# **Special General Meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> May 2019
Weetangera Primary School
Minutes

The meeting opened at 2:00 pm.

#### Present:

Members: Barbara Allan ,Warren Bond, John Brannan (Coordinator), Pax, John Fitz Gerald, Denise Hall, Mike Hall, Margo Hellyer, Bob Hodgson, Gilbert Hughes, Grahame Muller, Elizabeth Smith, Len Taylor, Wendy Whitham, Alana Wilkes

Non-members: Marty Bajt (ParkCare Ranger, Parks and Conservation Service)

## Apologies:

Mark Hallam, Lesley Harland, Christian Stricker, Keith Thomas

#### **Welcome by the Convenor**

John Brannan welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He also acknowledged and paid respects to the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, their elders' past and present, who have cared for this part of the land from time immemorial.

Thanks were also extended to the Weetangera Primary School for enabling this meeting occur in their premises.

#### **Business**

John explained that this Special General Meeting was called to put proposals for amending fotpin's Management Rules to the members and explained that the Rules require a Special General Meeting called specifically for this purpose which was why it was not combined with the AGM being held on the same day.

In brief the changes to Rules 9, 10 and 11 were being proposed by the Committee to provide more flexibility for filling office-bearer positions and to merge the Convenor and Coordinator positions.

A <u>package of information</u> had been previously circulated to all members and made available on the fotpin web page outlining the reasons for the changes, the changes to be made and the Rules that govern Rule changes. Copies were also tabled at the meeting.

After a brief discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the "2 year rule", the following motions were put to the meeting:

**Motion 1:** (to remove the requirement that office bearers can only serve for a maximum of two consecutive years)

"That Rule 9(5) of fotpin's Management Rules be deleted."

Moved: John Brannan. Seconded: Wendy Whitham

## **Carried unanimously**

**Motion 2:** (to remove the Coordinator position and merge its functions with the Convenor position) "That fotpin's Management Rules be amended as follows:

- a. by the removal of "Coordinator" in Rule 9(1);
- b. by appending "(c) organise group activities at the Pinnacle Reserve, including equipment and training" to Rule 10(2) and amending the punctuation; and
- c. by deleting Rule 11 in its entirety."

Moved: John Brannan. Seconded: Elizabeth Smith

### **Carried unanimously**

**Motion 3:** (to increase the number of Ordinary Committee Members from three to four so that the Committee size is unaffected by the changes in Motion 2)

"That the words 'three Ordinary Committee members' be replaced with 'four Ordinary Committee members' in Rule 9(1) of fotpin's Management Rules."

Moved: John Brannan. Seconded: Margo Hellyer

**Carried unanimously** 

Meeting closed at 2:20 pm.

Warren Bond Secretary 21 May 2019