



STORMWATER NEW SOUTH WALES

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2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
9.00 am – 9.30 am – Thursday, 26th August 2021
Via Zoom Video

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Aditi Verma – Camden Council
Alan Benson – Water NSW
Andre Magar – SPEL
Andrew McMillan - Civille
Andrew Thomas - Aurecon
Asad Suman – Canterbury Bankstown Council
Ben Penhallurick – Blacktown Council
Beth Salt – Georges Riverkeeper
Brett C Phillips - Cardno
David Nixon – Stormwater Sydney
David Nixon – Stormwater Sydney
Gerry Quinn – Kingspan
Ian Berthon – Woillondilly Council
Jeremy Brown – Ocean Protect
Jesse Brown – Total Drain Cleaning
Juri Jung – WaterNSW
Maria Pinto – Camden Council
Melissa Graham – Interflow
Mitchell Zampetides – Stormwater Sydney
Murray Powell – Optimal Stormwater
Nerida Taylor – Sydney Water
Nigel Bosworth - GHD
Peter Bennett - Baramy
Robert Bulleen – Stormwater Sydney
Ruby Arden – Northern Beaches Council
Sarah Ashrafi – Interflow
Surajit Borkakoty – Interflow

APOLOGIES

Stephanie Kermode – Sydney Water

Jocelyn Ellero - SMEC

PROXYS

No proxies provided for the 2021 Annual General Meeting

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Alan Benson, President of Stormwater NSW, welcomed Association members attending the 2021 AGM and declared the meeting open at 9.03 am.

2. APOLOGIES

Stephanie Kermode – Sydney Water
Jocelyn Ellero - SMEC

3. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST 2020

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2020 Stormwater Annual General Meeting held on the 20th August, 2020 be ratified:

Moved: Andrew Thomas
Seconded: Andre Magar

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

GEMS declared that there was no correspondence arising from the Annual General Meeting held in August 2020.

6. 2021 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For many 2021 has been a difficult and frustrating year. Stormwater NSW has had its challenges with COVID being a constant consideration. However, it has had some positives for us as well. Virtual technology has helped us to become much more inclusive. We've been able to successfully include regional members into our conversations and event. And our hope is we can attract some new committee members into the committee in August.

The virtual environment meant that many organisations and associations have moved their training and seminars online and have provided these as free offerings to members and non-members alike. We have followed suit, but this has meant that one of our key revenue sources has taken a hit. We have worked to replace that revenue and offering training in our Operations and Maintenance Manual has come to the fore in this space. We have offered training in NSW, Queensland and Victoria this year.

Our advocacy efforts have continued with contact with Ministerial Offices and Shadow Ministers. We have also expanded our efforts by seeking to coordinate with other groups that have a keen interest in the health of iconic waterways around Sydney. We have been successful in bringing in the Parramatta

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River Catchment Group, the Cooks River Alliance and the George's Riverkeeper as partners in our general advocacy efforts

We have also sought to broaden our reach by embracing allied professionals and communities that have similar concerns about our future, resilience and climate change adaption. To this end we are proud to be the convenors of **franc.sydney 2022**.

We have raised the profile of our social media offerings again this year. Our Stormwater NSW LinkedIn page following has increased by more than 189 followers this year and currently sits at 2493 contacts. Finally, I'd like to thank the members of the Stormwater NSW Committee for volunteering their time and expertise. Despite the difficulties presented by COVID, you continue to ensure that our members get full value for their membership.

Motion: That the 2021 President's Report be adopted.

Moved: Andrew Thomas
Seconded: Andre Magar

Vote: 25 For 2 Abstained - Carried

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements are included in the 2021 Stormwater NSW Annual Report which will be available on the Stormwater NSW website following the AGM and are included as Appendix A to these minutes. Dr Brett Phillips, Treasurer of Stormwater NSW, provided an overview of the audited financial reports for 2020-2021.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be confirmed.

Moved: Alan Benson
Seconded: Peter Bennett

Vote: 20 For 7 Abstained

8. CHANGES TO THE RULES OF ASSOCIATION

The proposed amendments to the Stormwater NSW Rules of Association are shown below in blue. The President explained the reason for the amendments to attendees at the AGM.

