



# STORMWATER NEW SOUTH WALES

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**9.10 am on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**  
**Cardno Office, St Leonards**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Richard McManus, Alluvium (Co President)  
Natalie Payne, Blacktown Council (Co President)  
Fernando Ortega, Sydney Water (Vice President)  
Brett C Phillips, Cardno (Treasurer)  
Eric Love, Star Water Solutions (Secretary)

Aaron Cortese, Ecosol  
David Sparke, One Water Naturally  
Peter Freewater, Greater Sydney LLC  
Dov Ben-Avraham, Northrup  
Rebecca Bell, Bankstown City Council  
Keysha Milenkovic, Blacktown City Council  
Peter Bennett, Baramy  
Kristy Good, SCA (by phone)

Julie McGraw, GEMS (Secretariat)

**APOLOGIES**

Murray Powell, Optimal Stormwater  
Firas Naji, Humes  
Steve Frost, Steve Frost and Associates  
Michael Wicks, Stormwater360

**PROXY**

Greg Mashiah gave proxy to Richard McManus  
Firas Naji gave proxy to Richard McManus

## 2014/2015 STORMWATER NSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### 1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Natalie Payne, Co President of Stormwater NSW, welcomed Association members attending the AGM and declared the meeting open at 9.10 am.

All attendees were asked to sign the AGM Attendance Register.

### 2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2015

Moved that the Minutes of the last AGM (August 2014) be ratified without changes.

Proposed by:                 Brett Phillips  
Seconded by:                Richard McManus

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

GEMS declared that there was no correspondence arising from the Annual General Meeting held in August 2014.

### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Presidents Report contained within the Annual Report, was read out at the meeting. NP and RM thanked the Committee for the hard work done over the past 12 months with a special mention to the people who have participated in the Seminar and Event Sub Committee over the last 12 months including Erin Sellers, Ben Wolfgramm and Aaron Cortese.

Resolution: That the President's Report be confirmed.

**MOVED:**           Peter Bennett                 **SECONDED:**    Fernando Ortega

### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was provided by Brett Phillips and is included in this report at Attachment A and was read out at the meeting. The Audited Financial Statement is contained within the Annual Report.

Resolution: That the Treasurer's Report be confirmed.

**MOVED:**           Eric Love                                 **SECONDED:**    Peter Bennett

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### 7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

A term on the committee is two years and half of the committee stands for re-election each year while the other half is rotated on until the next year.

A ballot was not required to be carried out as nominations were not in excess of the number of members required to fill all positions on the Committee nor in excess of representatives from any one industry category as agreed in the Association Rules.

The following nominations were received for the NSW Committee and as this number was not greater than number of members required to fill the vacant positions, all nominations were accepted.

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. Aaron Cortese (Ecosol)                   | Category: GPT Manufacturer    |
| 2. Michael Wicks (Stormwater 360)           | Category: Manufacturer Other  |
| 3. Steve Frost (Steve Frost & Associates)   | Category: Consultant          |
| 4. Ben Wolfgramm (Optimal Stormwater)       | Category: Consultant – Design |
| 5. Natalie Payne (Blacktown Council)        | Category: Local Government    |
| 6. Kristy Good (Sydney Catchment Authority) | Category: Local Government    |
| 7. Peter Freewater (Greater Sydney LLC)     | Category: Government          |
| 8. Rebecca Bell (Bankstown City Council)    | Category: Local Government    |
| 9. Dov Ben-Avraham (Northrup)               | Category: Consultant          |

The following committee members were not required to renominate:

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| 1. Peter Bennett (Baramy Engineering)  | Category: GPT Manufacturer             |
| 2. Brett Phillips (Cardno)             | Category: Engineer                     |
| 3. Greg White (Ku-ring-gai Council)    | Category: Local Government             |
| 4. Eric Love (Star Water Solutions)    | Category: Consultant – other           |
| 5. David Sparke (One Water)            | Category: Practitioner                 |
| 6. Richard McManus (Alluvium)          | Category: Consultant                   |
| 7. Firas Naji (Humes)                  | Category: Manufacturer GPT             |
| 8. Russell Beatty (SKM)                | Category: Consultant                   |
| 9. Fernando Ortega (Sydney Water)      | Category: Representative Water Utility |
| 10. Murray Powell (Optimal Stormwater) | Category: Consultant                   |

Resolution: That the 9 nominations for the 2015/2016 Stormwater NSW Committee be accepted for a period of 2 years.

