

**MINUTES OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DOCOMOMO AUSTRALIA  
INCORPORATED WHICH WAS HELD AT 6:05PM (AEST) ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
2022 VIA A ZOOM MEETING ACROSS AUSTRALIA**

**1 Present**

Scott Robertson	President NSW
Louise Cox	Treasurer/Secretary/Public Officer NSW
Hannah Lewi	Vice President VIC
Michael Gunn	Vice President NSW
Federico Passi	Web Master Rome
Noni Boyd	NSW Member
Kerime Danis	NSW Member
Anne Higham	NSW Member
Polly Seidler	NSW Member
Michele Summerton	VIC Member

**2 Apologies**

Penelope Seidler	NSW Member
Tamarind Taylor	QLD Member

**3 Appointment of Proxy**

Louise Cox reported that Penelope Seidler had given her proxy to Polly Seidler to vote on her behalf when necessary. There were no other Proxies received.

**4 Opening of the Meeting**

The President, Scott Robertson opened the meeting at 18:05pm (AEST) and acknowledged and paid respect to the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and the Torres Strait Islands, their Culture and their Elders past, present and future.

**4 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of Interest made by those present at the meeting.  
It was noted that a quorum of 5 members is required to be present to start the meeting, which was met.

**5 Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> AGM held Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 by paper vote**

The Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Docomomo Australia which was held by Paper Vote over the internet on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 were MOVED by Kerime Danis and SECONDED by Hannah Lewi, and were carried unanimously.

## **6 Financial Report**

The 2021 Financial Report sent out with the AGM papers was explained to the meeting by the Treasurer/ Secretary, Louise Cox.

(a) The Income and Expenditure of Docomomo Australia Incorporated for the 2021 Financial Year was:

Income: \$11,890.00

Expenditure: \$16,806.28

Loss : **\$4,916.28**

(b) The Assets and Liabilities of the Society at the end of the 2020 Financial Year were:

Cash at bank 31/12/2021 \$16,828.96, which includes \$3,910.00 held for the Robb College Trust. Therefore the Nett Assets of Docomomo Australia Incorporated at 31/12/2021 equal \$16,828.96 - \$3,910.00 = **\$12,918.96**.

Acceptance of the Financial Report was MOVED by Scott Robertson and SECONDED by Kerime Danis and was carried unanimously.

(c) Future Membership Fees for 2023 were discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that each fee would be raised by \$20 to deal with the short fall in 2021, so that:

International Full membership would become \$190.00 + \$20.00 = \$210.00

International Student Membership would become \$90.00 + \$20.00 = \$110.00

Local Membership would become \$60.00 + \$20.00 = \$80.00

Local Student Membership would become \$30.00 + \$20.00 = \$50.00

It was also agreed that if the International fees were raised at the next Docomomo International Annual General Meeting being held in Valencia in September 2022, the above fees would have to be looked at again and might need to be raised more. An Extraordinary Meeting of Docomomo Australia would be held to discuss this matter further if necessary.

Acceptance of the proposed additional changes in the Local component of the Fees and if there were any changes to the international fees for 2023 was MOVED by Louise Cox and SECONDED by Michael Gunn, these were carried unanimously.

## **7 The Committee Reports**

7(a) President's Report, Scott Robertson

MLC Building, North Sydney, NSW (Bates Smart & McCutcheon 1951), although State heritage listed, it is still not safe. (subsequent to the AGM the NSW Government have delisted the building from the State Heritage Register owing to the Minister not taking into account some other procedural matters). Another letter was sent to the NSW Heritage Office regarding its relisting.

The NSW Heritage Act (1977) submission by Docomomo Australia was made on our behalf to the NSW Government, by Scott Robertson. The NSW Heritage Office is in the process of being restructured and a quarter of the staff have left. The submissions to the review have been assessed and the proposed changes to the Heritage Act are about to be released for public comment.

Docomomo Australia made a detailed submission to the NSW Government's proposed revisions to the NSW Heritage Act. The submissions to the review have been assessed and the proposed changes to the Heritage Act are about to be released for public comment.

The Wentworth Memorial Church, Vaucluse, NSW, in 2017, Scott Robertson made a submission to the NSW Government regarding a new use for this project. It was suggested that the NSW Government buy the property, and add it to the Vaucluse House property next door, so that it could be used by Sydney Living Museums together with the house functions. This was not done and the Anglican Church sold the property for residential purposes. In reply to this letter, the NSW Government stated that as it was listed on the State Heritage Register, it was conserved. This matter is still being debated by the NSW Heritage Council.

The DOCOMOMO International Journal, English editing of this has been done by Scott Robertson, who was also on the jury for the Docomomo International Awards announced in Tokyo in September 2021. A book was published of these awards, which show good examples of conservation of Modern Movement buildings.

The DOCOMOMO International Conference 2020+ was held online, globally from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021. Every presentation was held by ZOOM meetings to a global audience and on site in Tokyo for Japanese people, who could get there. It was most successful and this format worked extremely well for everyone present, even to the extent that the in-person and virtual audience could ask questions after the pre-recorded presentations.

#### 7 (b) Victorian Report, Hannah Lewi

ACAHUCH Heritage MicroCerts a suite of online professional development short Courses on Urban and Cultural Heritage have been developed with the University of Melbourne and Heritage Victoria. These have been very successful and continue to be run in 2022.

