



## Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre

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### FSNLC 2020 AGM Minutes

Chair:	Emma King
Date:	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020
Time:	3:30pm
Location:	Via Teleconference
Present:	Emma King, Kate Mohay, Denize Hooton, Frank Dinoto, Wayne Berry, Raghu Nadath, Margaret Healy, Noel Newell, Rose Iser, Nicole Marshall, Cathy Connop, Di Phillips, Jo Kenny, Robbie Cottrill, Nofa Nizam, Manrico Moro, Chiemi Jardine, Guler Altunbas, Pip Mackey, Kathy Bocquet, Donald Wake
Apologies:	Jim Cusack, Carol Espinoza, Eda Irfan, Cliff Rundle, Adriana Nelli, Claudia Gonzalez-Diaz, Carolyn Webster, Mary Parfrey, Ange Courtenay, Linda Perugini
Guest Speaker:	The Hon. Danny Pearson, MP, Minister for Creative Industries

#### Welcome:

Emma welcomed all attendees to the AGM and on behalf of everyone, passed on her appreciation for Danny Pearson for being able to make the time to address the meeting.

#### Guest Speaker:

Danny Pearson acknowledged the difficult conditions as a result of COVID-19 impacting on all organisations and individuals during the year but spoke of the continued value of Farnham Street to the local community, providing support through a switch to online classes and the social contact plan to ensure the community remained connected. Farnham Street very much appreciated and thanked Danny for his address to the AGM.

#### Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 2019

The motion to approve the minutes of the 2019 AGM were moved by Emma and seconded by Frank.

#### FSNLC Annual Report:

The Farnham Street Annual Report for 2020 was completed and is available via this link:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/yntp/ojbg/>

### Chairperson's Report:

As noted in her report, Emma spoke of the extraordinary year that was 2020 and paid tribute to Farnham Street's commitment to deliver classes online and remain connected with community members. The contribution from all staff and volunteers and the exceptional leadership of Cathy is very much appreciated.

The motion to approve the Chairperson's Report was moved by Kate and seconded by Frank.

### Manager's Report:

Cathy also spoke of a challenging year for the Centre once the pandemic hit but transferring classes to online platforms and keeping connected to students through the Social Contact Plan ensured that as many programs as possible were still able to continue.

Cathy also noted the difficult decision to cease offering Accredited Training from 2021 but the Committee had undertaken a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of delivering accredited training and determined this was no longer financially viable for the Centre.

Farnham Street fortunately qualified for a range of Government financial supports to assist with the impacts of COVID.

Cathy acknowledged and thanked Centre staff for their support and commitment to continue to deliver programs and services to community members. Cathy also thanked the Management Committee for their continued support throughout the year.

The motion to approve the Manager's report was moved by Emma and seconded by Frank.

### Treasurer's Report:

Wayne provided an overview of the Treasurer's report.

He noted the key projects and grants providing funds for the Centre during the year and the Government COVID support payments contributing additional funding and enabling continuation of services. Overall, there was a net surplus for the financial year.

The motion to approve the Treasurer's report was moved by Emma and seconded by Frank.

### Nominations for Management Committee:

Nominations for the Management Committee were received from Wayne Berry and Noel Newell. The Chair thanked Wayne and Noel for their interest and looked forward to their contribution to Farnham Street.

Approval of the nominations was moved by Emma and seconded by Kate.

The Chair paid tribute to Raghu Nadath, Deputy Chair who had advised his resignation from the Committee, effective at the AGM. Emma noted the wise counsel Raghu consistently provided the Committee and particularly leading the assessment of accredited training and the support provided to Cathy during this time.

Meeting Close: 4:21pm