



Stormwater Victoria Annual General Meeting Minutes

Microsoft Teams
Monday 2nd September 2024

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The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Stormwater Victoria was held via Microsoft Teams from 12.07 pm until 12.27 pm.

1. MEETING CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Alice Lisitsa welcomed members and guests to the AGM and gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. ATTENDANCE

Aaron Dowling
Alan Davidson
Alice Lisitsa
Alison Rickard
Bresson Li
Celine Marchenay
Emily Plymin
Karl Velasco
Jason Liu
Julia Baumann
Lily Dorraj
Maria Matamala
Nathan Lindner
Nausheen Obaid
Sai Aung
Sarah Watkins
Sumari Smith
Tom Stephanou
Zubin Irani



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APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Name	Organisation	Proxy to

No apologies were tabled at the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF 2023 STORMWATER VICTORIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Resolution: That the Minutes of AGM held on 22nd August 2023 to be confirmed.

MOVED: Alice Lisitsa

SECONDED: Julia Baumann

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of the 2023 AGM.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence tabled at the Annual General Meeting.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the year draws to a close, I am honoured to present my first annual report as President of Stormwater Victoria. This past year has been marked by significant milestones for our association as well as our industry as a whole. Stormwater Victoria has achieved a great deal with collaboration and our growing partnerships in policy development, and community engagement, underlining our commitment to enhancing stormwater management across the state.

Our vigilant Policy and Advocacy subcommittee has been working on deepening our partnership with critical bodies like Melbourne Water (MW) working closely with them and other associations on the Urban Planning and Development Strategic Coordination Group (UPDSCG). In this space we have supported MW in improving processes, updating and refining guidelines, and creating future resilience in surface water and flooding. We have continued to work with the Association of Land Development Engineers (ALDE), supporting the land development space in surface water management. We have also had opportunities to seed new relationships, key to the advancement of our association. These have included discussions with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA), Urban Development Institute Australia (UDIA) and connections to the Victorian Water Minister, to name a few - all critical for our strategic objectives. In discussions with the new president of the Flood Management Association (FMA), we are exploring various collaborative possibilities that promise to enhance both our organisations' impacts on flood and stormwater management.



On a national scale, we have initiated a working group between states and the Stormwater Industry Association (SIA) to address common challenges and strategies. Our involvement in this group is set to improve collaborations across the state and provide Stormwater Victoria a greater influence in the activities and strategic direction of the national body as well as moving towards a national approach to knowledge sharing of stormwater management. Furthermore, the Stormwater Quality Improvement Device Evaluation Protocol (SQIDEP) working group, managed out of SIA is set to commence soon and is anticipated to further our efforts to develop a robust, fair and technically sound process for on sustainable urban water quality practices.

Our policy development initiatives have been robust. In the always highly anticipated VUDM news, we have secured funding from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) who have enabled us to develop a robust governance arrangement for the development and management of the document, as well as distribute the first of many EOIs seeking industry input into the development of the document. Thanks to the support from DEECA, we are also due to host the entire VUDM process on a dedicated website, which will be live in the coming months. This will mean a greater involvement and input from our membership and our broader industry to help shape this document into something that will truly support the stormwater space to be the best it can be. Additional funding discussions are ongoing, ensuring that the VUDM maintains momentum and that it is an overall success.

Our communication and membership engagement strategy have been successfully growing, with our LinkedIn presence and our improved newsletter "The Outlet", managed by our committed Technical Events subcommittee. This consistent communication keeps our community well-informed and engaged with our activities and progress. Our Technical Events team have also been delivering highly sought after events both online and in person, bringing our membership the latest industry updates, explaining new industry trends and providing a platform for feedback and industry networking.

This year's conference in San Remo was a highlight, attracting over 250 delegates and reaching full capacity for the first time, reflecting the growing relevance and impact of our organisation. The event's success, coupled with the novel and well received social events, sets a high standard as we begin planning for the 2025 conference. The Conference Committee truly deserves a big shout out for what they have achieved this year, but they have their work cut out for them for the next one!

Reflecting on the year, I am so proud of our committee, the achievements and the strides they have made in positioning Stormwater Victoria as the leading body in sustainable and effective stormwater management. I am grateful for the support and dedication of all our members, partners, and stakeholders. Together, we have laid a strong foundation for future innovations and successes, driving our mission forward.

