



STORMWATER NEW SOUTH WALES

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2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
9.00 am – 9.45 am – Thursday, 20th August 2020
Via Zoom Video

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Alan Benson – Water NSW
Andrew Thomas - Aurecon
Brett C Phillips - Cardno
Murray Powell – Optimal Stormwater
Andrew McMillan - Civille
Anna Thompson – McGregor Coxall
David Nixon – Stormwater Sydney
James Gibson – NW Surveys
Jocelyn Ellero - SMEC
Kristy Good – Blacktown City Council
Maria Pinto – Camden Council
Nerida Taylor – Sydney Water
Nigel Bosworth - GHD
Peter Bennett - Baramy
Pramod Janardharan – Sydney Water
Prue Tucker – Mid Coast Council
Robert Chesterfield - SPEL
Ruby Arden – Northern Beaches Council
Sarah Joyce – Sydney Coastal Councils Group
Stephanie Kermode – Sydney Water

APOLOGIES

Jeremy Brown – Ocean Protect
Andre Magar – SPE:

PROXY

Andre Magar to Andrew Thomas

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1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Alan Benson, President of Stormwater NSW, welcomed Association members attending the 2020 AGM and declared the meeting open at 9.17 am.

2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST 2019

Motion: That the Minutes of the last AGM (August 2019) be ratified:

Moved: Andrew Thomas
Seconded: Pramod Janardhanan

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

GEMS declared that there was no correspondence arising from the Annual General Meeting held in August 2019.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Stormwater NSW started the year by setting some long-term goals that we felt would enhance the value we offer our members. We felt that by growing and broadening membership we could add value to the industry by demonstrating how integral the management of stormwater is to our way of life.

To deliver on our goals we concluded we needed to be more active in social media offering quality postings and interactions with our members and the broader community (e.g.

<http://stormwaterNSW.asn.au/great-education-animation-where-does-stormwater-go/>). To that end we have grown our LinkedIn following to 2,100 followers. I invite you to connect with us through LinkedIn and follow our content more closely

We took a conscious decision to partner with Ocean Protect to actively lobbying for change (<https://zerolittertooocean.com.au/>). We sought:

1. Compulsory Regulated maintenance for all public and privately-owned stormwater treatment systems
2. A legal requirement that all new public and private developments fit and maintain effective stormwater treatment systems
3. A requirement that all existing developments fit and maintain effective stormwater treatment systems if they are not present
4. A removal of the cap on the stormwater "levy" to enable local councils to adequately fund stormwater management

Through continued effort we have established dialogue with State and Federal representatives including the Prime Ministers office, advisors to The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for the Environment and the offices of The Hon Trevor Evans MP, Assistant Minister for Waste Management and the Environment and The Hon Matthew Kean MP, NSW Minister for Energy and the Environment.

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We were also very heartened by announcements from City of Ryde, City of Sydney, Burwood Council and Northern Beaches Council that they had set the lofty goal of **Zero Litter to Ocean by 2030**. I'd like to offer my congratulations to these councils for this strong commitment to the environment and encourage other councils to follow in their footsteps.²¹

We established Memoranda of Understanding with the University of New South Wales and the Sydney Institute of Marine Science. These relationships have enabled us to improve our keynote speakers at Stormwater NSW events and will improve our education and training offerings in the future. Despite issues such as the summer floods and COVID-19, I am proud to say that the team has stepped up, with a successful webinar series on WSUD in July that saw us peak with over 350 participants. We plan to continue to deliver similar seminars into the new financial year.

Our Operation and Maintenance Manual was formally released in June and we continue to get strong enquiries about training offered to around the content of the Manual. I commend the manual to all in stormwater community and encourage you to get hold of a copy. I am confident it will assist you to understand your operation and maintenance more fully and provide you with the tools to get the best from your proprietary devices.

Finally, I'd like to thank the members of the Stormwater NSW Committee for volunteering their time and expertise. Your efforts are valued by me and the Executive, but more importantly by our members. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Motion: That the President's Report be adopted.

Moved: Andrew Thomas

Seconded: Jocelyn Ellero

Vote: 14 for 4 Abstained

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements are included in the 2020 Stormwater NSW Annual Report which will be available on the Stormwater NSW website following the AGM. Dr Brett Phillips, Treasurer of Stormwater NSW, provided an overview of the audited financial reports for 2019-2020.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be confirmed.

