

GENERAL MEETING OF THE VICTORIA / TASMANIAN CHAPTER OF LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AUSTRALASIA

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2022

Present	
Scott Alterator (SA), Chair	Maya van Essen (MV), LEA Project Officer
Georgi Fairley (GF), Chair-Elect	Alex Leeder (ALe), Minx Architecture
Johnsen Lim (JL), Treasurer	Laurence Robinson (LR), Brand Architects
Emily Flint (EF), Secretary	Caroline Giles (CG), ANZUK Teaching Agency
Amanda Loughman (AL), LEA Vic Committee	Katrina Owers (KO), McBride Charles Ryan
Amy Fitzpatrick (AF), LEA Vic Committee	Fonda Zahopoulos (FZ), Connect PM
Alison Wheeler (AW), LEA Vic Committee	Jane Briese (JB), Minx Architecture
Belinda Griffin (BG), LEA Vic Committee	

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1.0	PRESENT & APOLOGIES
1.1	See above.
2.0	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING
2.1	Minutes were confirmed from the 2021 Annual Meeting.
3.0	ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHAIR
3.1	Scott Alterator delivered the Chair's Annual Report.
3.2	Membership: The chapter has 313 members at 31/10/22.
3.3	Sponsors for 2022 included: Major Sponsor: None Supporting Sponsor: Interface & Woods Furniture Digital Sponsor: Bluescope Awards Sponsor: Interface, Bluescope
3.4	The Victorian Chapter advocated the vision of LEA through the following initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The 2022 events calendar included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar Launch • Schools as Community Hubs Lecture • Carlton Learning Precinct • PEGS Music House • Inclusion Part 2 (Online Panel) • Shepparton Road Trip • MLC Nicholas Learning Centre • Ramleigh Park Primary b. Awards Publication. 2020 saw the publication of the 13th edition of the 'Places for Learning - Contemporary Designs in Education' awards book.

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<p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>c. LEA Vic Chapter continue to explore responses to engagement with educators. This year we initiated the Educator Fellowship which involved sponsoring 3 teachers a year's membership.</p> <p>Professional Development</p> <p>a. We expanded the reach of the Chapter through online podcasts. These forms of engagement provide greater degree of flexibility and allow us to highlight ideas and experts that would otherwise be difficult to provide to members. We see this as a productive first step in a burgeoning area of engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Episode 1 – Carlton Primary School • Episode 2 – Schools as Community Hubs • SPECIAL – Shepparton Road Trip St Anne's Kialla <p>b. CPD points were available to all Victorian registered architects for most events. This will continue for future events.</p> <p>Opportunities</p> <p>a. The 2024 Regional Conference is a significant opportunity. We see the value in positioning our calendars for 2023 and 2024 to complement the conference theme. Where possible, we see serious potential to engage educators through this period.</p> <p>b. We will continue to expand the digital and online outputs. This allows the ideas to travel beyond our members. We see the committee's efforts as attempting to influence the future of education and these mediums amplify our reach.</p> <p>c. Continued to include an acknowledgement of Country at the start of events and committee meetings.</p> <p>Changes/Challenges</p> <p>a. Two broad themes emerged post-Covid for Vic-Tas. The first is the need to add value for the number of members. In Victoria we have more than 220 members and yet are limited by the number of folks we can host at any one event. We are exploring virtual events and podcasting as an extension of site visits to reach further into our membership.</p> <p>b. We are challenged by the idea of relevance within the education community. Space appears to be a 'point of need' issue for educators and we wish to extend our influence in education settings through broad thematic planning, design, and practice development and evaluation.</p> <p>c. Despite these challenges, the Vic / Tas Committee remained committed to staying in touch and delivering value for members.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>ANNUAL REPORT FROM TREASURER</p> <p>Johnsen Lim provided a report on the Chapter's finances for the year ending 30 June 2022:</p> <p>a. The LE Vic-Tas Chapter account balance at 30 June 2022 was \$ 86,289.89</p> <p>b. The LE Vic-Tas Chapter account balance at 31 October 2022 was \$ 88,841.56</p> <p>c. A full copy of the Treasurer's Report can be made available upon request.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>COMMITTEE ELECTIONS</p> <p>a. The following individuals were nominated and elected to fill vacancies on the Vic / Tas Chapter Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Leeder <p>b. The following individuals were renominated for the Vic / Tas Chapter Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Flint • Georgi Fairley
<p>6.0</p>	<p>CONCLUSION OF ANNUAL MEETING</p> <p>a. Scott Alterator thanked all those attending and welcomed Alex to the Committee.</p> <p>b. Scott closed the meeting.</p>