

**Beaumaris Modern Inc  
2019 Annual General Meeting**



**Wednesday 30 October 2019, Beaumaris Bowls Club**

**Minutes**

**Meeting opened: 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Fiona Austin (President), Annie Price (Vice President), Jamie Paterson (Treasurer), Jason Davidson (Secretary), Mike Ostapchuk, Justin Hocking, Anne Conomy, Keith Sheedy, Lindy Tribe, Sue McIvor, Fiona Flint, Jackie Fish, James Stephenson, Vibeke Stisen, Carlie Fraser, Judith Kerr, Letitia Green, Keara Foley, David Conomy, Nicolette Niewoudt, Arne Grosskopf, Denise Rook, Robert Hardwood, Christine Henderson, Laura Beilby, Jo Pritchard, Ian Wong, Ruby Wingrove, Max Verberne, Keith Beard, Nancy De Keijzer

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**1. Apologies**

Peter Maddison, Brad Hooper, Pam Saunders, Jennie Kavanagh, Pamela Dowsing, Elenor Philpott, Polly Ostapchuk

**2. Ordinary Business**

**2.1. Confirmation of the minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**

Jason Davidson moved that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be taken as read. Annie Price seconded the motion. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

**2.2. 2019 Annual Reports**

**President's Report – Fiona Austin**

Since our last Annual General Meeting we have been very active...

Perhaps our most important role is advocating for protection of our significant mid-century architecture.

This is more important than ever with Bayside Council adopting a 'voluntary heritage approach' – for local heritage listing - but only in Beaumaris and Black Rock. Although many of our members have put their houses forward for protection, nothing has been announced or listed yet.

Our advocacy includes working with the National Trust and trying to educate and engage our local councillors on the importance of Beaumaris mid-century modern architecture. Recently the CEO and the chairman of the National Trust met with the planning minister, Richard Wynne and spoke of their concern of Bayside Councils voluntary approach to heritage and in particular the mid-century modern houses of Beaumaris and Black Rock, they also presented the minister with a copy of the Beaumaris Modern book.

Celebrating, educating and promoting the importance of preserving the mid-century architecture of Beaumaris

**President's Report – Cont.**

Beaumaris has roughly 5000 houses and we are keen to protect around 100 significant mid-century houses. There are still many of these houses under threat. Recently, a special Charles Bricknell designed house in original condition was sold at auction for \$1.9 million - for demolition. Yet a couple were very keen to buy the house to renovate and restore it – they missed out by \$5000. We are very sad that this is still happening – there are plenty of opportunities in Beaumaris for new builds – but please not by demolishing a significant MCM home.

We are very concerned about the Beaumaris Art Group Building, also designed by Charles Bricknell and under threat of demolition. Beaumaris Modern commissioned a citation and an application to Heritage Victoria for the building to be considered for state heritage listing. No answer yet. The building is significant for a number of reasons, it is part of a precinct of mid-century modern buildings around the library, it was a space used by many in the community for over 50 years, including some now famous artists. It is the only purpose-built architect designed art studio – still in continuous use in Victoria. We understand the building needs work, but we would like to see Bayside Council adopt an adaptive re-use approach – which is better for the environment and current thinking advised by heritage architects and specialists for significant mid-century buildings into the future. If you haven't already, please follow 'save BAG studios' on Facebook and sign the petition to save this wonderful building. If you are a member of the art group (or would like to sign up), please attend a consultation session on this building, on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> being held by council. Chat to us afterward for more information.

372 Beach Road 'The Abrahams' house has (for about the 4<sup>th</sup> time) the dreaded yellow sign up for yet another development proposal... this significant house is beautifully designed for its block of land and is of local significance. The development proposal includes demolishing this architect designed house for two units and removing significant trees in a VPO – so if you are inclined please take a form and fill in your objection to this development.

