

# *Sustainable Energy Now*

## *Annual General Meeting*

### *9 October 2023*



*7:30pm Monday, City West, Lotteries House, 2 Delphi Street, West Perth*

Chair: Fraser Maywood (SEN Chair)  
Minute taker: Louise Tomlin (Secretary)

#### **1. Welcome by Chair**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.350pm, welcomed members attending and gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

#### **2. Present and Apologies**

Attendance in person: 13 members in attendance excl. chair.

Attendance via Google Meet: None

Issued proxies: None

The Chair declared the Meeting Quorum under the constitution has been met.

#### **3. Confirmation of the AGM 2022 Minutes**

The Chair tabled the minutes of the AGM held 10th October 2022.

Motion for the AGM held 10th October 2022 received and adopted.

**Moved:** Matt Saxon, **Seconded:** Len Bunn

Carried.

#### **4. Business Arising from the minutes of the previous AGM**

Special resolution # 4 from 2022 AGM - ability for committee to create bylaws.

Committee has worked-up draft by-laws based on gaps in our constitution and prior and pertinent resolutions passed by SEN committees – see below for headings

Committee has not approved the by-laws to be issued to the membership for endorsement – for FY24 committee

Committee are following the by-laws in the interim on a good faith basis until details agreed

1. Intellectual Property
2. Confidentiality
3. Communications
4. Representation
5. Circular Resolutions
6. Code of Conduct
7. Policy Platform
8. IT Policy
9. Finance Management
10. Funding Request
11. AGM and Committee Election

#### **5. Chair's report on activities for the year.**

SEN's report was consistent with government report

Keep strengthening the brand. Increase in followers:

- 1006 followers on Facebook; and
- 1000 followers on LinkedIn.

Don't have resources to hold the government to account.

Focusing on strategy instead of going on whims.

Need to keep reports current.

SEN Presents restarted and 7 SEN Presents conducted – thanks to all volunteers that helped out

The new SEN website was launched in Feb '23- a more modern look and feel consistent with positioning SEN as WA's leading clean energy advocate.

The SWIS Decarbonisation Campaign 2022-23 kicked-off in February progressed with follow-up meetings with EPWA and AEMO, and meeting with the Energy Minister's chief advisor.

SEN wrote to AEMO, Bill Johnston and environment minister on the Gas Statement of Opportunities (140%

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increase in gas usage for power generation on the SWIS)

SWIS Demand Assessment released in May 2023 – raised many questions – especially around funding transmission upgrades and a transition authority. SEN response submitted resulting in an invite from EPWA. Modelling and technical groups met regularly and working on an update to SEN’s SWIS modelling to cover Collie closure

SEN members Rob Phillips, Len Bunn and Gus King launched the Broome Clean Energy Study 2022

SEN progressed energy input into Climate Positive Perth study led by Dr Brad Pettitt

Casual vacancies on the committee advertised and filled through Volunteering Australia (Nasrin, Emily K, Gabriel, Emily P, Tash)

SEN more active in the media – energy is moving quickly, attracting interest from ABC Radio.

Committee met monthly to progress various initiatives and actions

There is still a lot for SEN to do in the energy transition and relies on strengthening our capability in:

- Technical and modelling (tech and economic)
- Education – SEN Presents
- Advocacy
- Organisation – including governance and risk

Lorde concert March 2023

#### **Update of actions from the Strategy Session 2022 and 2023.**

Year starts with a strategic planning session 31st October 2022 setting out key objectives – a number have been progressed.

Green complete.

