



## **Victoria & Tasmania Branch**

# **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2009**

**Mercantile Rowing Club, Boat Shed 5 – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Attendance:** Greg Ayers, Cheryl Batagol, Tom Beer, Christopher Black, Jan Burberry, Jack Chiodo, Barry Cook, Iain Cowan, Lyn Dension, Guy Edgar, Frank Fleeer, Joe Foti, Ian Galbally, John Gras, Neil Jaycock, Stephen Jenkins, Rob Joy, Peter Manins, Toni Meek, Mick Meyer, Peter Phaedonos, Tim Pollock, Tina Perfrement, Alison Radford, Biljaua Ristic, Sveto Ristic, Jacinda Shen, Jenny Strauss, Jonathan Strauss, Glen Thiele, John Todd, Paul Torre, Geoff White, Catherine Wilson, Brian Winch.

**Apologies:** Suanna Harvey, Mark Hibberd, Vicki Callaway, Arlie McQueen, Helen Murphy, Phil West, Geoff Angus, Geoff Andrews, Helen Burberry, Jan Bowman, Geoff Davis, Geoff Ereat, Paul Frasier, Terry Bellair, Grant Buck, Doug Munroe, Peter Ramsey, Neil Salisbury.

### **Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting:**

Approved by Geoff White, Seconded by Jack Chiodo.

### **President's Report 2009**

The 2009 President's report was distributed. The report outlined the training courses and events that were held in the preceding year and acknowledged the winner and nominations for the 2008 Werner Strauss Awards. Additionally the report made note of the inaugural branch Environment Student Award for eligible students enrolled in the Graduate Environmental Programme within the Office of Environmental Programmes at the University of Melbourne, which was awarded in March 2009.

In closing the President made note of future branch events planned for 2009 and 2010 and thanked EPA Victoria for their continuous support to the branch through the provision of meeting rooms and seminar facilities. The President also thanked the 2009 Werner Strauss Awards sponsors. (EPA Victoria (Major sponsor) and Lear Siegler Australasia, Golder AWN, Ecotech and EML Air) Final thanks were extended to the branch committee for their work and support during 2008/2009.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The 2008/2009 Branch report recorded a surplus of \$10,760.19. The surplus was directly attributable to training courses held by the branch in the preceding year.

### **Membership:**

The branch membership for 2008/2009 was 131 members. It was noted that seven new individual members, one organisation member and one sustaining member joined in the preceding year. Once again the branch demonstrated active Special Interest Group representation, with Dr Helen Murphy, Dr Peter Manins, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Greenhouse SIG, Dr Lyn Denison Chair of the Risk Assessment SIG, Mr Frank Fleeer Chair of the newly formed Measurement SIG and Mr Jack Chiodo and Dr Mark Hibberd Deputy Chairs for the Odour and Modelling SIGs respectively.

The decline in membership was noted as was the need to attract new members to ensure the long term future of the branch.

### **Other Business:**

None

### **Branch Committee:**

The 2008/2010 committee is: Paul Torre (President) Jacinda Shen (Secretary), Peter Manins (Treasurer), Peter Phaedonos (Immediate Past President) and committee members: Jack Chiodo, Mark Hibberd, Lyn Denison, Catherine Wilson, Joe Foti, Geoff White, Alison Radford, and John Todd (Tasmania Representative).

### **Werner Strauss Clean Air Awards Presentation:**

The eighth annual Werner Strauss Clean Air Achievement Award was presented by Jenny Strauss to award recipient, Dr John Todd. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr Greg Ayers, Director, Bureau of Meteorology. Dr Ayers' presentation was entitled "Atmospheric Research in Action: Advances in Weather Forecasting in Australia."

The meeting closed at 7:00 pm.