And now for an important message to our small and humble, but ever so important little stormwater industry. As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary attributes that define our industry. What I have consistently observed is an absolute wealth of knowledge among our professionals. Among us, we are fortunate to have brilliant stormies, who collectively possess an immeasurable wealth of knowledge and priceless industry experience. Your invaluable wisdom is a cornerstone of our association's strength.



What I have seen in my day to day in the stormwater world is our eagerness to support, to share, and to collaborate. This openness and generosity in passing down to others underscore a culture of learning and mentoring that spans companies, sectors, and generations.

We stand at a pivotal moment where we can harness this culture to greatly enhance our association and the industry at large. There is a tremendous opportunity to capitalise on our collective knowledge to strengthen and nurture our next generation of industry leaders and experts. By fostering a more integrated community, we not only enhance our professional capabilities but also enrich the personal and professional lives of all our members. Perhaps most importantly, we ensure that this industry goes from strength to strength in the years and decades to come.

I encourage each of you to become more involved with Stormwater Victoria. Whether you are new to the industry or a seasoned expert, your participation and input are invaluable. Together, we can continue to build on our legacy of excellence and collaboration. Let's commit to not only maintaining but also elevating the standards of our profession through active engagement and mentorship. Join us in shaping the future of stormwater management, ensuring it is as dynamic and resilient as the environments we strive to protect.

Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm. Your contributions make all the difference, and I am excited to see where our collective efforts will lead us in the coming year.

Alice Lisitsa
President
Stormwater Victoria

Resolution: That the President's Report be accepted.

MOVED: Alison Rickard
SECONDED: Julia Baumann

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS

The 2023/2024 Stormwater Victoria Management Committee were required to step down. The Executive positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are two-year terms. The position of Vice President and Secretary are currently vacant with the positions of President and Treasurer half way through their two year term.

The following members of the 2022/2023 Committee had advised they were stepping down from the committee or did not renominate:

Charlotte Beresford
Celine Marchenay
Nausheen Obaid
Maria Matamala
Nathan Lindner



Based on the nominations received, an election was required to vote for the candidates for the 2024/2025 Stormwater Victoria Committee. As only one nomination was received for each of the executive positions, the nominees have been elected into these positions as follows:

Name	Organisation	Position
Alice Lisitsa	BG&E	President – Mid Ter,
Julia Baumann	Dalton Consulting Engineers	Vice President
Vacant	Vacant	Secretary
Sumari Veal	Standec	Treasurer
Aaron Dowling	E2Designlab	Committee Member
Alan Davidson	Spiire	Committee Member
Alison Rickard	Melbourne Water	Committee Member
Belinda Hatt	Melbourne Water	Committee Member
Emily Plymin	DEECA	Committee Member
Jamie Comley	Jamie Comley & Associates	Committee Member
Karl Velasco	SMEC	Committee Member
Lily Dorraj	Ocean Protect	Committee Member
Mahimadharani Sivaji	Engeny	Committee Member
Neha Shetty	Arup	Committee Member
Peter Woodman	GHD	Committee Member
Sadaf Haghiri	Melbourne Water	Committee Member
Sarah Law	Streamology	Committee Member
Suresh Bajracharya	South East Water	Committee Member
Tom Stephanou	Greater Western Water	Committee Member
Zaki Matar	KBR	Committee Member

As per the Rules of Association the following people were appointed as adjunct committee members for the 2024

No Nomination		Student Member / Adjunct Committee Member
Stephanie Brown	Clearwater	Adjunct Committee Member



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

MOVED: Alice Lisitsa
SECONDED: Alan Davidson

Nomination of Office Bearers

Nominations were tabled for the available Executive Committee position.

- Alice Lisitsa continues on her role of President
- Julia Baumann nominated for the position of Vice President unopposed
- Sumari Veal continues in her role of Treasurer
- nominated for the position of Secretary unopposed

Resolution: As there was only one nomination for the position of Vice President, it was moved that the Executive Committee of Stormwater Victoria for 2024/2025 be approved

MOVED: Julia Baumann
SECONDED: Alan Davidson

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Resolution: That E H Tan be reappointed as auditors for the Stormwater Victoria for 2024/2025

MOVED: Sumari Veal
SECONDED: Alice Lisitsa

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business arising from the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting for Stormwater Victoria will be held on the 1st September 2025 via Microsoft Teams.

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the 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 Monday 2nd September 2024

Prepared by: Julie McGraw, GEMS
Date: Monday 2nd September 2024



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