

**BATHURST WHOLEFOOD COOPERATIVE LIMITED**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AT RAHAMIN, BUSBY STREET, BATHURST**

**18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting commenced at 6.50pm.**

- 1. Welcome:** Trish Arrow, Chairperson of the Co-op welcomed members to the AGM.
- 2. Acknowledgement of Country:** Kathleen Jones.
- 3. Apologies:** J Glen, E Barrett, I Pearson, S Colzato, J McLoughlan, L Loneragan, M Lay Dias, D O'Grady.
- 4. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting:** Moved by N Pearce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W Inwood that the minutes accurately recorded the meeting. **Resolution passed unanimously.**
- 5. Chairman's report:** T Arrow, Chairperson of the Co-op, read her report from the Annual Report. Special thanks was given to Lucinda Tutt for her fine efforts in marketing the Bathurst Wholefood Co-op. Emily Cotterill has been elected by the board as a new Director. T Arrow noted that she was stepping down as Chairperson and a Director on the Board, a position she has held for the past three years.
- 6. Treasurer's report and presentation of the financial statements by Nathan Pearce.** T Arrow moved that the financial report be accepted and it was seconded by D Hughes.
- 7. Election of directors:**

There was no election of new directors. Emily Cotterill has been recently appointed a Director on the Coop Board.

#### **8. General business:**

The Patrick Bradbury Co-operative Award was established in 2016 and the recipient for 2019 is Suzie Suttor. Suzie has been an active member of the coop since 2012 as well as volunteer, roster co-ordinator and more recently Secretary for the past three years.

T Arrow retired from her position as Director and Chairperson for the past three years and her great efforts were acknowledged.

Patrick Forman suggested that the coop invite leaders in the community to come together in small groups and exchange ideas. Perhaps once every three months open up these discussions with the rest of the community.

Nathan Pearce to approach Lesley and Quentin Bland, organic vegetable growers at Kirkconnell in the Bathurst region.

Vi Toole suggested that the coop contact Edgells with regard to fostering a good relationship and possibly buying their local tinned food at a competitive price.

Emily Cotterill suggested the coop approach local farmers to see if they want to sell their produce with us and thus increasing competition.

The final report is available to download.

#### **9. Close: Meeting closed at 7.50pm.**