Crossman House, 151 Finch Street, Glen Iris, Victoria by Kevin Borland, advocacy submission for listing made to the Victorian Heritage Council by Scott Robertson, which was not approved. Hannah Lewi reported that the Appeal to reconsider its listing, was not successful.

The Australian Institute of Architects National Heritage Awards for 2021 were the basis of another heritage symposium held in Victoria in November 2021.

Docomomo International Landscape book Andrew Saniga in Victoria, has collected 80 landscape entries from 30 countries, for this book that he is compiling with Jan Haenrats.eg ICI House, Melbourne, Griffith University,

Generally, in Victoria, Docomomo Australia share events with the Robin Boyd Foundation and other heritage organisations.

Philip Goad has become the chair of Heritage Victoria

#### 7 (c) Queensland Report, Tamarind Taylor and Maria Sarvimaki

There was a book published on the work of Robin Gibson which was launched in Melbourne. The John Andrews Environmental Building at Griffith University was nominated for Heritage listing, this was knocked back.

#### 7(d) Western Australia Report, Katrina Chisholm

There was no report from Western Australia.

7(e) DOCOMOMO Australia web site, Federico Passi

Website. Federico Passi reported that the website was redesigned and relaunched in 2022 to enhance accessibility and useability. As a result of the redesign, the Docomomo Australia Register needs to be updated and this is a task that members are about to commence. A list of buildings have been prepared for which additional information is required for fiches and the website.

Copyright breach on website was reported and a subcommittee set up to look at this and to refute the claim. This is to be chaired by Polly Seidler.

Newsletter. Docomomo Australia continues to publish a regular and extensive newsletter each month to members and friends which includes topical news items, events, buildings at risk etc.

7 (g) More Fiches

It was suggested that we again approach Melbourne and Sydney Universities to set students tasks to prepare new fiches for projects so that we have items already on the website when they are needed instead of always having to start anew each time. Information from fiches is the main use of the website, so these to have new additions all the time.

7(h) Docomomo International President Change

After 12 years, Ana Tostoes, from Portugal, will stand down from the Presidency of Docomomo International on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and Uta Pottgiesser from Germany will take over. The International Office will move from Lisbon, Portugal to the Technical University, Delft, the Netherlands, and Wido Quist will take over as General Secretary as well. All payments will then be made to a new account in the Netherlands.

7 (j) 17<sup>TH</sup> DOCOMOMO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE in 2022

The 17<sup>th</sup> Docomomo International Conference will be held in Valencia, Spain from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The 21<sup>st</sup> AGM of Docomomo Australia agreed that Michael Gunn as Vice President NSW would represent Docomomo Australia at the Docomomo International Council Meeting, which will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 12:30 to 1500 hrs Spanish time in Valencia.

7 (k) Rob College Funds in Trust in the Docomomo Australia Bank Account of \$3,910.00

Scott Robertson reported that we had received two invoices in June 2022 from Environmental Defenders Office totalling \$1,210.00. These have now been paid and will appear in the 2022 Financial report.

Therefore the amount left in Trust at 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022, for the Rob College Fund is  
 $\$3,910.00 - \$1,210.00 = \$2,700.00$

**8 2020 Membership**

***Membership for 2021 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021:***

Individual International Members	55
Individual International Student Members	5
Local Individual Members	20
Local Student Members	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>

***Membership for 2022 at 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022:***

Individual International Members	46
Individual International Student Members	3
Local Individual Members	27
Local Student Members	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>

## **9 Election of Office Bearers of Docomomo Australia Inc and Members of the Committee for 2022.**

The Secretary, Louise Cox, reported that NO nominations for Office Bearers or the Committee had been received as required by 5.00pm AEST on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022:

Nominations from the floor were then received for the Office Bearers at the Zoom Meeting:

### Office Bearers

Scott Robertson	President (from NSW)
Louise Cox	Treasurer/ Secretary/ Public Officer (from NSW)
Michael Gunn	Vice President NSW
Hannah Lewi	Vice President VIC

It was MOVED by Polly Seidler and SECONDED by Kerime Danis, and carried unanimously that the nominated Office Bearers be elected unopposed, for 2022.

Nominations from the floor were then received for Committee Members at the Zoom Meeting:

### Committee Members

Kerime Danis	NSW
Samantha Polkinghorne	NSW
Glenn Harper	NSW
Michele Summerton	VIC
Noni Boyd	NSW
Polly Seidler	NSW
Tamarind Taylor	QLD
Katrina Chisholm	WA

It was MOVED by Scott Robertson and SECONDED by Anne Higham and carried unanimously by the meeting, that these eight (8) people become the Committee Members for 2022.

11.00 General Business

11.01 The Power House Museum

Scott Morrison reported that a Docomomo Australia submission should be made to the NSW Government regarding the Power House Museum again

11.02 Planning and Copyright

Polly Seidler alerted the meeting to a seminar on this topic being run in Sydney in August 2022 and that she would send the relevant information to Docomomo Australia soon.

11.03 Heritage CPD Modules

Louise Cox reported that four Heritage CPD modules delivered by the Australian Institute of Architects would begin in August 2022 and end in September 2022.

**The 21st Annual General Meeting of Docomomo Australia concluded at 19:09 AEST**

**Signed on**

**as a true record of the meeting**

**Scott Robertson (President)**

**Louise Cox (Secretary/Treasurer/Public Officer)**