



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF FINPRO
HELD AT LEONDA BY THE YARRA
FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2018 at 12.36pm**

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Philip Kan, HLB Mann Judd
- Mark Peters, HLB Mann Judd
- Marcus Stella, Melbourne City Council
- Helen De La Plaza, Cardinia Shire
- Marc Giglio, Banyule City Council
- Peter Swabey, Glen Eira City Council
- Tony Rocca, Maroondah City Council
- Luke Costa, Maroondah City Council
- Sharon Morrison, Loddon Shire
- Deanne Caserta, Loddon Shire
- Lorraine Jackson, Loddon Shire
- Duncan Campbell, Loddon Shire
- Geoff Cockram, Stonnington City Council
- Bruce Walker, Cardinia Shire
- Dale Monk, Knox City Council
- Leanne Williams, West Gippsland Regional Library

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 1.12.17

Moved Danny Wain

Seconded Ange Marshall

with the following amendment:

Ange Marshall is from Yarra City Council (not Yarra Ranges Shire) and Marc Giglio is from Banyule City Council (not Whitehorse City Council)

3. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President, Ange Marshall, presented her report to the meeting on the activities of the Association.

We have had a fantastic year once again with our 2 PD Days (in Feb & June), a tremendous Leadership Scholarship program delivered in September, and another successful conference in October. We've also trialed webinars and mentoring, both of which have been very successful.

All of these wonderful activities don't happen without the time and energy from our fabulous Executive team:

- Amy Montalti from Whittlesea
- Belinda Johnson from Southern Grampians

- Binda Gokhale from Wyndham
- Bradley Thomas from Mt Alexander
- Brett Exelby from Bass Coast
- Charles Nganga from Casey
- Danny Wain from Monash
- John Brockway from Surf Coast
- Kim Jaensch from Frankston
- Marc Giglio from Banyule
- Shane Marr from Brimbank
- Tony Rocca from Maroondah

I would like to thank all of Executive for your input this year, it has been terrific working with you all. It is truly a team effort to deliver what we do each year.

Special thanks to Kim for her leadership and effort with the scholarship program, to Marc and Danny & to Mick Jaensch from Greater Dandenong who's here today who all presented at the sessions, and to Tony who represented FinPro for the entire program. Thanks also to Vision Super for their continued support of this fantastic program.

Thank you to John for his leadership & initiative on the mentoring program, and to our mentors in the room, thank you for dedicating your time to our wonderful mentees.

To Amy for her persistence in getting the webinars up and running.

To Bradley and the PD committee for their efforts pulling the conference together and to Danny and Tony and the Tech committee for their efforts on the Accounting Std changes, and also to our members who have volunteered to be part of our working group. This is something we intend to do more of in the years to come.

And of course, last but not least, thanks to our sensational Gabrielle Gordon, whom without her none of our events would run as smoothly & we wouldn't look nearly as good! Thanks so much Gab!

Special thanks to our outgoing Executive Members – Brett Exelby, Shane Marr, and – me ☺

Before I move on to 2019 topics, I did want to provide an update on the health issue we unfortunately experienced at our Conference in October, where a large number of our members fell ill in the days following attendance at the conference. FinPro engaged with DHHS and Surf Coast Shire as soon as we became aware that that was the case and DHHS and Surf Coast have been investigating. Council officers completed an on-site investigation of Mantra Lorne and were satisfied there was no on-going risk to the public. The investigation into the issue is still underway and we will update members again once DHHS have finalized the matter.

Moving on, we are starting to plan already for another big year in 2019!

Friday 22 February – FinPro Professional Development Day – at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre – save the date in your calendars now ☺

In addition, we are looking at running more webinars on special interest topics.

Another PD Day in May or June and then our annual conference again later on in the year.

The leadership scholarship program will also be offered again.

We are continuing to foster our partnerships with Vision Super, LGV and VAGO, (and I think it speaks well of our sector and the work we do when the Auditor-General appoints staff and engages with people he has seen at our Annual Conference ☺ So we're clearly on the right track.)

On behalf of the Executive, we hope you've enjoyed our programs and we thank you for your continued support.

As you may have picked up on earlier, I am not re-standing for Executive this year. I have been honoured to be a part of FinPro and especially to have been President and to represent you as our members. I do wish the ongoing Executive all the very best for next year and I'm confident FinPro is in great shape and in good hands. Thank you all for your support over the years.

Moved Charles Nganga

Seconded Binda Gokhale

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabrielle Gordon presented the audited Treasurer's Report for the year ending 30 September, 2018

I am pleased to advise that Local Government Finance Professionals has had another successful year financially, showing a surplus of \$35,000 at the end of the financial year.

As discussed by Ange Marshall, our President, the Executive Team have been looking at different ways to utilize these funds to better serve the FinPro membership, including the offering of webinars and a mentoring program as well as the introduction of a working party to establish a user-friendly resource which will be available to all the sector free of charge on the changes to accounting standards.

During the year ahead, the Executive Team will continue to work on new ways to provide service to the membership.

I thank the outgoing FinPro Executive for all their support and guidance throughout the year, and make special mention of the outgoing President Ange Marshall and former President, Shane Marr for all their dedication and friendship during their time on the Executive. Thanks too to Brett Exelby who is also leaving the Executive Team.

I would also like to thank the team from HLB Mann Judd for again being our Honorary Auditors. Finally, I thank all the FinPro Members for being a great group of people who are easy to work for and with and make my job very enjoyable.

I look forward to working with the newly elected Committee as we move into 2019

Moved Shane Marr

Seconded Amy Montalti

5. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE FOR 2018/19

The Executive for 2018/19 as nominated were unanimously voted by the members present. They were (in no particular order):

- Sandeep Bordia – Melbourne City Council
- Bradley Thomas – Mount Alexander Shire Council
- Tony Rocca – Maroondah City Council
- Helen De La Plaza – Cardinia Shire
- Isabelle Cancino – Bayside City Council
- John Brockway – Surf Coast Shire
- Mark Montague – Yarra City Council
- Marc Giglio – Banyule City Council
- Charles Nganga – Casey City Council
- Kim Jaensch – Frankston City Council
- Belinda Johnson – Southern Grampians Shire
- Amy Montalti – Whittlesea City Council

- Danny Wain – Monash City Council
- Kristy Stephens – Bass Coast Shire
- Binda Gokhale – Wyndham City Council
- Gabrielle Gordon - FinPro

The outgoing Executive, Ange Marshall, Shane Marr and Brett Exelby were thanked for their work.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2018/19

That Mark Peters from HLB Mann Judd be appointed as the Honorary Auditor for the year ended 30 September 2019 and that a letter be sent to Mark Peters confirming this and thanking him for his support.

Moved Ange Marshall

Seconded Danny Wain

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no 'other business'.

Meeting closed at 12.52pm

GABRIELLE GORDON - SECRETARY