



# Stormwater Victoria Annual General Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom Meeting  
Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

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The 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Stormwater Victoria was held via Zoom from 12.06 pm until 12.27 pm.

## 1. MEETING CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Charlotte Beresford welcomed members and guests to the AGM and gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

## 2. ATTENDANCE

Aaron Dowling
Alexander Raven
Alice Lisitsa
Alison Rickard
Bresson Li
Celine Marchenay
Charlotte Beresford
Jamie Tainton
Jess Ward
John Phillips
Karl Velasco
Katie Prout
Maria Matamala
Nathan Lindner
Nausheen Obaid
Rachelle Adamowicz
Sarah Hollis
Stephen D'Agata
Sumari Smith
Tania Struzina
Tom Stephanou
Zubin Irani



#### **APOLOGIES AND PROXIES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proxy to</b>
Sarah Watkins	Melbourne Water	N/A

#### **3. MINUTES OF 2021 STORMWATER VICTORIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Resolution: That the Minutes of AGM held on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021 to be confirmed.

**MOVED:** Charlotte Beresford

**SECONDED:** Alice Lisitsa

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the 2021 AGM.

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence tabled at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Report. This year, given our President – Sarah Watkins, is away until after the AGM, the report has been developed by the Vice President – Alice Lisitsa, and thus, unlike previous years, there is a Vice President report (rather than a President Report).

##### **General**

As our communities and professional workplaces are still deciding on how far they will open up in the end, it seems we have settled on a hybrid approach to working in the Stormwater industry which has clearly remained busy on all fronts. While the preference to maximise our time has been keeping us from commuting five days a week to work in the office, this has conflicted with our fondness for meeting face to face on occasion, and so a hybrid working arrangement has largely become the norm. Along with the industry at large, Stormwater Victoria (SV) has settled on a similar approach, ensuring maximum engagement by holding committee meetings online, while taking opportunities to connect in person when we can, as we have done recently with our Annual Committee Planning Day.

The past 12 months at SV has been a blur with the litany of activities happening across the board within all subcommittees and collaboratively across the committee at large. SV has been planning and restructuring, identifying the best approach to maximise our collective efforts and resources. We have been convening regularly to address and identify the priorities and plans for our individual subcommittees to deliver a greater service to our members going forward.

Below is a broad summary of the many initiatives that our subcommittees have been advancing over the past 12 months.



### **Conference and Awards**

Stormwater Victoria has, along with the industry, slowly started to reconnect face to face, most notably with our first in person Stormwater Victoria Conference in many years, held in Geelong in June 2022. This was accompanied by Welcome Drinks, Conference Dinner, Awards, numerous breakfast and lunch catchups and many other opportunities to interact with our colleagues and friends and play catchup from the previous few years.

The event was a huge success, with a greater delegate registration than any other state or national conference held in person. Everyone was clearly itching to see each other and with that in mind the Conference and Awards team is already taking steps to plan the next state conference event.

### **Events**

While the world has substantially opened up, we have continued our pandemic established tradition to deliver regular, quality webinar content, free to our members. This has included the *Urban Streamflow Impact Assessment: Informing Planning to Protect Waterway Values*, *Waste Tyre Permeable Pavements: From Theory and Laboratory Development to Large Scale Field Trial*, two *WSUD Operation and Maintenance Webinars* and *MUSIC Guideline updates*. They have also organised a members exclusive *Central Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy Member Engagement Session* which was presented as a position paper with support from the Policy and Advocacy team as well as a session presenting the *Stormwater Victoria 2022 Award Winners*. This is just a sample of the work and the content the Events team has managed to deliver to our members. Furthermore, they have also been hard at work planning the coming year of events, which is shaping up to be jam packed full of learning and networking opportunities for our members.

### **Policy and Advocacy**

In the policy space, SV has taken some substantial steps forward in developing the much-anticipated *Victorian Urban Drainage Manual (VUDM)*. The project was presented at this year's state conference in Geelong with collaborative polling and call out for interest in the working group with great success. The VUDM Framework Development EOI was awarded to an expert consultancy, and it is anticipated that this will be finalised in the months ahead ready for consultation with the industry.

The P&A subcommittee has been undertaking activities in the Advocacy space, working closely with Events to deliver member engagement described above in the **Events** section and delivering position papers advocating for our members.

P&A have also supported the furthering of relationship with National and other state bodies, as well as developing new and growing connections with other associations, in particular Association of Land Development Engineers (ALDE). This is only the beginning of our push to collaborate with other associations and stakeholders in the stormwater space.

### **Communication and Special Projects**

This committee has kept our social media presence on LinkedIn active and engaging for our members. They have also managed to continue to develop quality content for our, now notorious, "The Outlet" newsletter, delivering regular publications updating members on industry news. As Stormwater National has finalised the process of updating their website and logo and developing a centralised knowledge hub, this subcommittee has been actively involved, supporting National through this process. Additionally, they have been exploring the implication of these changes for SV



and planning for a logo update, along with associated communication templates, that will align with National's new look.

This subcommittee has also put together a Sponsorship prospectus, with the support from our immediate past president Jamie Tainton and GEMS. This will allow SV to target future and ongoing sponsorship from our broader industry in the next financial year.

After engagement with our membership base, the Communication and Special Project subcommittee has gathered the industry views on the SQIDEP and has developed a position based on these which has been consolidated into a position paper for publication.

### **National**

SV's relationship with National continues to advance allowing for a greater level of transparency as well as the ability to voice the interests of SV within the Stormwater National agenda. Many of our committee members have also put their hand up to support National projects including Website development, Administration activities and National Conference.