**MOVED:** Eric Love  
**SECONDED:** Fernando Ortega  
**VOTE:** 8 FOR 0 AGAINST

**MOTION:** As per the Stormwater NSW Constitution, all Committee members must attend 60% of meetings over the 12 month period. Unfortunately, due to lack of attendance at meetings Henry Ha from Rocla is no longer eligible to be a Committee Member of Stormwater NSW.

**MOVED:** Eric Love  
**SECONDED:** Fernando Ortega  
**VOTE:** 11 FOR 0 AGAINST

**Action:** Richard McManus to call Henry Ha to advise that he has been removed from the Committee

## 2014/2015 STORMWATER NSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Should Rocla or any other organisation wish to add representatives to the Committee, they should be informed that committee members can only be elected at an AGM. However, throughout the year other members of Stormwater NSW can attend meetings as observers and actively participate in Sub Committees. On this basis, should a Committee Member need to resign at any point during the year, members who have actively participated in the Committee Meetings and on Sub Committees will be provided the first option to join the committee. Observers are unable to vote at committee meetings.

### 8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Resolution: That E H Tan be reappointed as auditors for the Stormwater NSW for 2015/2016

**MOVED:** Brett Phillips

**SECONDED:** Richard McManus

### 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business was raised at the AGM.

### 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting for Stormwater NSW will be held in August 2016.

### 11. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President Richard McManus closed the meeting at 9:50 am.

These minutes form a true record of the business of Stormwater NSW Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

**Prepared by:** Julie McGraw, GEMS

**Date:** Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

## STORMWATER NSW

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**9.00 am 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015

Level 9, 203 Pacific Highway, St Leonards

**2015 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financial performance of Stormwater NSW over the last ten years is summarised as follows. It should be noted that the amounts reported for 2009/10 were unaudited accounts.

Balance Sheet	FY15	FY14	FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09	FY08	FY07	FY06
Current & Non Current Assets	\$125,614	\$126,041	\$84,069	\$93,758	\$78,188	\$84,329	\$89,401	\$55,268	\$46,533	\$40,805
Liabilities	-\$1,239	\$11,912	-\$2,604	\$20,569	\$9,782	-\$6,408	\$1,659	-\$2,263	\$17,281	\$36,501
Net Assets	\$126,853	\$114,129	\$86,673	\$73,189	\$68,406	\$90,737	\$87,742	\$57,531	\$29,252	\$4,304
Retained Earnings	\$112,175	\$86,428	\$73,188	\$68,406	\$84,762	\$83,957	\$57,531	\$29,252	\$4,304	-\$5,888
Current Earnings	\$14,678	\$27,701	\$13,485	\$4,783	-\$16,356	\$6,779	\$30,210	\$28,279	\$24,948	\$10,192
Total Equity	\$126,853	\$114,129	\$86,673	\$73,189	\$68,406	\$90,736	\$87,741	\$57,531	\$29,252	\$4,304
Profit & Loss	FY15	FY14	FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09	FY08	FY07	FY06
Income	\$65,953	\$70,350	\$63,400	\$68,041	\$43,227	\$65,272	\$74,542	\$57,801	\$103,072	\$90,062
Expired Expense Provision								\$17,138		
Expenses	\$51,275	\$42,649	\$49,915	\$63,258	\$59,583	\$97,453	\$44,174	\$46,660	\$78,124	\$43,851
Operating Surplus	\$14,678	\$27,701	\$13,485	\$4,783	-\$16,356	-\$32,181	\$30,368	\$28,279	\$24,948	\$46,211

It can be seen that while the equity increased until FY10 it decreased in FY11 and has progressively increased each year since to its highest level since 2006.

