NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)
DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT
ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
45 CONSTITUTION AVE, REID ACT 2612
ON
30 OCTOBER 2025 AT 5:30 PM

1. **Opening of Meeting**
   The President, Gary Kent, opened the meeting at 5:30 pm and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

   The President thanked those present for attending the meeting.

2. **Attendance and Apologies**
   The following members were in attendance:

   Margaret Reid, Joan Adler, Marianne Albury-Colless, Gail Allen, Diana Anderson, Neil Anderson, Cate Beurle, Kerry Blackburn, Mark Butz, Jennifer Carter, Anne Claoue-Long, Sandy Clugston, Peter Dowling, Di Dowling, Bea Duncan, Alan Duncan, Caryl Finlayson, Doug Finlayson, Louise Gaudry, Peter Graves, Jenny Hal, Diana Herrald, Anna Howe, Gary Kent, Linda Keyser, Joan Lipscombe, Trevor Lipscombe, Tony Maple, Eric Martin, Rachelle Miller, Susan O'Leary, Tony O'Leary, Andrew Pearson, Alan Roberts, Linda Roberts, Garth Setchell

   It was confirmed that the required quorum of 20 financial members for the transaction of business at an AGM as per Section 22.1 of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) Constitution was achieved.

   Apologies were received from:

   Helen and Koos Jensma, Neil Porter and Judy Pearce, John and Kay Beagle Mary and Richard Johnston, Scott McAlister, Gary Watkins, Nany Clark, Dee Copeland, Matt Watts

   Proxy appointments were received from:

   Helen and Koos Jensma for Linda Keyser
   Mary and Richard Johnston for Linda Roberts
   Dee Copeland for Linda Roberts

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of 49 AGM 22 October 2024**
   The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had been circulated electronically to each attendee and hard copies were available at the meeting. No amendments were requested. It was moved Eric Martin, seconded Peter Dowling that the minutes be accepted. The motion was carried.

4. **Special Resolution**
   The Chair proposed the special resolution that had been advised in the Notification of Annual General Meeting:

   'The Council moves the following amendments be made to the Constitution in recognition of the changing nature of family households who may not reside at the same address.

   'That Clause 10.4 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

   (g) Household Members: may be any two adult persons ~~who reside at the same address together with~~ and ~~any~~ ~~dependents~~ up to four children under the age of 18 years ~~of those persons~~, who shall be approved by the directors as such and who are subscribers to the National Trust of annual fees fixed and determined by the directors.'

   Questions were taken from the floor. Bea Duncan queried why the number of children was four and not unlimited. Linda Keyser (Secretary) noted the ACT's membership administration was tied in with that of the National Trust NSW and this was a criteria common to both. The Chair directed the question be taken on notice.

   Gary Kent put the motion to members present. All members were in favour. Carried.

5. **Presidents Report**
   The President's Report was included with the Annual Report which had been made available electronically to each attendee and was available in hard copy at the meeting. The President, Gary Kent, highlighted a number of points in his report. He added comments in relation to the future of the Trust, advocacy, and thanked everyone for their support of the Trust.

6. **Presentation of Committee Reports**
   Reports from the Tours and Events and The Committee Reports were incorporated as part of the Annual Report. The committee reports were taken as read, and no questions were asked in relation to the reports.

7. **Presentation of the Financial Report and Auditors Report**
   Copies of the signed 2024-25 Financial Statements as prepared by PKF Canberra were accessible online prior to the AGM and hardcopies were available at the meeting for inspection. Gary Kent, presented the financial report noting the Trust's sound financial position as per Treasurers Scott McAlister's report.

   It was moved Linda Roberts, seconded Tony Maple, that the Financial Reports be approved. The motion was carried.

8. **Appointment of Auditor**
   Gary Kent moved a motion to re-appoint PKF Canberra as auditors, seconded Di Dowling. The motion was carried.

9. **Election of Councillors**
   The Chair handed over to Eric Martin to conduct the election of Councillors

   The Constitution allows for a minimum of 7 and maximum of 13 directors. Due to ill health John Baker had resigned from Council effective 14 October.

In accordance with the Constitution, the following Councillors stood down but were eligible for re-election: Gary Kent, Linda Roberts, Kerry Blackburn.

Council members who continue for the second year of their term are: Eric Martin, Scott McAlister and Mary Johnston. Linda Keyser stays on Council in her ex officio role as Executive Director.

Nominations had been received for Gary Kent, Linda Roberts, Kerry Blackburn, Roslyn Hull, Tracy Ireland and Rachelle Miller.

Eric Martin called for any further nominations from the floor. No further nominations were received. As there were fewer nominations than vacancies, all persons who nominated were duly declared elected.

Eric noted that Tracy and Roslyn were both interstate and unable to attend in the AGM in person. Roslyn has experience in tourism, museum education and curation, journalism, events, worked for the NCA and now freelances.

Tracy is Emeritus Professor of Cultural Heritage at the University of Canberra, Founder of the Future Heritage Research Theme for the UC Centre for Creativities and Cultural Research (CCCR)

Eric invited Rachelle Miller to introduce herself to the members. Rachelle commenced her career in graphic design and marketing and moved into politics working as a Snr Media Advisor. Rachelle is currently an independent consultant.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair invited newly appointed Heritage Committee member Peter Graves to introduce himself to the members. Peter is the former Chair of the Canberra Chapter of the Walter Burley Griffin Society and has an extensive as a senior public servant and lecturer on Policy.

The Chair advised Katrina Keller, Heritage Architect with Phillip Leeson would also be joining the Heritage Committee.

11. CLOSURE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 5:56 pm.

12. **GUEST SPEAKER – MARK BUTZ**

Mark Butz, author of Heritage Award winning book ‘Tales of Two Cities: Can-Queanbeyan across Two Centuries presented ‘The stories are out there – reflections on harvesting community history’.