



Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of AGM

Held on the 26TH March 2026 at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Beecroft.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

- 1. Attendance: 42 as per head count including the guest speaker.**
- 2. Apologies: As reported by the President and Secretary**
- 3. Guest Speaker – The meeting was addressed by Professor Alistair Sproul (UNSW) who provided a most informative talk on photovoltaics and renewable energy. The President presented the speaker with a gift.**
- 4. A question-and-answer session was held.**
- 5. No Business arose from the minutes of the 2025 AGM.**
- 6. The minutes of the previous AGM was adopted unanimously.**
- 7. Reports**
 - Ross Walker presented the**
 - President's report as well as the Development and Bushland report**
 - Ross also advised the meeting that neither Michael McAuley nor Glynn Rogers would be nominating for committee for the upcoming year. Ross thanked both for their service to the Trust.**
 - Ross tabled the Treasurer's report which showed a surplus for the year of \$1,188.85. Ross also informed the meeting that 2025 was the first year that the Beecroft Cheltenham History Group's (BCHG) financials had been integrated into those of the Civic Trust.**
 - Brief verbal reports were presented on the following**
 - Friends of AHIMSA by Ross**
 - BCHG by Carol Liston**
 - The M2 Action Group (M2RAG) by Ray Gerke**

Committee: Ross Walker (President), Bill Rankine (Secretary & Treasurer), Gail Crossley, Michael McAuley, Nina Mital, Tim Abrams (Vice President), Glynn Rogers, Brian Shirley (E-News/IT Coordinator), Carol Liston (Beecroft Cheltenham History Group), Neil Maniar & Ray Gerke.

- **Ross advised that life membership had been awarded to Deirdree Wallwork for her services to the Trust. Brian Shirley collected the award on Deirdree's behalf.**

8. A Special Resolution to amend the constitution of the Trust was presented to members. The presence of the quorum of 30 members required for voting to proceed on the Special Resolution was confirmed. Ross explained that the amendments were to integrate the BCHG aims and objectives into the constitution and also align the constitution with the model required by the NASW Department of Fair Trading. The resolution was passed by members unanimously.

9. Election of officers.

The President vacated the chair and Judith Dawes; President Epping Civic Trust assumed the Chair as Returning Officer. (RO)

There being no further nominations, the RO declared the following nominations elected:

Tim Abrams, Gail Crossley, Nina Mital, Bill Rankine, Carol Liston, Brian Shirley, Ross Walker, Neil Maniar, Ray Gerke and a new committee member: Bindi Shah. Office bearers would be appointed at the first meeting of the new committee.

10. Ross Walker resumed the Chair and sought comments and matters of interest from those in attendance.

Verity Greenwood, Hornsby Shire Councillor, Ward C, provided brief comments on some Council matters of interest.

Phillip Vassallo, resident, provided some commentary to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm and supper was served.

Signed as a true record.

Ross Walker, President.