The following major sources of income for Stormwater NSW and a number of major expenses are also summarised for the last ten years as follows:

Major Sources of Income	FY15	FY14	FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09	FY08	FY07	FY06
Individuals	\$8,561	\$9,067	\$8,627	\$6,256	\$480	\$3,630	\$4,800	\$11,100	\$19,590	\$8,700
Corporate	\$29,067	\$28,950	\$31,404	\$28,436	\$1,100	\$14,876	\$10,840	\$24,400	\$48,000	\$23,609
Seminars/Workshops	\$11,488	\$7,447	\$11,400	\$13,933	\$1,999	\$3,885	\$6,634	\$1,679	\$4,235	\$8,195
Conference	\$11,648	\$18,774	\$0	\$7,630	\$40,443	\$12,766	\$22,727	\$19,096	\$22,858	\$44,773
Grants/Misc Income	\$2,574		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,227	\$27,300			
Major Expenses	FY15	FY14	FY13	FY12	FY11	FY10	FY09	FY08	FY07	FY06
Event Expenses	\$10,091	\$2,999	\$2,700	\$11,121	\$11,416	\$45,257	\$0	\$0	\$506	\$10,864
Bad Debts-Membership	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,100	\$0
Secretariat	\$21,936	\$20,920	\$21,753	\$23,045	\$11,948	\$14,214	\$17,401	\$12,536	\$16,993	\$15,143
National Levy	\$15,013	\$14,587	\$19,175	\$16,231	\$20,116	\$28,516	\$17,518	\$23,355	\$30,748	\$4,653
Telephone	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,304	\$4,501	\$3,855	\$3,820	\$3,954	\$4,542
Website Design, O&M	\$683	\$519	\$554	\$7,400						

Since FY11 GEMS have provided secretariat services including financial services to Stormwater NSW. These services continued in FY15 and continue to be provided to Stormwater NSW in a highly professional manner.

## 2014/2015 STORMWATER NSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The major sources of income disclose the following trends:

- Individual memberships for FY15 fell slightly in comparison to FY14;
- The corporate memberships for FY15 increased slightly in comparison to FY14;
- Overall the membership income declined slightly by \$398.
- After membership revenue seminars and conferences were the next largest sources of income for FY15;
- Stormwater NSW did not receive any grants but did receive limited miscellaneous income in FY15.

The maintenance in membership fees as a major source of income reflects the level of effort expended by GEMS and the timely manner in which membership renewals have been issued and the effort expended in following up renewals.

Another trend has been the decline in the NSW Conference as a major source of income which is a reflection of the challenges in attracting attendees to our conference in an increasingly crowded calendar and a reflection of financial constraints faced by some members.

The major expenses disclose the following trends:

- The National Levy remains a significant ongoing expense although the levy now more accurately reflects actual membership numbers; and
- The cost of secretariat services were slightly higher than FY14.

The Stormwater NSW financial reserves include two separate term deposits as follows.

**Term Deposit No. 1**

Balance as at 10th November, 2014 - \$34,119.01 plus interest \$1,125.93  
Total \$35,244.94 to mature on 10 November 2015

**Term Deposit No. 2**

\$35,870.41 which matured on 13th June, 2015. This was rolled over into a new term deposit which matures on 12 April 2016.

GEMS is highly commended for the timely, detailed and accurate financial reporting that the Committee continues to receive. The accounts have been audited and the auditor report is attached.

The financial challenges for Stormwater NSW in the coming financial year include:

- Maintain and through demonstrated benefits increase our membership;
- Maintain Stormwater NSW Seminars as an ongoing source of income ie. to reduce our reliance on our annual conference and/or the National Conference as a primary source of income;
- In FY16 the NSW conference will be held jointly with the 9<sup>th</sup> International WSUD Conference and the 3<sup>rd</sup> National IECA Conference and the challenge will be to ensure a financial return to Stormwater NSW by attracting a significant number of attendees.

The Committee is of the view that Stormwater NSW is sound financially and continues to successfully trade and meet its statutory obligations.



Dr Brett C Phillips  
Treasurer, Stormwater Industry Association of NSW Inc.

11 August 2015