Moved: Murray Powell

Seconded: Peter Bennett

Vote: 18 For 1 Abstained

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS

A term of a committee member is two years and half of the committee stand for re-election each year while the other half's term is continued until the following year.

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Action Arising from Non- attendance at Committee Meetings

All members must attend at least 80% of meetings (Committee and Sub Committee Meetings) to be eligible for the Committee the following year.

There were no members seeking re-election who have fallen under the previous requirement of 60% attendance for the 2019 – 2020 year.

The following serving members have not nominated for the Stormwater NSW Committee for the 2020/2021 year.

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| 1. Peter Gillam (AECOM) | Category: Engineer |
| 2. Peter Bennett (Baramy) | Category: Manufacturer |

Appointment to the Committee for 2020/2021

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

The following committee members were not required to renominate:

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| 1. Kristy Good (Blacktown Council) | Category: Local Government |
| 2. Alan Benson (Water NSW) | Category: State Government |
| 3. Nigel Bosworth (GHD) | Category: Engineer |
| 4. Beth Salt (Georges River Combined Councils) | Category: Local Government (Maternity Leave) |
| 5. Nerida Taylor (Sydney Water) | Category: Water Authority |
| 6. Pramod Janardhanan (Sydney Water) | Category: Water Authority |
| 7. Andre Magar (SPEL) | Category: Manufacturer |
| 8. Jeremy Brown (Ocean Protect) | Category: Manufacturer |
| 9. Jocelyn Ellero (SMEC) | Category: Engineer |
| 10. Anna Thompson (McGregor Coxall) | Category: Surveyor |

The following nominations for the 2020 – 2021 Committee were tabled at the meeting:

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| 1. Brett Phillips (Cardno) | Category: Practitioner |
| 2. Murray Powell (Optimal Stormwater) | Category: Consultant |
| 3. Andrew Thomas (Aurecon) | Category: Scientist |
| 4. Andrew McMillan (Civille) | Category: Engineer |
| 5. Ruby Ardern (Northern Beaches Council) | Category: Local Government |
| 6. Stephanie Kermode (Sydney Water) | Category: Water Authority |
| 7. Sarah Joyce (Sydney Coastal Councils Group) | Category: Other |
| 8. Maria Pinto (Camden Council) | Category: Local Government |

As the nominations received were not greater than the number of members required to fill the vacant positions, all nominations were accepted.

Each committee member should be reminded that there is an expectation from every committee member that they be actively involved in a Sub Committees, which involves approximately 4 hours per week on average.

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Resolution: That the 8 nominations for the 2020/2021 Stormwater NSW Committee be accepted for a period of 2 years.

Move: Andrew Thomas
Second: Murray Powell

Vote: 18 For 0 Against 0 Abstained

Nomination of Office Bearers

Nominations were tabled for the Management Committee positions.

- Alan Benson nominated for the position of President unopposed
- Andrew Thomas and Jeremy Brown nominated for the two vice president roles unopposed
- Brett Phillips nominated for the position of Treasurer unopposed
- Murray Powell nominated for the position of Secretary unopposed

As the nominations for executive positions did not out number the available positions, it was moved that the Management Committee of Stormwater NSW for 2020/2021 be approved

Moved: Andrew Thomas
Seconded: Murray Powell

Vote: 18 for 0 against

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Resolution: That E H Tan be reappointed as auditors for the Stormwater NSW for 2020/2021

Moved: Alan Benson
Seconded: Brett Phillips

Vote: 18 for 0 Against

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Alan Benson, President of Stormwater NSW, congratulated Peter Bennett, Brett Phillips and Murray Powell for their long-standing contribution to Stormwater NSW and conferred Life Membership upon each of these committee members.

Peter Bennett advised that he has decided to step down from the Committee for a period of 12 months due to his ongoing work with the Rural Fire Service and involvement in the Royal Commission into the January 2020 bushfires.

Peter Bennett, Murray Powell and Brett Phillips thanked the committee for the provision of Life Membership status.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting for Stormwater NSW will be held in August 2021.

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11. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President Alan Benson closed the meeting at 9.43 am.

These minutes form a true record of the business of Stormwater NSW Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 20th August 2020

Prepared by: Julie McGraw, GEMS Event Management Australia
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