

**Whitehorse Pre School Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Thursday 4th March 2010

7:30pm

Box Hill Town Hall Hub
Meeting Room D, First Floor
27 Banks St, Box Hill

Present: Benwerrin, Birralee, Blackburn, Dr Stanley Cochrane, Eastmont, East Burwood, Florence Rd, Indra, Katrina, Larch St, Newhope Baptist, Parkmore, Parkside, Pope Rd, Rangeview, St Augustine's, Warekila, Wattle Hill, Woodhouse Grove, St Peter's, Pat Brown, Leanne Mits (WKG), Anna Richardson (2009 Executive), Louise Richmond (2009 Executive), Jen Bite (2009 Executive).

Apologies: Box Hill Nth Primary, Box Hill Sth, Burwood Heights, Melissa Jones (2009 Executive), New Hope Baptist, Heatherdale, St James, Donna Matthews WELS, Nicky Barry-Murphy (Bookkeeper)

Absent: : Barriburn, Jennie Decker (2009 Executive), Jo Van den Berg (2009 Executive), Friend St, Holbury, Mt Pleasant, Nunawading, Surrey Hills Baptist, Taralye, St Scholastica's, Terrara, Vermont

Meeting opened 7:30pm

Welcome

Anna Richardson (2009 WPSA President) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Presentations from Guest Speakers.

1. Sandra Prouse, CEO Free Kindergarten Assoc (FKA)
2. Vanessa Kenny, Kindergarten Parents Victoria (KPV)

Anna then introduced the 2010 WPSA Executive Committee, which included the President, Secretary, Treasurer and General Committee member.

Received and accepted, with question time:

- a. Presidents Report
- b. Association manager's report
- c. Financial report
- d. Whitehorse Kindergarten Group Report

General Business

* Anna thanked Kim and Andrea for the hard work and dedication over the last year and for all the assistance and guidance Kim gives to the executive committee each year. Anna also thanked Pat Brown (Community Advocate) for her hard work and commitment over the last five years.

* Kim welcomed the new WPSA representatives and introduced herself and highlighted her background and experiences with kindergartens in Whitehorse and her current roles and responsibilities have evolved and how she job shares with Andrea. Andrea then gave an overview of her background at her kinder and how she was the enrolment officer prior to taking up the assistant's role at wpsa.

*Jen Bite thanked the bookkeeper for all her hard work and also wished the new 2010 Treasurer the best of luck.

*Leanne Mits spoke on behalf of the Whitehorse Kindergarten Group (WKG) and provided some valuable information as to what the group does and offers. Leanne thanked the WPSA for their ongoing support and highlighted to all that as being a teacher is an isolated field and it is so encouraging to be supported by the WPSA. She thanked Kim and Andrea for attending all their meetings and being involved and staying on top of what was going on at all Whitehorse kinders. Leanne also thanked Pat Brown and wished her well for future endeavours.

She encouraged all committees to support their teachers as they are going through a tremendous amount of change and teachers are having more thrown at them than ever before.

With no training, no more pay and no more time teachers are struggling overworked and underpaid and they need support so encourage them to come to KPV meetings.

* Presidents Meeting. This will be held hopefully early term 2

* Cluster Management. Term 3.

* Kim thanked Pat Brown and presented her with a gift of appreciation. Pat thanked all and reminded us all how lucky we are to live in Whitehorse to have the best preschool association in Victoria and in addition to have and use the WKG and she wished all well.

Meeting closed 8:35pm

Next Annual General Meeting: March 2011

Next General Meeting: Tuesday 3rd June, 2010.