However, it's not all doom and gloom at Beaumaris Modern. We have just had a very successful Beaumaris OPEN house event with close to 600 attendees – we have had excellent feedback from the architecture community including heritage architects and bloggers as well as regular folk who are interested in and passionate about our unique mid-century modern architecture. This is our biggest fund raiser and allows us to budget for research, commission heritage architects to write citations and in the future, employ experts if we need to go to VCAT. We also plan to use some of our funds for updating the archive section of our website and creating our walking tour apps. This year we included a creative marketplace of local artists and food trucks.

Along with OPEN, we have once again, held two very successful events as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival – Our first ever walking tour which attracted 160+ people on a sunny Sunday to join us on an approx. 3km loop of our suburbs incredible MCM architecture.

And our panellist night 'Design Generation' in May, with the sons and daughters of our local talented architects, lighting designers, fashion designers and more. The esteemed panellists were Guy Brown, Sean and Chris Godsell, Lindy Tribe, Martin Bade, Peter Baird & Marc French. Moderated by the wonderful Emma Telfer from Open House Melbourne.

**President's Report – Cont.**

Upon Council's decision to opt for a voluntary heritage nomination scheme rather than a heritage study, we held a free information night in March 2019, with buyers' advocates, architects and real estate agents to answer the community's questions on what heritage protection actually means and entails. We invited Bayside Council to host this session or at least attend but unfortunately, they declined our invitation. We had a great turn out to this event but really feel council should have been the ones instigating and holding the event as there is much confusion still amongst the community on what heritage protection actually means and what it entails.

And of course, we topped off a great 2018 with our second 'Mid Mod Christmas party', this time with a live rockabilly band, Benny & the Flybynighters. The Bowls Club dance floor was pumping with a huge crowd and we were so grateful to celebrate our achievements throughout the year with our valued members and supporters.

On top of all that, representatives of Beaumaris Modern visited Beaumaris in Wales and met with council officers and other dignitaries to present a slide show and a copy of our book. We visited Canberra on a group tour and were shown around some incredible private homes and public buildings thanks to the hospitality of Canberra Modern. And a few of us visited the Roy Grounds home in Mt Eliza meeting Victoria Grounds and several other MCM representatives from Brisbane and Melbourne.

Our book 'Beaumaris Modern' is currently in its second print run. And we have just printed a range of beautiful art cards for sale here tonight.

It's been an incredible second year for us and it's hard to believe it's just two years!

We must thank the Bowls Club for their continued support and for hosting us again and again. Our sponsors Beaumaris Cellars, Beaumaris Books, The Mid-Century Store, Bad Shepherd Brewery, Rose & Clive Café, Toyworld Beaumaris and Dak Dak Café.

And a thank you to our tireless committee who give up countless hours of their free time to make all of this happen. A special shout out to Jason our secretary who has been with us since day one but is taking a well-deserved break to enjoy his third child! And to Annie, Jamie, Jo, Laura, Carlie, Christine, Polly, Robert, Jackie and Letitia... thank you for all you do and have done.

**Treasurer's Report – Jamie Paterson**

Jamie Paterson tabled the attached Financial Statement to members.

Jason Davidson moved that the 2019 Financial Statement be accepted. Fiona Austin seconded the motion. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

**2.3. Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of Committee**

Prior to the Annual General Meeting, nominations were received for 12 positions on the Committee of Management.

The number of nominations received for the Office Bearer positions of the Association was equal to the number of positions and the following people were deemed to be elected:

<b>President</b>	Fiona Austin
<b>Vice-President</b>	Annie Price
<b>Secretary</b>	Laura Beilby
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jackie Fish

**Ordinary Committee Members:**

The number of nominations received for the ordinary committee members was equal to the number of positions and the following people were deemed to be elected:

David Conomy, Carlie Fraser, Letitia Green, Robert Harwood, Christine Henderson, Jamie Paterson, Jo Pritchard, Polly Ostapchuk

**3. Special Business**

No special business was discussed.

**4. Meeting Closed – 8.00pm**