As a number of board positions at national have changed hands and they have welcomed in a new President, SV is taking advantage of the opportunity to continue to strengthen this relationship and get involved in national strategy planning that will advance the needs of the states and maximise the efficacy of National.

### **Acknowledgements**

Congratulations to Sarah Watkins for the amazing work and dedication as she hit the ground running her first year as President of SV. As President, she has been the face of SV at our first in-person conference and has provided supportive leadership throughout the year. It has clearly been a successful year and it will be great to continue working with her and building on SV's growth. This past year, SV has added a new adjunct position to the committee for Past President that has allowed for a more seamless transition for the new president. After many years on the committee, Jamie spent two years as president of SV, in which time she has transformed the committee under the challenges of the pandemic and all the associated chaos. Thanks largely to her commitment, our committee has never been so cohesive and connected and driven. After her time as President she stayed on in the new Past President role, providing guidance and much needed direction, not only to the President but to all of us. Her time with us is now coming to an end and we are grateful for all her dedication to the Committee which would not be what it is today without her.

Thank you also to all our SV committee members, both those who are staying on and those who are leaving us. They have all been working tirelessly on all the above activities, collaborating between subcommittees and planning for the future. The SV Committee has been moving from strength to strength, all due to our committee's continued dedication to the SV cause. And yet, as confirmed after our annual SV committee planning day we have so much more we want to deliver.

This year, we are directing an event series to support members navigate the EPA stormwater targets, developing the much needed and much anticipated VUDM, planning more in person networking events and online webinars and planning our next state conference, to name just a few. We have a lot of goals and ideas for the coming year, so watch this space!



Alice Lisitsa  
**Vice President**  
**Stormwater Victoria**

Resolution: That the Vice President’s Report be accepted.                   ▪

**MOVED:**           Aaron Dowling  
**SECONDED:**     Nausheen Obaid

## 7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS

The 2021/2022 Stormwater Victoria Management Committee were required to step down. The Executive positions of President, Vice President and Secretary are two-year terms that will not expire until 2023. The role of Treasurer was listed as vacant at this AGM due to Steve D’Agata resigning from the Committee.

The following members of the 2021/2022 Committee had advised they were stepping down from the committee or did not renominate:

Jamie Tainton, Afflux – Immediate Past President  
 Rachelle Adamowicz  
 Sarah Hollis  
 Steve D’Agata  
 Katie Prout

Based on the nominations received, and as the number of nominations did not exceed the positions available, the following nominees were elected to positions on the Stormwater Victoria Committee for 2022/2023:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Position</b>
Sarah Watkins	Melbourne Water	President
Alice Lisitsa	Arup	Vice President
Charlotte Beresford	Melbourne Water	Secretary
Jessica Ward	Spiire	Treasurer
Aaron Dowling	E2Designlab	Committee Member
Alexander Raven	Arcadis	Committee Member
Alison Rickard	Melbourne Water	Committee Member
Bresson Li	Aurecon	Committee Member
Celine Marchenay	Water Technology	Committee Member
Damien Egan	Ocean Protect	Committee Member



John Phillips	Mornington Peninsula Shire	Committee Member
Karl Velasco	SMEC	Committee Member
Maria Matamala	Engeny	Committee Member
Nathan Lindner	GHD	Committee Member
Nausheen Obaid	City of Casey	Committee Member
Sumari Smith	Cardno	Committee Member
Tom Stephanou	Greater Western Water	Committee Member
Zubin Irani	E2Designlab	Committee Member

As per the Rules of Association the following people were appointed as adjunct committee members for the 2022/2023 year

No Nomination		Student Member / Adjunct Committee Member
Not Applicable		Immediate Past President / Adjunct Committee Member
Tania Struzina	Clearwater	Adjunct Committee Member

Resolution: That the nominations for the Stormwater Victoria Committee be accepted.

**MOVED:** Charlotte Beresford

**SECONDED:** Alexander Raven

Two nominees for the 2022/2023 Committee were not able to lodge their nominations by the deadline, and have subsequently volunteered to assist the committee in 2022/2023. These individuals do not have voting rights at Committee Meetings.

Sarah Hollis	Water Modelling Solutions	Committee Volunteer
Alan Davidson	Spiire	Committee Volunteer



### **Nomination of Office Bearers**

Nominations were tabled for the available Executive Committee position.

- Jessica Ward nominated for the position of Treasurer unopposed

The following Executive Members were elected at the 2021 AGM and were not required to renominate. Their term will conclude at the 2023 AGM.

- Sarah Watkins in the position of President
- Alice Lisitsa in the position of Vice President
- Charlotte Beresford in the position of Secretary

Resolution: As there was only one nomination for the position of Treasurer, it was moved that the Executive Committee of Stormwater Victoria for 2022/2023 be approved

**MOVED:** Aaron Dowling  
**SECONDED:** Bresson Li

### **10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Resolution: That E H Tan be reappointed as auditors for the Stormwater Victoria for 2022/2023

**MOVED:** Maria Matamala  
**SECONDED:** Zubin Irani

### **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Alice Lisitsa thanked everyone who is leaving the committee today with a special thanks to the Treasurer, Stephen D'Agata and our previous President, Jamie Tainton.

### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Annual General Meeting for Stormwater Victoria will be held in August 2023.

### **13. CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Vice President, Alice Lisitsa closed the meeting at 12.27 pm.

These minutes form a true record of the business of the Stormwater Victoria Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

**Prepared by:** Julie McGraw, GEMS  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022