Objective	Initiative	Owner
<u>Strategy</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Progress the 2022-2023 Decarbonisation Campaign – meeting with Mr Bill Johnston to introduce the new committee and set-out our agenda for change and in doing so communicate that it is transparent, pragmatic and sensible.</li> <li>2. Update the modelling to support the 2022-2023 Decarbonisation Campaign and communication</li> <li>3. Implement SEN 2.0 Framework for Organisational Development and Growth and SEN’s Theory of Change</li> <li>4. Develop Constitution By-laws</li> <li>5. Update and issue guiding policies on the website.</li> </ol>	Fraser Maywood and Rob Meecham Paul Caston Fraser Maywood Fraser and Rob P Fraser and Rob P
<u>Membership</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jordan Diffen the team lead for Regen / Member Services to develop a membership engagement plan</li> <li>2. Communicate the feedback to members on meetings from the 2022-2023 Decarbonisation Campaign noting confidentiality</li> <li>3. Communicate the strategy workshop results {this document}</li> <li>4. Targeted recruitment if Working Group can’t resource their teams from membership base {committee recruitment was successful}</li> </ol>	Jordan and Rob M
<u>Funding</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Treasurer to review and update the funding ideas list – now the website is ready for launch more options are available to SEN subject to having a business case for projects requiring funding</li> </ol>	Jared Orchard
<u>Modelling</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Committee to update the modelling scope of work document in-line with discussions during the strategy session</li> <li>2. Resource and train the team on SIREN and Power Match so contemporary modelling results can be issued semi-regularly</li> <li>3. Liaise with Alinta’s (Gary Bryant) modelling team to improve robustness of modelling / assumptions / basis. Minimum load demand, spikes from VRE and LDES need to be included in modelling or report to be pragmatic. Test with industry prior issue.</li> <li>4. Target issue of updated plan covering coal closure by end Feb</li> </ol>	Fraser + Rob Meecham Paul Caston Paul Caston  Paul Caston

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<u>Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update the stakeholder analysis including target audience (meeting noted that all road leads to Bill / Mark / vest interests), allies, supporters and develop a power mapping chart and a stakeholder engagement plan consistent with SEN's resource levels and interest</li> </ol>	Rob Phillips
<u>Brand / Marketing / communications</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recruit a replacement Outreach Coordinator (OC)</li> <li>2. Develop a SEN digital media strategy covering how SEN will use DM to advance its advocacy</li> <li>3. Roll-out new logo and website. Revisit the work done by Kaboodle noting we have an updated design – Logo and Website.</li> <li>4. Develop advocacy communication plan for 2022-2023 Decarbonisation Campaign / updated modelling to suit intended audiences (pollies, journos, academics, think tanks etc)</li> </ol>	Fraser OC Louise, Rob Phillips and Fraser Fraser and OC
<u>SEN Presents</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ramp-up SEN presents and ensures content is curated, targeted for a wider audience and managed in-line with the checklist.</li> <li>2. Issue a list of proposed topics to members for feedback</li> <li>3. Recruit a replacement SEN Events Coordinator covering logistics</li> </ol>	Brian Brian Fraser and Margo

Motion for the Chairs Report that the Chair's report be received and adopted.

**Moved:** Angus King    **Seconded:** Steve Gates

Carried.

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## 6. Treasurer's Report

The Chair called on the Treasurer (Jared Orchard) to present the report for the year.

SEN Annual Financial Report Statement of Profit or Loss For the year ended 30 June 2023		
	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
Membership Fees	2,010	3,303
Report fees	5,000	-
SEN Presents ticket sales	1,204	1,937
Donations	716	87
Interest	8	1
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,938</b>	<b>5,327</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
SEN Presents expenses	1,615	1,073
Website expenses	8,259	973
Marketing & printing	1,009	-
Administration costs and incidentals	321	138
Transaction fees	396	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11,600</b>	<b>2,184</b>
<b>Nett (Loss)/ Surplus</b>	<b>(2,662)</b>	<b>3,143</b>

Note: financial statements prepared on a cash basis

SEN Annual Financial Report Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2023		
	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Bank accounts	9,176	11,838
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>9,176</b>	<b>11,838</b>
<b>Members Equity</b>		
Accumulated Profits	9,176	11,838

### Commentary

Total income has increased by \$3,611, driven by \$5,000 report fees (2022: nil)

Membership fees - reduced by \$12933 due to lagging renewals/ lapsing members. 62 paying members in 2023, of which 28 are new members.

