



VINC AGM 2023

Saturday 27TH May

12:30 pm

Gleeson Centre, Darebin Parklands, Separation Street, Alphington

Or via MS TEAMS – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Light refreshments will be provided

Agenda

12.30pm	Welcome and acknowledgment of country
12.35pm	Confirmation of the minutes of the 2022 AGM
12.40pm	Board director elections
12.45pm	Presentation of Financial Statements and Nursery Managers Report on operations
1:15PM	VINC Board report
1.30pm	Guest speaker: Chris Tabuteau (team leader - Green St Revegetation Group). <i>Chris represents an Ivanhoe-based residents' group who have been actively revegetating a large parcel of land behind their properties, adjacent to Darebin Ck, for nearly 15 years</i>
2.00pm	Close and refreshments

VINC 2022 AGM Minutes

Date	Saturday 4 June 2022
Time	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Location	Video Conference
Invitees	Board: Caroline Sheehan (Chair), Susan Stanes, Andreas Wenzel, Georgina de Beaujeu, Robert McMillan, Michael Ballock (Secretary) Management: Mark Hursch, Naomie Sunner Members Rhys Dale, Mary-Ann Townend, Helen Shannos, Elizabeth MacKenzie, Rowena Scheffer
Apologies	Liz Gibson, Susan Spiers, Jan Chandler, Joan Higgins, Dean Smart, Marcus Seal, Brad Miles, Kate Ashton, Sarah Kendall, Veronica Foster, Jane Rudman, Patrick Joyce, Tim Budge, Vince Andreana, Di Gilbert & Steve Martin, Marg Allen, Mary Macmillan, Kevin McCoy, Najla Atmaja, Roosalie Jacobs, Joan Shotade, Jika Jika Community Centre, Jenny Harrington, R Doherty

1. Minutes

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<p>1. Welcome and acknowledgement of country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Minutes of the previous AGM confirmed No conflicts of interest were declared No other business was raised
<p>2. Actions from previous meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no matters arising
<p>3. Annual financial report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial reports were presented to the <p>Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net profit approximately \$28k Builds on a number of successful years and enables investment in the enterprise VINC is a labour intensive enterprise so employee benefits are high and this year there was significant expenditure in wages due to staff illness and backfilling acting roles. There has been investment in VINC this year (e.g. rat cages and benches) <p>There were no questions</p>
<p>5. Annual Nursery Manager's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Manager thanked the staff especially Naomie Sunner who took on the Acting Nursery Manager role Space is an issue which is impacting on VINC's ability to supply a fast-growing market Activities did not change a whole lot Most of what VINC grows is rare and threatened species, particularly ground flora. VINC has been involved in a number of regeneration projects such as rewilding Darebin and the Glenroy level crossing removal The Co-operative has 770 members We grew 243 plant species The nursery sold almost 336,500 tubes and 59,000 Hiko cells to both retail and trade customers throughout 2021. Income from retail plant sales decreased by 8% from that of 2020 however it bettered forecast by 9% and was still almost 16% higher than the pre-pandemic year of 2019. Wildflowers and smaller shrubs overshadowed sales of all other plant forms in retail. 2021 was a disruptive yet productive year in propagation Our 25 year old propagation igloo was dismantled and replaced with a larger, more fit for purpose structure, which caters for the varied requirements of both seed and cutting grown stock. While collecting from both remnant and revegetated sites provides most of our seed, our in-house seed production areas (SPAs) have continued to supply us with harder to source seed of numerous species and are a vital contribution to securing VINC's future seed supply. Our volunteer program in 2021 was disrupted due to numerous lockdowns. However, in between lockdowns our volunteers returned eager to assist us with propagation, retail stock management and yard work. In addition, we recruited extra volunteers over the summer of 2021/2022 Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The membership numbers remain steady at around 770 members 33% of memberships received last year were renewals 10% of members are Trade members 4% of members are Community & Friends groups

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- The Retail staff have done an excellent job promoting the membership which has contributed to keeping membership numbers steady

5. Election

- In accordance with the Rules all directors resigned
- Nominations for the Board were received from
 - Caroline Sheehan
 - Susan Stanes
 - Georgina de Beaujeu
 - Robert McMillan
 - Michael Ballock
 - Rhys Dale
 - Natasha Freeman
 - Orlando Gibson
- As there were six vacancies and eight nominations were received an election was required. In the notice of the AGM, members were invited to vote online prior to the meeting and those present were able to vote by ballot
- The Chair and Secretary counted the votes during the presentation by the guest speaker. As a result, the following were elected to the Board:
 - Caroline Sheehan
 - Susan Stanes
 - Georgina de Beaujeu
 - Robert McMillan
 - Michael Ballock
 - Rhys Dale
- Caroline Sheehan was appointed by the Board as Chair.
- Michael Ballock was appointed by the Board as Secretary.

6. Close

- The meeting closed at 2:00

7. Guest speaker

- Lawrence Pope, President of Friends of Bats and Bushcare to discuss *conservation of flying foxes in Yarra Bend Park*