

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2018
Redland Organic Growers Incorporated
Wednesday 8th August 2018.

1. 7.10pm **Opened AGM. Welcome** to members and guests – Julia Geljon
 2. Quick discussion of coming events etc
 - Garden Visit to Lara Britt's - August 19th
 - Green Heart fair update - promote ROGI - Sept 9th
 - Garden makeover – Ruth Bolomey's – August 25th
 - ROGI Field Trip: Hare Krishna Village – August 12th.
 - New members were welcomed.
 - Tool Sharpening explanation.
 3. **Plant Clinic:** Results to be posted in next newsletter.
 4. **Seed Bank:**
Sharr discussed new seeds, plant of the month (Sweet Potato)
 5. **Apologies:** Nil
 6. **Minutes AGM 2017.** (emailed ahead to all members).
 - a. No discussion, questions or concerns raised by the members.
 - b. Correspondence (addressed to this years' AGM). Nil.
 7. **Presentation of the President's Annual Report** by President: Julia Geljon
 - Adoption of report moved Julia Geljon
 - Seconded: Ann Roffey
 8. **Presentation of the Annual Financial Report** by Treasurer: Shanthie Goonetilleke
Any discussion?
 - Nil

Adoption of report moved: Margaret Sear

 - Seconded: Kathy Petrik
 - All in Favour Yes No (Nil). Accepted
 9. Announce all committee positions are vacant.
 - Outgoing Secretary - Margaret Sear will undertake elections
- Vote of Thanks** from Margaret Sear – Margaret thanks Julia and the 2017-2018 committee and office bearers for their work and efforts across the year.

10. Election of Management Committee –

Nominations were also called for positions from the floor.

Nil response:

- **President**, nominated **Julia Geljon**
 - By Chris McIvor
 - Seconded Margaret Sear
 - Accepted: Yes
- **Vice President**, nominated **Kathy Petrik**
 - By Margaret Sear
 - Seconded Julia Geljon
 - Accepted: Yes
- **Treasurer**, nominated **Shanthie Goonetilleke**
 - By Margaret Sear
 - Seconded Julia Geljon
 - Accepted: Yes
- **Secretary**, nominated **Roberta Bonnin**
 - By Kathy Petrik
 - Seconded Toni Bowler
 - Accepted: - Yes
- **Additional Committee Members:**
 1. **Toni Bowler** **Club Events Coordinator**
 - Nominated by Angela Stafford
 - Seconded Rhonda Binns
 - Accepted: Yes
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 2. **Rhonda Binns** **Membership**
 - Nominated by Toni Bowler
 - Seconded Margaret Sear
 - Accepted: Yes
 3. **Jill Nixon** **Newsletter Editor**
 - Nominated by Kathy Petrik
 - Seconded Margaret Sear
 - Accepted: Yes

4. **Peter Callil** (This position was vacant and called from the floor).

- Nominated by Margaret Sear
- Seconded Shanthie Goonetilleke
- Accepted Yes

11. New 2018 – 2019 Chair ... Julia Geljon returned to continue meeting

12. General AGM Business:

A. Office Bearers: No Election of these. Just voluntary positions.

Welcome to Office Bearers 2018 - 2019.

- i. Assistant Treasurer: Mena Stoke - accepted.
- ii. Internal Club Events: Toni Bowler – accepted.
- iii. Membership Secretary: Rhonda Binns – accepted.
- iv. PR and Communications Coordinator: Gail Bruce - accepted
- v. External Public Event Coordinators: Margaret Sear and Sharr Ellson – accepted.
- vi. Website Manager: Pal Juvancz – accepted.
- vii. Newsletter Editor: Jill Nixon – accepted.
 - a. Newsletter Assistant: Ann Roffey – accepted.
- viii. Seed Bank Coordinators: Janet Crighton & Sharr Elson – accepted.
- ix. Library Convenor: Sophie Bromham - accepted.
 - a. Library assistants: Treina Densley – accepted.
- x. Supper coordinator: Cheryl McWilliams – accepted.
Supper assistants: Bob Clarke, Eric Evans, & Maisie Cull – accepted.
- xi. Tech Desk Coordinators: Steve Gayner, Gennaro De Rosa, and Pal Juvancz. – All accepted.
- xii. Registration Desk Assistance: Carolyn Lasson, Jan Acton, Francke Latter - accepted
- xiii. Facebook / Social Media: Kathy Petrik & Margaret Sear - accepted

xiv. Plant Clinic: Chris McIvor – accepted.

B. Financial Matters Discussion:

Julia informed the members that we have 2 motions dealing with financial matters to discuss.