SEN Presents ticket sales have reduced by \$733, driven by some events being held without charge and a Committee decision to subsidise.

As a result, SEN Presents events ran at a loss of \$411 in 2023 (2022: \$864 profit), and costs are expected to increase in 2024 due to venue hire costs

Website expenses have increased by \$7,286, driven by significant investment in a new website (now live)

Marketing and printing costs are driven by refresh of new logo and refreshed marketing and event materials

Transaction fees are primarily paypal charges for collection of membership fees and SEN ticketing, which was included within the income line items in 2022.

Motion for the Treasurer's report be received and adopted.

**Moved:** Len Bunn    **Seconded:** Nasrin Aghamohammadi

Carried.

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#### **7. Returning Officer's Report:**

Chair calls on the Secretary (Louise Tomlin) for the Returning officers report. Presented by the Chair as the Secretary was taking minutes.

Thank you to the outgoing committee members: Jared Orchard, Len Bunn, Angus King, Rob Meecham, Jordan Diffen, Emily Kendall, Brian Van Bruen.

Thank you to returning Committee Members: Fraser Maywood, Louise Tomlin, Rob Phillips, Nasrin Aghamohammadi, Paul Caston and Matthew Saxon.

At the close of nominations at 6:00 pm on Monday 02 October (one week prior to the AGM) the following nominations had been received:

1. Chair: Fraser Maywood
  2. Vice Chair: Rob Phillips
  3. Secretary: Louise Tomlin
  4. Treasurer: Natasha Dourmanis
- Committee:
5. Paul Caston (Modeling Lead)
  6. Matthew Saxon (Webmaster)
  7. Nazrin Aghamohammadi (Advocacy Coordinator)
  8. Gabriel Omonria (Outreach Coordinator)
  9. Emily Pereira (Events Coordinator)
- Members not nominated from the floor.

Motion for the Returning Officer's report be received and adopted

**Moved:** Jared Orchard **Seconded:** Angus King

Carried.

The Chair warmly welcomed the new committee members. Had good success recruiting through Volunteering Australia.

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#### **8. Special Resolutions**

Member fees increase to \$50 for waged, and \$25 for unwaged. Increase in fees to cover the cost of venue hire and inflation.

**Moved:** Jared Orchard **Seconded:** Louise Tomlin

Financial Members vote:

Increase membership fees	12 of 13 voted in favour
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Carried.

Email notification to be circulated to inform members of change of membership fees.

#### **10. General Business**

Have a SEN Presents before Christmas.

Natasha Dourmanis - Can we have a quiz night?

Steve Gates - Very good presentation of modeling earlier for environment NGOs. WA Climate Change Bill released next Tuesday, can SEN have a response.

Rob Phillips - Is drafting a response which includes feedback from Perth Hills Climate Change Group.

Conservation Council sending responses separately.

Chair - Meeting with Bill Johnson tomorrow with Rob Phillips and Emily Pereira in attendance.

Natasha Dourmanis - Is today's presentation available on the website?

Angus King - Can it be transcribed?

Emily Pereira to review the video and add minor edits for ease of members to view later on the website.

#### **11. Meetings 2024**

Meetings are 1 month apart mostly on Mondays, resulting with the following approximate meeting dates:

	2023/2024 Proposed Next Meeting Dates
Q4	17 Oct 2023 - in person, Welcome 2024 Committee
Q4	14 Nov 2023 - in person, strategy session
Q4	4 Dec 2023
Q1	15 Jan 2024
Q1	5 Feb 2024 - in person
Q1	4 Mar 2024
Q2	8 Apr 2024
Q2	6 May 2024
Q2	3 Jun 2024 - in person
Q3	8 Jul 2024
Q3	5 Aug 2024
Q3	2 Sep 2024
Q4	7 October 2024 - AGM
Q4	14 Oct 2024 - in person
Q4	4 Nov 2024
Q4	2 Dec 2024

#### **12. Close**

The Chair declared the AGM closed at 8:06 pm.