

# Friends of Renew

27 October 2020

BY EMAIL

Grant Downie

Secretary

Level 1, 39 Little Collins Street

Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear Secretary,

**RE: Special business for AGM**

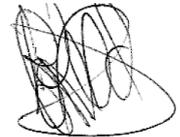
Pursuant to rule 11(3) of the Association's Constitution, Robin Gardner, Richard Keech, Petrice Koelewyn, Michele Ryan, and Wendy Clarke, being current members of the Association, require that the business set out in paragraphs 1 – 13 of the attached document is put to members in its entirety at the forthcoming AGM of the Association.

Yours sincerely,

**Robin Gardner** (member since 2006, co-convenor of Melbourne Branch)



**Richard Keech** (regular contributor to Renew magazine, co-convenor of My Efficient Electric Home, ATA/Renew member since 2007)



**Petrice Koelewyn** (Perth Renew branch treasurer, member of ATA/Renew since 2017)



**Michele Ryan** (ATA/Renew member since 2001, Ex-staff bookkeeper, co-convenor of Melbourne Branch)



**Wendy Clarke** (Renew staff member 2001 to 2012)



Business for AGM of Alternative Technology Association  
Incorporated (Also known as Renew Australia)  
(Association)

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1. Background

It is **NOTED** that:

- (a) during COVID-19 the board of the Association (**Board**) enacted a restructure of the staff and operations of the Association and failed to communicate with its staff, branch convenors or members in an acceptable or transparent manner;
- (b) as a result of recent actions of the Board it has become evident that the Board is no longer in alignment with the interests of many of its members and no longer has the support or confidence of its members;
- (c) the members proposing the below resolutions would like to take the opportunity to speak to these points at the meeting and seek the support of fellow members to reconstitute the Board;
- (d) under rule 30 of the Association's Constitution (**Constitution**), the Association in general meeting may, by resolution, remove any Board member before the expiration of the member's term of office and appoint another member in his or her place to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member; and
- (e) it is proposed that the Association passes the following resolutions to remove the following individuals as Board members of the Association.

2. Resolution 1 – Removal of Gerlinde Scholz

It is **RESOLVED** that, pursuant to rule 30 of the Constitution:

- (a) Gerlinde Scholz be removed from office as a Board member of the Association; and
- (b) Jenita Enevoldsen be appointed in Gerlinde Scholz's place to hold office until the expiration of the term of Gerlinde Scholz (Jenita Enevoldsen's credentials are attached), unless Jenita Enevoldsen has, pursuant to rule 22 of the Constitution, already been elected by the members of the Association as part of the ordinary business of the meeting to hold office as a Board member, in which case, Chris Moss be appointed in Gerlinde Scholz's place to hold office until the expiration of the term of Gerlinde Scholz (Chris Moss' credentials are attached),

effective from the signing of this resolution by the Chairperson of the meeting.

3. Resolution 2 – Removal of Dominique La Fontaine

It is **RESOLVED** that, pursuant to rule 30 of the Constitution:

- (a) Dominique La Fontaine be removed from office as a Board member of the Association; and
- (b) Graham Hunt be appointed in Dominique La Fontaine's place to hold office until the expiration of the term of Dominique La Fontaine (Graham Hunt's credentials are attached), unless Graham Hunt has, pursuant to rule 22 of the Constitution, already been elected by the members of the Association as part of the ordinary business of the meeting to hold office as a Board member, in which case, Don Batson be appointed in Dominique La Fontaine's place to hold office until the expiration of the term of Dominique La Fontaine (Don Batson's credentials are attached),

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effective from the signing of this resolution by the Chairperson of the meeting.

### 4. Resolution 3 – Removal of Louisa Scott

- (a) It is **NOTED** that this resolution only applies if, pursuant to rule 22 of the Constitution, Louisa Scott has been re-elected by the members of the Association as part of the ordinary business of this meeting to hold office as a Board member for an additional term.
- (b) It is **RESOLVED** that, pursuant to rule 30 of the Constitution:
  - (i) Louisa Scott be removed from office as a Board member of the Association; and
  - (ii) Shaila Divakarla be appointed in Louisa Scott's place to hold office until the expiration of the term of Louisa Scott (Shaila Divakarla's credentials are attached), unless Shaila Divakarla has, pursuant to rule 22 of the Constitution, already been elected by the members of the Association as part of the ordinary business of the meeting to hold office as a Board member, in which case, Daryl Douglass be appointed in Louisa Scott's place to hold office until the expiration of the term of Louisa Scott (Daryl Douglass' credentials are attached),

effective from the signing of this resolution by the Chairperson of the meeting.

