy. Saturday evening was a spectacular light show through the garden that was magical on such a superb evening.

On the same weekend Maureen and Paul Lucas opened their award winning garden "Rosemont". Those attending saw a most beautiful and tranquil garden shared by birds and lots of bees with an enormous selection of roses, lavender, natives, salvias and succulents. All proceeds were donated to the RSV to go towards The World Rose Convention 2022.

Our Christmas celebration was shared by members, friends and family with our dinner prepared by the committee and generous members. A fun night was shared and the Spring Rose Show awards were presented.

In January we were alerted that St James Anglican Church Glen Iris had been badly damaged by a hailstorm. Unfortunately it is still under construction. We had to look immediately for another location for our meetings. We were fortunate that the Mount Waverley Bowling Club welcomed us to share the rooms where we had a few general and committee meetings prior to COVID-19 lock down. Presently Melbourne is still in stage 4 lockdown and it may be some time before we all enjoy meetings as we once attended.

Members, family and friends attended the Mornington Botanical Rose Garden for a wander through the garden followed by High Tea for a fund raiser toward 2022. This was presented beautifully with those attending enjoying the afternoon with an array of pastries, sandwiches and cakes.

Sadly, due to COVID-19 restrictions we had to cancel our Autumn Spectacular at Garden World in Braeside, The Melbourne and International Flower and Garden Show, Spring Rose Show, Christmas celebration, meetings and other scheduled social events. Since this March the Committee have been meeting via Zoom and emails and phone calls to ensure our Members are keeping well in this troubled time.

With the uncertainty of our State it appears that we most likely will not be meeting socially for the rest of the year but will stay in touch and our wonderful Rose News will share all information.

Sandra Turner

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NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS 2020-21

Nominations received:

President	Sandra Turner
Vice President	Diane Sharman
Secretary	Pamela Drake-Noden
Treasurer	Wendy Roper
Committee	David Beard
	Jacinta Burke
	Andrew Cosstick
	Michelle Endersby

As the nominations match the available positions, these nominees have been declared duly elected.

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RSV SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR 2021-22

The Committee recommends the following Subscription Fees for 2021-22 for membership of The Rose Society of Victoria for approval by members:

Single \$40.00

Dual \$45.00

Corporate \$50.00

Overseas \$60.00

Joining Fee \$5.00