Shanthie spoke to the first motion.

- Motion moved to invest part of funds currently in the Transaction Account with Bendigo Bank to Term Deposits with the same bank. The investment to be continued over time and increase or decrease the amount invested based on the availability of funds.

*The President mentioned that a resolution had been passed at a management committee meeting to proceed with this investment but that the ROGI constitution requires approval by the members.

*The Treasurer explained that currently all funds are held in a transaction account and even though we averaged around \$15,000 credit in the account, the interest earned was only \$85. The intention is to earn income and the same controls that apply to the transaction account will be applied to the term deposits.

*It was mentioned by a member that Bendigo Bank allows two accounts to be maintained. One for transactions and the other for investments on which interest is earned. It was agreed to explore this option and if viable, progress it too in addition to the term deposits.

* It was agreed to keep the members informed of investment/s made.

Proposed – Shanthie Goonetilleke,

Seconded – Julia Geljon

All in favour. Yes (All). No (Nil). Approved.

- Motion moved to appoint an Hon. Auditor to ROGI for 2018/19.

A short discussion to clarify this decision.

*The primary task will be to review the Annual Financial Statements prior to the Management Committee endorsing them, prior to submitting them to the AGM for acceptance by the members, and subsequent submission to Office of Fair Trade with the registration renewal form.

There is no payment to the auditor as it is an honorary position only.

*Zeenet Scarborough of Cloud Tax Accountants & Business Advisors Pty Ltd, Victoria Point had agreed to accept the position if the motion was approved.

Moved – Toni Bowler,

Seconded – Margaret Sear

All in favour. Yes (All). No (Nil). Approved.

**Announcement of date, place and time of next AGM:
14th August 2019.**

Close of AGM - 7. 50 pm

Following the AGM:

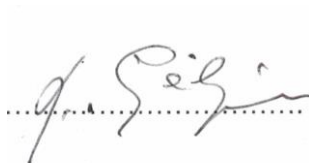
🍷 Short Explanation regarding e-waste and SubStation 33.

🍷 Talk by Tharun Sonti – “Blue Zones”.

Followed by Supper.

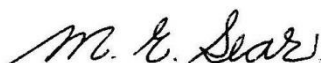
Signed:

Julia Geljon

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Julia Geljon', written over a horizontal dotted line.

President 2017-2018

Margaret Sear
Secretary 2017-2018

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Sear', written in a cursive style.

Dated:
8th August 2018.

Attachments:

1. President's Report for AGM 2017- 2018.

August 8th, 2018

Dear members,

Redlands Organic Growers Inc. has played a vital part in engaging the Redlands Community in Organic Gardening practices for many years now and the last 12 months have been no exception.

Our financial membership continues to grow and now stands at almost 190. A figure not reached till the end of our membership year last December. Rhonda Binns is our very able Membership Secretary who keeps track of the attendance records. Thank you, Rhonda, for your excellent spreadsheet skills.

While not every member can attend our regular monthly meetings we nevertheless have an attendance of around 90-100 at each meeting. Mostly members, but also quite a few visitors are attracted by the quality of our Guest Speakers.

We have had an excellent range of Guest Speakers on many topics.

Native Bees, Fungi, Bio-Dynamics, Certified Organic Meats & Products, Fertilizers, Soil amendments and Waste Management etc. as well as in house workshops.

All of the above were sourced and organized by our untiring Vice-President Sharr Ellson, who is now retiring. She will be sorely missed in that role and we thank her for her fantastic efforts.

Other important events in The Rogi calendar last year were our presence at the very successful Green Heart Fair last September and our Closing the Circle on Waste workshops at IndigiScapes last March. Both these events were coordinated by Bronwen Thomas. She is also retiring from her position and again we owe her thanks for a job well done.

Toni Bowler is the person responsible for the many inspiring Garden Visits we've had this year. It's not an easy job to convince members to let others come and see your garden, but Toni manages to do it very well. She also arranges our various Field Trips during the year to places such as Macleay Island and to the Currumbin Eco-Village and the Hare Krishna Farm. Thank you, Toni, for arranging such interesting places to visit.

Both those events and our monthly meetings would not be the same without the wonderful array of plants and seedlings grown by Janet Crighton. It takes time and dedication to produce such a vast number of plants for sale each month. Rogi and its members are the beneficiaries of Janet's passion for growing things. Thank you, Janet.

This year we have also seen the emergence of a Rogi Seed Savers Group. An initiative proposed by Janet and Sharr. Under the guiding hand of Linda Brennan this group is meeting bi-monthly to learn how best to save our own seeds.