### 5. Resolution 4 – Removal of Tim Drinkall

- (a) It is **NOTED** that this resolution only applies if, pursuant to rule 22 of the Constitution, Tim Drinkall has been re-elected by the members of the Association as part of the ordinary business of this meeting to hold office as a Board member for an additional term.
- (b) It is **RESOLVED** that, pursuant to rule 30 of the Constitution:
  - (i) Tim Drinkall be removed from office as a Board member of the Association; and
  - (ii) Rick Molloy be appointed in Tim Drinkall's place to hold office until the expiration of the term of Tim Drinkall (Rick Molloy's credentials are attached), unless Rick Molloy has, pursuant to rule 22 of the Constitution, already been elected by the members of the Association as part of the ordinary business of the meeting to hold office as a Board member, in which case, Michael Harris be appointed in Tim Drinkall's place to hold office until the expiration of the term of Tim Drinkall (Michael Harris' credentials are attached),

effective from the signing of this resolution by the Chairperson of the meeting.

### 6. Further action

It is **RESOLVED** that the President or Vice President of the Association be authorised to do any act, matter or thing, and to execute and deliver any document as may be deemed necessary, advisable or incidental in connection with the preceding resolutions and the documents required to effect this change.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

## Credentials

**Jenita Enevoldsen (WA)** is an environmental advocate, project facilitator and sustainability practitioner. She was recently awarded the 2019 WA Environment & Sustainability Rising Women in Leadership Award by the Perth Women's Business Network. She first connected with Renew via Sustainable House Day (SHD) which inspired herself and her partner to design and build their own solar passive home in Fremantle. Wanting to give back, she revitalised the Perth Renew branch in 2017 with Greg O'Byrne as Co-Convenor, with a mission to double attendance of SHD in WA. They helped to achieve this with a team of dedicated volunteers. With over a decade of experience as an environmental campaigner, strategist and organisers, Jenita rose to the position of WA State Director with The Wilderness Society. She has lead multiple, large scale sustainability-focused projects such as the Kimberley Clean Energy Roadmap, which lead to \$50 million worth of government investment. Jenita is committed to advocating for a renewable energy future with climate resilient housing and supports grassroots organisations, like Renew, to support members to make collective change.

**Chris Moss (VIC)** has been a member of ATA since 1981. He was involved in the early days of the Melbourne Branch and is a current co-convenor. During the late-1980's Chris was on the ATA Committee of Management and was a founding member of the International Projects Group in 2003 (12 trips to East Timor). He also was editor of the ATA 'Sun Newsletter' and is a Life Member of ATA/Renew.

In his work life, Chris was a technical editor and then an electronics technician working on VICRoads computerised traffic systems, then a contract administrator and traffic consultant working on optimising traffic signals for tram priority.

Chris' priority on the Board would be to represent the branches, encourage membership via forums, social media, webinars/streaming live meetings, and Youtube. Chris would support the continued provision of advice in many forms to the public, and members in particular.

**Graham Hunt (NSW)** has been a member of ATA for 17 years and a member of the committee of the Sydney Central Branch since branch started (co-convenor for last 4 years). Prior to that he was State Secretary of the NSW branch of Australian Solar Energy Society (AUSES) for 5 years.

Graham is an architect with 30 years experience and 20 years of experience as a NatHERS assessor. He designed and built his first passive solar house in 1983.

Graham is a representative of the Australian Institute of Architects on the following committees:

- Australian Building Codes Board Residential Energy Efficiency Working Group
- NatHERS Technical Advisory Committee
- NatHERS Stakeholders Consultative committee
- Your Home Consultative Committee

"I will be focusing on Renew remaining a member-based organisation providing strong support to branches and continuing to provide independent accessible advice to the public."

