

Bathurst Wholefood Cooperative Limited
Annual General Meeting
At Greens on William, William Street, Bathurst
11 November, 2020
Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6:48pm

1. **Welcome:**

Kathleen Jones, Chairperson of the Co-op welcomed members to the AGM.

2. **Acknowledgement of Country:** Cindy Walker

3. **Apologies:**

Denise O'Grady, Emily Cotterill, Dave Hughes, Trish Arrow, Ingrid Pearson, Sandra Martin, Libby Loneragan.

I Pearson email to shop - grateful for the work of the outgoing board members, volunteers, staff & incoming board members. Website looks fantastic and foodboxes looking fresh and inspiring. Return of mini markets are very welcome in a tough year.

4. **Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting:**

Moved by Nathan Pearce, seconded Wendy Inwood

5. **Chairman's report:**

K Jones, Chairperson of the Co-op, read her report.

6. **Treasurer's report and presentation of the financial statements:**

Moved by N Pearce, seconded by C Walker.

7. **Election of directors:**

There being 4 nominees for 4 vacant positions, it was not necessary to hold an election. all nominees elected to positions unopposed. The following persons were declared elected by the Chair:

Denise O'Grady

Julian Woods

Cindy Walker

Graham Stirling

8. **General Business:**

The Patrick Bradbury Co-operative Award was established in 2016, awarded to a person who supports the core values, dedicates time and commitment of the co-op, The Patrick Bradbury Co-operative Award recipient for 2020 was Joanna McLaughlin. J McLaughlin has been volunteering from the beginning, once a week for 8 years. Need to leave the \$50 voucher for the winner

Patrick Forman suggest more publicity and acknowledgement of the Patrick Bradbury Co-operative Award. Suggest on website, email, sign at shop.

C Hale agree and use to outline values of the co-op via Social Media post.

P Forman propose idea of coffee shop or small kitchen collective to build community feeling. C Walker

suggest bunnings style sausage sizzle space for small supplier/producer, acknowledge difficulty with coffee. G Stirling reiterate challenge of coffee business.

C Hale raise the issue of retaining membership, 1200 over 8 years. C Walker suggest subscription format.

C Hale ask about new CINS status. C Walker and K Jones updating new CINS almost ready, communicate status before end of year.

Olga McKinnon suggest the Co Op have a new shop front, the current location is not very welcoming.

P Forman discuss the importance of 'why buy organic' and the value of knowing and reinforcing the value of organic.

Kiri Armstrong discuss commercial property - N Pearce, K Jones and C Hale have all been looking.

Discussion of apportioning director with specific responsibility.

9. **Close:**

Meeting closed at 7:47pm