

VERY LIGHT

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2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 Annual General Meetings

As all members are by now no doubt aware, the recurring COVID-19 restrictions have caused multiple cancellations of the 2019 – 2020 Annual General Meeting. Members were advised in our special issue of *Very Light* No. 121 in August that we had been forced to seek yet another approval for a postponement due to the introduction of another sudden lockdown.

This was granted and accordingly (if all goes well) we will combine the postponed 2019 – 2020 AGM with the scheduled 2020 – 2021 AGM and hold both on Monday the 29th of November.

(If there are any further changes you will be advised)

The Combined Annual General Meetings of the Guild for the years 2019 – 2020 and 2020 - 2021 will be Held at 7.15 PM on Monday the 29th of November 2021 at the Eley Park Community Centre, Eley Rd., Blackburn South, Victoria.

As you are aware the COVID-19 restrictions have caused multiple postponements of the 2019 – 2020 AGM. After several necessary applications to the Department of Justice for extensions of time to hold the meeting, the Guild received approval for a postponement until the 29th of November, which means it will be combined with the 2020- 2021 AGM scheduled for that date.

Any notice of motions and nominations for committee positions must be in the hands of the Secretary seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. All Committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations are called for the position (s) of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Media Officer/Editor of *Caps & Flints*, and seven other officers.

Ordinary Business (as required by Rule 9 (4) of the Guild's Rules):

- To confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
- To receive from the Committee, reports upon the transactions of the Guild during the last preceding financial year;
- To elect officers of the Guild; and
- To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Guild in accordance with section 30 (3) of the Act (Financial Report);
- To appoint an Auditor.

The annual General Meeting may also transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with the Guild's Rules.

Due to rising costs over the past decade a motion will be introduced to increase current membership fees. At the time of the preparation of this notice the amount is yet to be decided.

Please do attend the AGM (and enjoy the supper). We need a quorum of 20 members which means we need you to come along!

COVID Requirements advised in Previous Issues Still Apply

There will, however, still be some attendance conditions in place, due to the requirements of the Whitehorse City Council. Attendance can be in excess of 20 people in the Hall. Members attending will be required to record their attendance in one of two ways -

1. The Guild will have a QR Code which will be displayed and members may record their presence by using their smartphones as they would if attending restaurants or other venues where the use of the QR Code is a condition of admission, or
2. Any members who do not have the smartphone facility to use a QR Code to record their attendance will have to do so by writing their name and contact details (name, email address or phone number) on the record sheets which will be placed on the table inside the doors to the Hall itself.
3. When in the Hall the social distancing rule is still to be observed and face masks must be worn.
4. The Whitehorse City Council requires that attendees be double vaccinated.

We ask members to observe these simple rules as the more members who do so means that we will not be restricted to a maximum of 20 attendees which has been the reason why we have had to prolong returning to our normal Monday night meetings.

Volunteers Needed to set up Tables

We will need some extra hands to help set up tables. No need to contact us just get to Eley Park before 7.00 and help out.