

# CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Tuesday 29 September 2019  
2.00 pm Board Room, George Browning House, ACC&C

### MINUTES

**In attendance:** David Hunter (Acting Chair, Acting Secretary), Clive Rodger, Stephen Pickard, Ingrid Moses, Jill Sutton, Jeremy Dawson, Bill Bush

#### 1. Opening

Stephen Pickard welcomed everyone with an opening prayer

**2. Apologies:** John Warhurst, Ann Skamp

#### 3. Minutes of 2018 AGM

That the minutes of the meeting of the AGM 6 August 2019 be accepted.

Moved: Clive Rodger; Seconded: Ingrid Moses

CARRIED

#### 4. Annual Report of CES Activities 2019 – 2020

David Hunter, as Acting Chair of CES presented the Annual Report of the CES activities for the period 2019 – 2020.

We at CES have greatly appreciated the strong leadership of Bishop George Browning, recognizing that his high profile and deep insights and contributions have been invaluable over the past dozen years and have accepted his well-deserved retirement from being Chair of CES. Since the last AGM, we had the 2019 dinner and several forums in the latter part of 2019 but during 2020, the program has been severely limited by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our theme for 2020 “Values and Voices in the Public Sphere” began with the comprehensive opening forum by Ken Crispin but the pandemic meant we were then limited to Web Presentations only: a perceptive presentation on “Screen Addiction and the Next Generation” by Toni Hassan as interviewed by Stephen Pickard and the very topical “Australia Post COVID-19” Lyn Hatfield-Dodds interviewed by John Warhurst.

#### 5. Annual Financial Statement 2019 - 2020

The Annual Financial Statement for the period 2019 – 2020 was presented. Jeremy reported that we started the 2019-20 year with \$4944 and with reduced income because of fewer forums, we now have just over \$4000. It was suggested that we send out reminders for membership dues as only a few have paid.

That this meeting receive and adopt the Annual Financial Statement for 2018 – 2019 and expresses its appreciation to Jeremy Dawson.  
Moved: David Hunter Seconded: Bill Bush CARRIED

## **6. Election of office bearers: Chair; Vice-Chair; Secretary; Treasurer**

The meeting expressed its deep appreciation to John Warhurst for his continuing leadership as President and to David Hunter for stepping in as Acting Chair in very difficult circumstances.

The following positions were elected unopposed:

Clive Rodger was elected as Chair who will liaise closely with Stephen Pickard as co-chair

Ingrid Moses was elected as Vice-Chair.

Ann Skamp was elected as Secretary.

Jeremy Dawson was elected as Treasurer.

## **7. Election of other Committee Members**

The following were nominated and agreed to be Committee Members:

David Hunter

Bill Bush

Jill Sutton

Stephen Pickard suggested that Kate Nicolls would make an excellent addition to the CES committee

## **8. Other business**

Forums will need to be Web interviews for the foreseeable future and it was suggested that we use Eventbrite and reminder invitations by email that have worked for ACCC.

## **9. Theme for 2020**

The meeting accepted the suggestion that the Theme for 2021 be a continuation of the 2020 theme: '**Values & Voices in the Public Sphere**'.