



CLEAN ENERGY FOR ETERNITY INC ABN 39 545 573 281

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18 FEBRUARY 2019, Auckland Place Bega 6pm

PRESENT- Derek Povel, Prue Kelly, Bill Southwood, Margret Kenny-Levick, Warren Yates, Don McFee, Nick Graham-Higgs, David Howard, Jonathan Marshall

The meeting was chaired by Derek Povel who welcomed members present

APOLOGIES- Frank Conway, Pete Gorton, Jenny Baker, Bill Caldicott, Matthew Nott

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST AGM-Accepted unanimously.SS

BUSINESS ARISING- There was no business arising.

PRESDENTS REPORT- The Secretary advised that as the President was unable to attend he had asked that it be noted that he had nothing to add to the Secretary;s report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- See attachment

NORTHERN BEACHES CHAPTER REPORT-The Northern Beaches Chapter met regularly in 2018. Members took the opportunity of attending presentations, workshops and conferences showcasing developments in renewable energy technology hosted by Energy Lab, the Spark Lab, the CRC for Low Carbon Living, the UNSW Centre for Energy and Environmental Markets, the Smart Energy Council and the Australian Energy Storage. At meetings insights and information gained at these events is shared. CEFE Northern Beaches is attempting to get some form of community micro grid happening in the Northern Beaches possibly with Enova or EnergyLocal. For some years now the Chapter has also been attempting to get NSW State Planning and Northern Beaches council to make the development at Ingleside a flag ship project for renewavble energy. A NOW human sign will be attempted on March 31 at North Head. The primary initiative of the Northern Beaches Chapter has been the support of ClearSky Solar Investments which now has \$5.8 million invested across 32 projects, covering every state and with an installed capacity of 4 MW.

BERMAGUI CHAPTER REPORT

The Bermagui chapter steering group has met monthly throughout 2018. Its activities fall into four streams – domestic, commercial, grid-scale and community. The domestic stream involves a bulk buy program with two local installers and so far 80 houses have signed up. It is proposed to have a

further information night to promote the program in April. The commercial program involves identifying suitable commercial rooftops and walking site owners through the various options in technology, scaling and financing to the point a commitment can be made. The grid scale project has identified a number of suitable sites for solar farms and there are ongoing discussions with Essential Energy. The objective of the community project is to find a mechanism whereby the benefits of renewable energy can flow on to households without a suitable roof and low income households. The Bermagui Chapter is looking forward to working with CEFE Inc in shaping the Labor Bega Valley Renewable Energy Hub.

Bermagui Chapter has over 100 subscribers many of whom become CEFE members.

TREASURERS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-

The treasurer tabled the audited financial reports as approved by the Committee. Motion that the reports be approved and adopted. Moved Warren Yates, seconded Prue Kelly

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS-

The nominations that were duly received for the positions up for renewal. There was only one nomination for each position, Treasurer-Warren Yates, Secretary-Prue Kelly and President- Matthew Nott. They were unanimously endorsed by all present.

OTHER BUSINESS

-PUBLIC FUND COMMITTEE Warren Yates moved to retain the fund, seconded by Pete Gorton

-SOLAR PV FUNDING COMMITTEE Member to remain the same, moved by Warren Yates seconded by Bill Southwood

-SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS to send of the Summary to the Department of Fair Trading, moved by Warren Yates seconded by Pete Gorton

TCSF- It was reported that the revenue from the TCSF provided by BVSC had dropped sharply in 2018 WY to chase up reason – fault?

-OTHER BUSINESS – the meeting was addressed by CEFE member Jon Marshall, an academic anthropologist who sought volunteers to be interviewed in connection with an ARC funded research project he was undertaking on the community energy movement.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 pm

Signed as a true record

Derek Povel (Chair)



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019

TATHRA FIRE

Shortly after our AGM last year a bushfire swept through Tathra on March 18 and our community was thrown into an unexpected catastrophe. While the ongoing recovery process is arduous, it is extremely successful and once again illustrates the strength of community.

CEFE CHAPTERS

CEFE has gone from strength to strength in recent years. CEFE Northern Beaches, ClearSky Solar Investments, CEFE Bermagui have all burgeoned with their own success stories. Our membership has grown substantially through your activities and we thank you for helping keep Clean Energy for Eternity Inc such a powerful force. In case you're forgotten, you are members of the longest running, not for profit, voluntary climate change organisation in Australia.

LAWRENCE PARK – TATHRA AFL CLUB

David Howard (Tathra AFL Club) and I project managed the funding, tendering and completion in November of the solar/battery installation at the Clubhouse as part of the Club's complete renovations of the building. It was a pleasure to work with David over several months as well as AFL Club President Greg Coman and the supplier/installer, Ben Scales of Sunny Afternoons. CEFE finished 2018 on a high with a renewable energy system installed on the last public building in Tathra.

EVANS PARK AMENITIES BLOCK

In April CEFE was granted \$5,000 from IMB Foundation to help fund solar panels and battery to operate the Evans Park Amenities Block toilets and lighting. CEFE have contributed the balance of \$3,500 from proceeds from the Tathra Community Solar Farm.

Construction of the Amenities Block was delayed several months due to inclement weather and Council's use of Evans Park as a processing/mulching depot for trees and materials removed after the Tathra fire. I'm delighted to say that the building is now almost completed and we should have the installation completed in March.

BEGA TATHRA SAFE RIDE

CEFE is a member of the Steering Committee for this project, holding tax deductible donations for solar lighting along the track. Construction of the first stage from Tathra to Kalaru is well underway.

CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP

In November Matthew, Warren and I attended the Kiama Summit attended by more than 100 Local Government member Councils from around Australia. Matthew made an impressive CWFE presentation and initiated our National Human Sign Campaign, resulting in human signs being formed in Qld, NSW, Vic, Japan and Central America among others. These signs have engaged thousands of participants including school children and a final video will be submitted to all politicians and candidates ahead of Australia's 2019 State and Federal Elections and distributed to an international audience.

COMMUNITY POWER HUB

Most recently the Federal Opposition Leader Bill Shorten and Federal Member for Eden Monaro Mike Kelly came to Tathra to announce Labor's pledge, if elected, of \$10 million to establish a Community Power Hub here in the Bega Valley. This pilot project – one of 10 -will develop guidelines for similar projects elsewhere. Our 100% Community Meeting tomorrow night will outline the concept and explore ways to achieve our new target of 100% by 2030 for the Bega Valley. Tathra/Bega is CEFE's home base and Head Office, and chosen for this announcement because of our organisation's impressive renewable energy track record since 2006, including Australia's first community owned solar farm (and solar sculpture) in partnership with Bega Valley Shire Council - Tathra Community Solar Farm. The tangible results CEFE have achieved to date right across SE NSW were only possible through communities' determination and working hard together.

CONCLUSION

Matthew, Warren and I have maintained our strong and harmonious friendship as CEFE Executive in the day to day running of the organisation for just over five years. We also maintain many related roles as CEFE in our communities and I cannot thank them both enough for being on the same page and always making themselves available. Also heartfelt thanks to Derek Povel who has never hesitated to support whenever possible – not only is he a fount of RE knowledge and expertise, he is also the absolute Champion of Human Sign Design!

Welcome back to active duty long standing members Nick Graham-Higgs, Don McPhee and Louise Maud after a few years' break, and of course thank you to all our invaluable existing and new members. It's great to have you all on board and working towards a very bright renewable energy future in the lead up to 2020 and 100% by 2030!

Prue Kelly

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