

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### Discovery Church Auditorium

**DATE:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**TIME:** 12.15pm – Registration  
12.35pm – Meeting commenced

**PARTNERS  
PRESENT:** 68

**APOLOGIES:** 6

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**WORSHIP:** Sam Tinsley

**WELCOME:** Jody Destry opened in prayer and introduced Stephen Tinsley

**ITEM 1:** **Chair of Elders' Report - Stephen Tinsley**

Stephen opened by reflecting on the upheaval and difficulties of the past 12 months, and particularly the question; “How is God trying to get our attention within this?” Stephen reported that the Elders met twice a month via zoom during the pandemic and, along with spending time going through Ruth Hayley Barton’s book “Pursuing God’s Will Together”, the Elders discussed questions such as “What is the rhythm we will fall into now as we have lost our ‘norm’?”, “What is God’s opportunity for our church?”, “What does our opportunity look like now?”, “What is the bigger story that we take to the community and how can they find their place within that?” Stephen closed by sharing that the Eldership would appreciate the prayers of the DC Partners; that they would have wisdom and let go of their will to fully hear what it is that God is saying and hear what His heart is for this time.

**ITEM 2 :** **Approve previous AGM minutes**

It was moved that the minutes from the previous AGM, held Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 are accepted.

Minutes from last AGM were approved by a show of hands.

**ITEM 3: Thanks to Jonathan Baker & re-elections to the Elders' Board**

The Eldership team joined Stephen on the platform where Jonathon Baker was honoured through encouragement and prayer for serving a nine-year term. Cheryl Osment, Paul Cameron, and Stephen Tinsley were reappointed for their second term in 2019.

**ITEM 4: Finance Report - Beck Lambert**

Tithes and offerings increased in both 2019 and 2020, 5.5% and 3.9% respectively. Our Vision Offering totalled \$135,142 which was higher than the 2019 offering of \$112,000. There was a significant surplus of \$302,163; larger than anticipated. Factors contributing to this result were the Government assistance received via JobKeeper, Cash Flow boost, the Business Support Fund, as well as lower running costs, ministry and program costs, and most importantly the steady giving of our people.

Due to limited access to our facility for much of 2020, we didn't complete a number of the capital projects we would have normally undertaken, but we did make significant progress on a security upgrade, a tech upgrade aimed at supporting online services, and completed an upgrade of the front gravel car park.

**ITEM 5: Senior Ministers' Report & Vision Offering – Matt & Jody Destry**

2020 was prophesied to be an unprecedented year and that is what it was. The Gospel spread online as our ministry pivoted. We saw 2020 as a divine pause to listen attentively to God, separated from the busyness of life. Discipleship emerged as a weak muscle that we seek to focus on, hence, the Everyday Faith App was launched. DCC was a great gift to our community throughout times of government restrictions and lockdowns.

Looking to the future we are excited about how Discovery Church might not just be a Sunday focus but a gift to the community throughout the week too.

**Vision Offering Launch – Matt Destry**

Everything is connected.

Jeremiah 29:7 "Seek the peace and prosperity of that city."

We are praying for land, location, and leverage.

**1. Land** - the promise that was made to Discovery Church for the community.

**2. Location** - who are our neighbours and what are their needs?

**3. Leverage** - what are the gifts and talents within our community? What is in the soil? What are the dreams of this people in this place?

**ITEM 6: Presentation of Annual Reports and financial statements**

The Audited Financial Reports and Annual Reports for 2019 and 2020 were presented to the Partners.

Approved by a show of hands from the Partners.

**ITEM 7: Question Time**

Q. Tony Chandler: There was a \$300,000 profit last year which appears due to government subsidies. Employment expenses also increased significantly. On that basis, it looks like we will run at a \$300,000 loss this financial year - are there any plans as to what we will do with that?

A. Beck Lambert: Employment costs increased in line with our obligation to pass on JobKeeper - this was mostly an artificial increase due to the high proportion of part-time employees we have. In 2021 we expect employment costs to mostly contract back in line with pre-COVID levels. There are a few exceptions to this as we have acknowledged the need to resource our online services and have therefore increased the loads of a few roles accordingly.

**ITEM 8: Close in Prayer**

The AGM was closed in prayer at 1:23pm by Bec Gebert concluded 1:25pm

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