



**2020 Annual  
General Meeting**

Minutes  
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Chair: Ms D Hunter, President

Attendance: As per Attendance Register

Apologies: As per Apologies Register

## 1. WELCOME

In declaring the meeting open at 6.00pm, the Chair welcomed all in attendance, especially Life Members and Fellows of the Association who were present. Following a welcome to country, Design Matters sponsors were acknowledged.

## 2. SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS

Mr F Hostein from James Hardie Australia

## 3. DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Mr Sven Maxa from Maxa Design, who won the Building Design of the Year 2020 for his 'Earth House' project, addressed the meeting in an inspirational presentation about his successful project.

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 14 October 2019, which had been made available on the MEMBER pages of our website, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: P Lombo

Seconded: I Hornung

Outcome: Carried

## 5. OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Ms D Hunter presented an overview of her time as President.

Ms Hunter highlighted that as an organisation, Design Matters National is here to:

- Keep the profession of building design at the forefront
- To assist you to assist your clients, ensuring that you create the best experience you can for them through the tools, education and information we provide
- Build a strong and sustainable financial membership organisation that is able to evolve with the social, economic and political landscape of Australia.

Our aim has been, and will continue to be, to support our members build a community of complimentary professionals to give your projects good design outcomes every time!

Ms Hunter concluded by thanking those who have served with her on the Committee of Management for the last two years: I Hornung; P Lombo; L Douglas; T Ellis; J Armsby; J Spencer and G Blanch.

Moved: I Hornung

Seconded: P Lombo

Outcome: Carried

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr P Lombo presented an overview of his Treasurer's report made available to those in attendance on registration. The Treasurer, Mr Lombo, spoke briefly about the organisations healthy finances.

**Overall income** is down by 2% primarily as a result of COVID-19 with the big contributors being a drop in sponsorship, advertising and Australian Standards income.

**Overall expenses** are up by 17% with the big contributors being the implementation of the new CRM and website. However, it's worth noting that there have been a number of reduced expense which have assisted in keeping the expenses down including accreditation expenditure and public relations.

The financial report is available to view at the office by any full member, upon request.

Moved: D Hunter

Seconded: J Saunders

Outcome: Carried

## 7. CEO Report

The CEO reported across membership and that DMN continues to be the peak body representing building designers and thermal performance assessors across Australia. She also provided an update on advocacy, the effects of COVID 19 and how operations adapted to support the membership by creating a trusted community. The redesign of *INTERSECT* has seen an uplift in readership and the success of moving completely online.

## 8. INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Ingrid Hornung, the Incoming President said her strength is connecting people and connecting with people. She commented that she has watched the members-only Facebook grow tenfold over the last few months and the conversation shows that we are always there for each other to help each other. We can really leverage from that, and build on that in terms of growing those connections between people and professions. I've experienced this in my own business and it's the one thing this organisation will always nurture. Ingrid looked forward to the events where, not only can she learned something, but also exchanged ideas with other professionals in the industry; people who, she found are more than happy to share their wisdom and experience.

## 9. NEW COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

A vote was taken online via ZOOM and the Chair reported that two nominees Darren Lyons and Jason Saunders will join, I Hornung as President; P Lombo as Vice President; G Blanch as Treasurer; D Hunter as Immediate Past President.

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

A call for general business was made, with no general business arising. The AGM minutes will be made available on the member pages of Design Matters National website.

#### 11. CLOSE OF FORMALITIES

The Chairman then thanked all the presenters, Design Matters staff as well as all attendees and formally declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm, inviting everybody to partake of refreshments at the venue.

#### Attendance Register

Mr Tim Adams	Ms Nawar Kunda	Mr Richard M. Sapwell
Mr Michael Andrieri	Mr Michael Lake	Mr Hasan Sarac
Mr John Armsby	Mr Greg Lawrence	Mr Jason Saunders
Mr Marc Bernstein-Hussman	Mr Peter Lombo	Mr Joseph Scaffaro
Mr Michael Boer	Mr Darron Lyons	Mr Daniel Seyd
Mr Ranko Djurovic	Ms Dina Malathounis	Mr Anders Silversten
Mr Lindsay Douglas	Mr Sven Maxa	Mr Paul Simmons
Mr Timothy Ellis	Mr Alastair McDonald	Mr Jeremy Spencer
Mr Wayne Gorman	Mr Michael Mettes	Mrs Birwa Thakkar
Mr John Harding-Smith	Mr Luke Middleton	Mrs Sreedevi Vajagouni
Mr Roy Hodgson	Mr Zol Nagy	Mr Vince Wardill
Ms Ingrid Hornung	Mr Robert Penn	Peta Anderson
Ms Dominique Hunter		Elaine Centeno
		Danielle Johnston

#### Apologies Register

Mr Michael Salpietro	Mr Spiro Perdikomatis
Mr Peter Jackson	