

Australian Architecture Association Inc

Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting

30 June 2009 at 6.00pm

Held at the offices of Harry Seidler & Associates, 2 Glen Street, Milsons Point

Present:

James Grose (President and Chair), Wendy Lewin, Brian Suters, Joseph Paonessa, Tony Robinson, Luisa Manfredini, Melonie Bayl-Smith, Kooi-Ying Mah, David McCrae (Secretary), Vincent Lam, Dan MacKenzie, Dany Khoury, Penelope Seidler, Michael McCormick, Ray Brown, Leslea Brown, Budiman Hardjono, Ruth McColl, Terence Yong, Vivianne Marston, Angelo Candalepas, Annette Dearing (Director and Treasurer), and David Cochrane (auditor).

Apologies:

Alex Popov, Annie Har, Ben Gerstel, Bill Duncan, Bud Brannigan, Craig McLennan, Gerard Murtagh, Gerard Reinmuth, Gerry Rihs, Glenn Murcutt, Gregory Norman, Ian Heran, Ian Oelrichs, Jacinta Reedy, James Quoye, John Doyle, Joseph Skrzynski, Kim Crestani, Manu Siitonen, Misho Vasiljevich, Phil Waite, Ridley Smith, Rob Adams, Rosemary Kirkby, Toni Ford,

1. Welcome

James Grose welcomed everybody to the fifth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Architecture Association, and then called on David McCrae to read the apologies.

2. Apologies

David McCrae read the apologies list.

3. Confirm the minutes of the 4th AGM held on 30 June 2008

James Grose advised the meeting that the Minutes of the fourth AGM were circulated electronically with the Notice of this meeting to members.

He called for any questions about those minutes.

As there were no questions James called for a mover for the resolution that the minutes of the AAA's 4th Annual General Meeting held on 13 May 2008, be adopted.

Moved David Bare that the Minutes of the AAA's 4th Annual General Meeting be adopted, seconded by Vincent Lam.

The resolution was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

4. AAA – the fifth year – Report by President

James Grose read the Presidents report to the meeting:

The AAA has established a growing programme of architectural tours in Sydney and Newcastle.

White Tours, Black Talks, the annual Customs House Exhibition, and the Sydney Architecture Festival in partnership with the RAI and NSW Architects Registration Board that marks World Architecture Day and World Habitat Day.

This continues to realise the AAA's aim to make architecture accessible and interesting to as many people as possible, and would be impossible without the selfless contribution of our volunteer tour leaders.

The tax deductible status was one of the benefits obtained from the inclusion of the AAA on the Federal Government's Register of Cultural Organisations, the first time an organisation concerned with architecture has been recognised in the cultural sphere.

Funding continues to be the big issue - increased funding will enable the AAA to employ people to raise more funds, increase marketing and expand the AAA programme beyond NSW.



These activities position the AAA as an important cultural organisation that is inclusive in its membership, become the place where architecture is appreciated, studied, understood and valued by all.

Strategic achievements:

- Inclusion on the Federal Government's Register of Cultural Organisations
- Initiating the Sydney Architecture Festival

Key partnerships:

- Bluescope Steel
- Customs House
- Powerhouse Museum - Sydney Design 08
- Tribal Warrior Association
- Royal Australian Institute of Architects NSW Chapter
- NSW Architects Registration Board

Fundraising

City of Sydney Cultural grants
Annual fundraising event - Blue
Developing tour leaders
Sculpture of City Architecture
Tour Leaders NIDA training day
Tour leaders annual appreciation event

Community involvement:

175 tours conducted in 2008
10,000 people have participated in AAA talks and tours of architecture
4,500 people participated in the inaugural Sydney Architecture Festival
85% of tour participants are non-architects
90% of new members are non-architects
600 people included on the 'Send more information' data base
Feedback forms indicate a high level of satisfaction with the AAA tours

Continuing to build a stimulating programme of activities to realise our mission has taken up most of the resources of our young organisation in 2008

The public's response to the tours continues to inspire.

We are meeting a demand in the community for more information about their built environment.

Nothing would be possible without the enormous amount of time put in by our Volunteer Tour Leaders, in both Sydney and Newcastle, who together with some of our notable architects, led all the tours staged by the AAA in 2008:

A special thanks to those wonderful people who developed and delivered all the AAA tours in 2008. Newcastle Volunteer Leaders: Brian Suters, Linda Babic, John Carr, Garry Jones, Stuart Campbell, Adrian Hill, Liz Thwaites and Gael Davies and AAA Co-ordinator Newcastle, Sue Rodgers.

Sydney Volunteer Leaders: Vincent Lam (Chair), Luisa Manfredini, Terence Yong, David McCrae, Helen Hutson, Jane Brennan, Janine Campbell, Kerry Gallagher, Marita Kreipke, Michael MacCormick, Porus Bharucha, Susan Kim, Thai Loi, Vanessa Couzens, Ali Stynes and Muffi Barbour.

Notable Architect Leaders: Tone Wheeler, Ben Gerstel, Nick Hollo, Philip Thalys, Gevork Hartoonian, Richard Leplastrier.

The other special thanks goes to Bluescope Steel for their continuing support and invaluable contribution.

Through David Bare and Manu Siitonen, Bluescope Steel have provided advice on many issues that has enabled AAA to gain maximum output from minimal resources.

Our hardworking Directors have been the AAA's drivers in these formative years.

Their passion, dedication and skills have ensured the implementation of our programme of activities.

We look forward to contributing to the ongoing development of the public's interest in architecture.

5. Election of office bearers and committee members

James Grose reported that nominations for the AAA Committee were called for and a nomination form circulated with the notice of this meeting to all members of the AAA.

He called on David McCrae to report on the nominations.

David McCrae advised that thirteen financial members of the AAA have been correctly nominated, they are: Glenn Murcutt, Wendy Lewin, Penelope Seidler, James Grose, Richard Johnson, Vincent Lam, Gerard Reinmuth, Rosemary Kirkby, Gerard Reinmuth, Angelo Candalepas, Robert Bevan, Liane Rossler and David McCrae.

James Grose then noted that as the nominations fit in with the Committee structure, the nominees are declared duly elected until the end of the next AGM in 2010.

6. Adoption of 2008 Financial Accounts

James Grose reported that the accounts for the fifth year of operation have been audited and circulated to all members together with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

The auditor David Cochrane was present to answer questions, along with Annette Dearing.

As there were no further questions he called for a mover and seconder to put the motion adopting the 2008 accounts.

Moved Wendy Lewin that the 2008 Financial Accounts of the Australian Architecture Association Incorporated as circulated to AAA members be accepted, seconded Budiman Hardjono.

The resolution was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

7. General Business

James Grose called for any items of General Business.

As there was no further business to discuss, David McCrae called the meeting to a close at 6.45pm, thanked everyone for their attendance and support, and invited them to have a drink.