**Don Batson (VIC)** began working at Renew in 2006. He has a background in financial reporting, process improvement and system design. He is CPA-qualified with many years' experience in managing compliance and reporting. For over 14 years, Don was responsible for Renew's regulatory compliance, finances, system improvements and keeping its operations in working order. Working at all levels of the organisation, from grassroots member and community engagement, staff management, team projects, to attending all Board meetings, was a responsibility and privilege he took on with gusto. On more than one occasion he signed up new Renew members from chatting with strangers on public transport! He has a passion for sustainability, an interest in electric cars, and enjoys the fruits of his recently renovated energy-efficient home and productive garden.

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**Shaila Divakarla (NSW)** received her Ph.D. in Sustainable Architecture from the University of Melbourne. She is also a registered architect (NSW) and sustainable design consultant with over 15 years experience in the building industry in Australia. She is currently working in local Government providing expert sustainability advice on planning applications and council projects and is also a sessional academic at University of Sydney. Shaila's experience has spanned widely across design, research, project coordination/management, expert sustainability advice, education/training. She has been on several judging panels for sustainable building awards for a number of years.

Her passion for sustainable built environments in the mainstream is demonstrated by a proven track record in championing sustainable project housing highlighted by her key role as Design Sustainability Specialist in the Ecoliving Display Village, which was the recipient of state and national awards in 2012. Shaila also contributed to the recently released ISO standard 20400 on sustainable procurement as a member of the Australian delegation and actively collaborated with national and international sustainability standards organisations to scale up impacts during her role as Standards and Technical Manager at Good Environmental Choice Australia. Her commitment to a sustainable built environment is unwavering and her focus has always been on implementation at grassroots level and sharing information and knowledge freely. This has seen her engage in several voluntary activities in this area including Renew's (and previously ATA's) Speed Date a Sustainability Designer events for several years.

**Daryl Douglas (QLD)** has been a member of ATA since 1993. He was a founding member and Secretary of the original ATA Brisbane Branch 1994 and then Convenor of the ATA/Renew Cairns Branch from 1995 to the present.

Daryl spent 20 years as a member of the Australian Defence Force as an Electronics Technician, 6 Years as Radio and Communications Manager with Cairns School of Distance Education and 14 years as a Biomedical Technician with Queensland Health. He has now retired to Kuranda to a 300 tree Cocoa estate and is the Secretary, Shed Manager, Events Manager and Membership Manager of the Kuranda Men's Shed (2018-2020)

"I have organised regular Renew displays at major local events such as Cairns Eco Fiesta and Carnival on Collins since their inception in 2010. I also run stalls at regional market days in Koah, Mareeba and Tolga and assisted with meet and greet functions on Sustainable House Days across Cairns and Atherton Tablelands, as required, allowing home owners to concentrate on the tours."

**Rick Molloy (VIC)** has been a member of Renew for 30 years. He was a past Convenor of the Melbourne Electric Vehicle Branch and is now the one of the Co-convenors of the Melbourne Branch. He is proud to have been associated with 2 EVExpos run by Renew. These events were a team effort organised by a volunteer committee, staff and then on the day by about 70 member volunteers. Rick was a maths/science teacher for 13 years. In that time, he was on 2 different school councils, a subject coordinator, a year level coordinator and timetabler. He was one of the inaugural teachers at Kensington Community School, teaching there for 6 years. Now retired, Rick was a registered builder for 30 years, both on the tools and doing all administrative tasks including design, drawings and organising permits. Apart from Renew, he has a broad range of experience volunteering in the community. For example, the basketball club for which Rick was the inaugural chairperson, now has 63 teams. Rick plays competition table tennis and is a keen gardener. He is particularly proud of his raspberries. Rick will work towards maintaining and improving Renew as a member-based grass roots organisation.

**Michael Harris (VIC)** has had a long association with renewable energy. He was manager of Renew/ATA until 1995, and led the construction of the Solar Workshop at the Ceres Community Environment Park, the Energy trailer and later the Energymobile (a semi-trailer purpose built display vehicle which toured Australia promoting renewable energy). Mick then went on to form the Enviroshop and later Envirogroup which is still in operation today. He has kept up his strong association with Renew through that time, forming the International Projects Group which is funded by donations to provide solar power to community buildings and houses in Timor Leste. He was employed by Renew to provide technical advice for members until last year.