Some months ago, our serving Treasurer, Gary Bromham was forced to retire due to ill health. Fortunately, Shanthie Goonetilleke was able to step in and take over his role. We thank Gary for his dedication over the years and thank Shanthie for his willingness to oversee our finances in the future.

There are some people in any organization who always go above and beyond their appointed role. Our outgoing Secretary, Margaret Sear, is one of those people in Rogi. She is always ready to step in and assist. We will miss you as our extremely efficient secretary but know you will still be around to help wherever you can. Thank you so much for all your hard work and excellent record keeping.

I must also thank our diligent Newsletter Editor, Jill Nixon, who manages to produce a very informative newsletter every month. Sophie Bromham for looking after the Library. Pal Juvancz for managing ROGI'S website and Steve Gayner for looking after the tech desk.

Last, but not least, I want to thank every one of you for your support of Rogi and your assistance at events and on meeting nights. Without its loyal members Rogi could not exist.

Thank you all for a great year

Julia Geljon

President

2. Financial report for AGM 2017 – 2018.

As you would have noticed in the financial report there are a lot of numbers. To make any sense, in looking at the numbers we need to have questions in our mind that we can use the numbers to answer.

Taking that approach,

- Is ROGI financially sound?
 - What the report says is, in July 2017 our balance was 14 thousand, and then 12 months later in June 2018, it had increased to approximately 16 thousand. Two messages in there. That is, our financial position has improved which is a good sign and second, we have adequate funds. With the first point you would have noticed that I used the word “improved” rather than quoting a specific number. That is, the difference between the two numbers \$14,213 and \$16,415 which is, \$2,202 includes a few numbers that should be ignored when identifying improvements.
- Is ROGI continuing to be valued by its members? What do the numbers say?

	2016/17	2017/18
Membership	3,690.00	4,452.90
Visitors	568.00	955.00
Entry Fee	847.25	657.45

The answer seems to be yes, as membership and visitors have increased from year to year. The Entry Fee which is what members pay has reduced due to this being stopped a few months ago.

- How did ROGI earn its funds?

Membership	4,453
Entry to Meetings	1,612
Seed Bank	1,893

- How did ROGI spend its money?

Rent	1,400
Xmas Party	1,312
Field Trips	674
Library	480
Insurance	390
Web Posting	386

As I realise it is bad form to spend too long in accounting at a gardening club, I will stop at that. If anybody is interested in some aspect that I have or haven't touched on, please speak to me after the meeting.

Though I got to speak today to the numbers I only did them for one month. The other 11 months were very capably handled Gary Bromham. He also handed over good processes and systems which made my job much easier. Thanks Gary. Another person I owe thanks to, is Meena Stoke who reviewed the financial statement and provided other assistance. Thanks, Meena. Shanthie Goonetilleke.

ROGI Inc - Financial Report 2017/18

	2016/17	2017/18	
Opening Balance			14,213.13
Receipts			
Interest	79.21	85.27	
Membership	3,690.00	4,452.90	
Visitors	568.00	955.00	
Entry Fee	847.25	657.45	
Shop	827.80	337.10	
Seed Bank	3,450.90	3,700.70	
Public Events	371.40	656.10	
Field Trips	450.00	300.00	
Donation	420.30		
Grant Boomerang Bags		800.00	
Excess Float		100.00	
Sale of Plant & Equipment	50.00		
Total Receipts	10,754.86	12,044.52	
Payments			
Bank fees	30.10	28.70	
Postage	333.50	293.00	
Telephone		17.85	
Office Supplies	301.79	282.74	
Increase Float to Membership	50.00		
Printing		176.00	
Plant & Equipment	455.98	210.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	50.90		
Rent	1,400.00	1,400.00	
Telephone	9.32		
Registration Fees	51.70	53.50	
Web Posting	360.00	386.00	
Membership		67.50	
Insurance	320.00	390.00	
Seed Bank	1,657.04	1,807.55	
Library	379.74	480.00	
Refreshments	66.40	108.60	
Speakers Fees	91.95	300.00	
Xmas Party	1,259.85	1,311.60	
Public Events	308.15	239.69	
Field Trips	1,518.88	974.36	
Garden Visits	10.00		
Garden Makeover	327.00		
Round Robin Night	178.20		
Grant Boomerang Bags		780.10	
SMBI Grant	1,649.50		
Training		258.00	
Gifts	1.80	277.45	
Total Payments	10,811.80	9,842.64	
Closing Balance		2,201.88	16,415.01