

## 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Thursday 23 November 2023  
**TIME:** 10am  
**LOCATION:** Doyles Road Complex, 315 Doyles Road, Shepparton

| # | Title   | Purpose  | Lead                              |
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| 1 | <b>10am Introduction and welcome</b>                  | Acknowledgement of Country   | <b>Chair</b>                      |
| 2 | <b>10.05 Conflict of Interest</b>                     | GMCA Rule 2.21<br>No conflicts declared.   | <b>Chair</b>                      |
| 3 | <b>10.10 Quorum Determination</b>                     | The quorum of the AGM shall be 5 members or a majority of members whichever is greater. The AGM was deemed to have a quorum.<br><br>Attendees:<br>P. Bain, B. Chapman, S. Kalingamudali, Cr J Herry, J. Marsh, N. Gasperoni, Cr D. Lowe, B. Garrett, Cr J. Walsh, Cr P. Dikschei, M. O'Connor, B. Westbrook, M. Stark, Cr S. Nicholas, S. Terry, Cr L. Bannister, E. Kelly, N. Liepa, M. Rogers, K. Russell, A. McCallum, L. Marsden, Cr S Spinks, Cr R. Webb, D. Micklejohn, C. Hammond.<br><br><u>Apologies:</u><br>Z Saint James Turner, Cr Sheppard, L Schultz, M O'Halloran, Cr R Eldridge, R Gadd, M Crane, S Niedra, Cr K Haslam. | <b>Chair</b>                      |
| 4 | <b>10.15 Endorsement of minutes from previous AGM</b> | The minutes of the previous <u>AGM of 18 August 2022</u> were circulated to Alliance Members.<br><br><b>Motion: That the minutes of the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance Annual General Meeting of 18 August 2022 be accepted.</b><br><br>Moved Cr Jack Herry<br>Seconded Bronwyn Chapman<br>Carried   | <b>Chair</b>                      |
| 5 | <b>10.20 GMCA 2022-23 Annual Report</b>               | GMCA Chair Cr Rohan Webb presented the 2022 -2023 Annual report.   | <b>Chair</b>                      |
| 6 | <b>10.30 Report of the Executive Committee</b>        | Sharon Terry presented the Executive Committee 2022-23 Report, including risk management framework, auspice future structure, establishing working groups, engaging members in projects, and rules update.   | <b>Chair, Executive Committee</b> |
| 7 | <b>10.40 2022-23 Financial Report</b>                 | The 2022-23 <u>Financial Report</u> has been approved by the Executive Committee for presentation to the Alliance for its endorsement.<br><br><b>Motion:</b><br><b>That the 2022-23 GMCA Financial Report be endorsed.</b><br><br>Moved Cr John Walsh<br>Seconded Allison McCallum<br>Carried  | <b>GMCA Auspice Council</b>       |



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| 8 | <b>10. 45 2022-26 Strategic Plan</b>                             | <p>The Executive Officer to present the 2023 GMCA Strategic Plan's 2022-23 annual outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Successfully applied for over \$383k in funding to support programs in 22-23 and 23-24 years.</li> <li>- Started A Resilient Public Estate asset assessments with 11 participating councils</li> <li>- Won funding for 7 members through the Neighbourhood Battery Initiative</li> <li>- Partnered with CSIRO to commence region-wide Managed Aquifer Recharge assessments</li> <li>- Undertaken Climate Leadership forums in Wangaratta for members</li> <li>- Consulted for and researched a regional Preferred Panel of Electrification Suppliers for “Recharging Goulburn Murray”</li> <li>- Successfully executed year 1 of our shared Sustainable Subdivisions Advisor, and received funding for a year 2 extension</li> <li>- Had our most successful Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference ever</li> </ul>  | <b>Executive Officer</b> |
| 9 | <b>10.55 Election: Chair &amp; Deputy Chair for 2023-24 Year</b> | <p>Cr Rohan Webb is thanked by the Alliance and Executive Committee for his contributions as Chair of the GMCA, and Executive Committee member, and Cr Sarah Nicholas for taking up the role of Deputy Chair in 2023.</p> <p>The positions of Chair and Deputy Chair declared vacant. The Chair of the Executive Committee will assume the temporary role of Chair.</p> <p>As per the Rules of Operation, the Alliance Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson will be Councillor representatives and shall be elected by the Alliance Members on an annual basis at the AGM.</p> <p>Call for nominations for Alliance Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson</p> <p>Cr Sam Spinks (Greater Shepparton City Council) nominated for GMCA Chair.<br/>Cr Sarah Nicholas (Alpine Shire Council) nominated for Deputy Chair.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b><br/><b>That Cr Spinks be elected as Chairperson of the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance until the 2024 AGM.</b><br/>Moved Cr Rohan Webb<br/>Seconded Cr Louise Bannister<br/>CARRIED</p> <p><b>Motion:</b><br/><b>That Cr Nicholas be elected as Deputy Chairperson of the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance until the 2024 AGM.</b><br/>Moved Cr Rohan Webb<br/>Seconded Bronwyn Westbrook<br/>CARRIED</p> <p>Cr Sam Spinks as newly elected Chairperson assumed the role of Chair.</p> | <b>Exec Chair</b>        |

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- 10 **11.15 Election: Executive Committee for 2023-24 Year** Executive Committee members Sharon Terry (Chair), Elyse Kelly (Mitchell), Allison McCallum (GBCMA), Peter Bain (Murrindindi – Auspice), Cr Jack Herry (Wangaratta), Cr Sarah Nicholas (Alpine), are thanked for their valuable contributions on the Executive Committee over the 2022-23 year. **Chair**

The term of the current committee is for two years ending this year.

The current Executive Committee Chair, Sharon Terry will not be renominating for the Committee. Sharon is thanked by the Executive Committee and Alliance colleagues for her tireless efforts on the Committee.

Call for nominations/re-nominations of Executive Committee members and Executive Committee Chair.

Narelle Liepa (Mitchell Shire), Maureen Rogers (Indigo Shire), Allison McCallum (GB CMA), Peter Bain (Murrindindi Shire), Cr Jack Herry (City of Wangaratta), Cr Sam Spinks (Greater Shepparton), Cr Sarah Nicholas (Alpine Shire), nominated.

Chair role will be decided at the next Executive committee meeting.

**Motion:**

**That the nominees be elected as Executive Committee members of the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance until the 2025 AGM.**

Moved Elise Kelly

Seconded Sharon Terry

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- 11 **11.30 Special Presentations** Jacob Clifton, General Manager Govt Affairs, AusNet Services  
Energy Distribution and Local Government in a time of Change

Alastair Parker, CEO VicGrid

Renewables Transmission in Victoria: challenges & opportunities

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- 12 **12.30** **END OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 12.51**

Lunch and Networking

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