- Change clause 3.2.2 to add an additional office bearer as follows:
 - 3.2.2. The office-bearers of the association are to be:
 - 3.2.2.a. the President;
 - 3.2.2.b. the Vice-President;
 - 3.2.2.c. the Treasurer;
 - 3.2.2.d. the Secretary;
 - 3.2.2.e. the Immediate Past President (for a period of 1 year after resigning the role of President).
- Change clause 3.4 and it's sub-clauses to read
- 3.4. President / Vice-President/**Immediate Past President**

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- 3.4.1. It is the duty of the President to:
 - 3.4.1.a. act as chairperson at any meetings specified under these rules and provide leadership in achieving association objectives; and
 - 3.4.1.b. represent the association members and committee at meetings and functions other than those specified in these rules.
- 3.4.2. It is the duty of the Vice-President to:
 - 3.4.2.a. carry out the duties of the President if requested or required in the President's absence; and
 - 3.4.2.b. provide general assistance to the President.
- 3.4.3. It is the duty of the Immediate Past President to:
 - 3.4.3.a. provide general assistance to the President and Vice Presidents;
 - 3.4.3.b. carry out the duties allocated by the President if required or required.

Motion: That the amendments proposed to include the role of the Immediate Past President be incorporated into the Stormwater NSW Rules of Association.

Moved: Peter Bennett

Seconded: Murray Powell

Vote: 25 For 0 Against - Carried

9. 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.

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 2021/2022 year.

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| 1. Kristy Good (Blacktown Council) | Category: Local Government |
| 2. Pramod Janardhanan (Sydney Water) | Category: Water Authority |
| 3. Nigel Bosworth (GHD) | Category: Engineer |

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Appointment to the Committee for 2021/2022

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. Brett Phillips (Cardno) | Category: Practitioner |
| 2. Murray Powell (Optimal Stormwater) | Category: Consultant |
| 3. Andrew Thomas (Blacktown City Council) | Category: Local Government |
| 4. Andrew McMillan (Civille) | Category: Engineer |
| 5. Ruby Ardren (Alluvium) | Category: Consultant |
| 6. Stephanie Kermode (Sydney Water) | Category: Water Authority |
| 7. Maria Pinto (Camden Council) | Category: Local Government |

The following nominations for the 2021 – 2022 Committee were tabled at the meeting:

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| 1. Alan Benson (Water NSW) | Category: State Government |
| 2. Beth Salt (Georges Riverkeeper) | Category: Local Government |
| 3. Nerida Taylor (Sydney Water) | Category: Water Authority |
| 4. Andre Magar (SPEL) | Category: Engineer |
| 5. Jeremy Brown (Stormwater360) | Category: Manufacturer |
| 6. Jocelyn Ellero (SMEC) | Category: Engineer |
| 7. Anna Thompson (McGregor Coxall) | Category: Surveyor |
| 8. Sarah Ashrafi (Interflow) | Category: Contractor |
| 9. Gerry Quinn (Kingspan) | Category: Manufacturer |
| 10. Ben Penhallurick (Blacktown Council) | Category: Local Government |
| 11. Mitchell Zampetides (Stormwater Sydney) | Category: Tradesman |
| 12. Jesse Brown (Total Drain Cleaning Group) | Category: Asset Maintenance |

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.

Resolution: That the 12 nominations for the 2021/2022 Stormwater NSW Committee be accepted for a period of 2 years.

Move: Andrew Thomas
Second: Murray Powell

Vote: 27 For 0 Against - Carried

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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 2021/2022 be approved

Moved: Beth Salt
Seconded: Murray Powell

Vote: 27 For 0 Against - Carried

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Resolution: That E H Tan be reappointed as auditors for the Stormwater NSW for 2021/2022

Moved: Alan Benson
Seconded: Brett Phillip

Vote: 27 For 0 Against - Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

No General Business

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting for Stormwater NSW will be held in August 2022.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President Alan Benson closed the meeting at 9.41 am.

These minutes form a true record of the business of Stormwater NSW 2021 Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 26th August, 2021

Prepared by: Julie McGraw, GEMS Event Management Australia
Date: Thursday, 26th August, 2021