

National Parks Association of the ACT Inc

General Meeting Minutes

held as a Zoom webinar on Thursday, 18 June 2020, 8:00 pm

1. Welcome

President Esther Gallant welcomed about 25 members, and especially Life Members, to the webinar and paid respects to the traditional custodians of the land and their elders, past and present. Apologies had been received from Cynthia Burton, Adrienne Nicholson and Debbie Worner.

2. Announcements

Esther announced that with the lifting of some of the COVID-19 restrictions NPA's outings program had started again. Planned walks will be progressively posted online, where the NPA guidelines based on the relevant ACT Government rules for continued physical distancing and health are also publicised.

She informed members that monthly work parties are also being planned by the work party convener, Martin Chalk, in consultation with the Parks Service. The first work party will be held on Saturday, 27 June. The committee hopes that some new members will boost the numbers at these work parties. Any members who would like to support these activities but cannot participate in the actual work are encouraged to give donations specifically for work party expenses.

3. Vote on a change to the NPA Constitution

The NPA ACT is in the process of streamlining its procedures for members of the public to become financial members of the association and to enable potential new members to apply and pay for their NPA membership online. Also, NPA memberships can be renewed online.

A minor change to the NPA Constitution is part of this process and the following special resolution was put to the membership:

'That this general meeting of the National Parks Association of the ACT inc. accept the following changes to sub-rule 10.5 of the NPA Constitution:

Delete the current provision that members joining between 1 January and 31 March pay half the subscription for the current financial year in paragraph (b).

In paragraph (a) add that annual subscription for new members is to be paid for the financial year on the date of acceptance.

The exception for members joining between 1 April and 30 June in paragraph (c) becomes paragraph (b).

The new sub-rule 10.5 will become:

(5) The annual subscription is payable -

(a) except as provided by paragraph (b), on 1 July in any calendar year, or on the date of acceptance of a new member;

(b) where a person becomes a member between 1 April and 30 June, that person shall pay the annual subscription which shall cover the period up to the end of the succeeding financial year.'

The motion was approved unanimously by the meeting.

4. Presentation by Life Member Chris Emery - *Travelling in style to the Flinders Ranges*

Esther welcomed Chris who gave a presentation with maps and excellent photographs taken on his and Sabine's motorhome trip in November 2019 including informative comments on the various towns and areas they visited on their way to and from South Australia. Audience members appreciated the slow slide turnover although Chris found it frustrating.

Esther thanked Chris and photographer Sabine for the presentation and encouraged questions from members who recalled their previous trips in the areas Chris and Sabine had recently visited.

Esther declared the meeting closed at approximately 9:30 pm.

Chair: Date: