

Church Council have approved that these minutes as provided here are true and correct.

Date approved: Monday 17th July 2023

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

NewHope Baptist Church

<i>Date of meeting</i>	21 June 2023
<i>Time of meeting</i>	7.30pm
<i>Location of meeting</i>	NewHope Baptist Church, in person and online via Zoom
<i>Present</i>	As per attendance registers (780 members - quorum 78) - members: 58 in person & 32 online (95 attendees - 61 in person, 34 online)
<i>Apologies</i>	As per apology register (6 apologies)

1. Welcome and worship (Jarrod and Phoebe)

- Mighty to Save

2. Opening comments & Approval of minutes of AGM 2022 (Andrew)

- Noted
- Quorum confirmed

3. Church Council Nominees Introduction (Andrew)

- Tristan Ellett (chair)
- Ben Everard
- Brett Rice
- Monique Jaksic
- Steven Stavridis

4. Appointment of auditors 2023 recommendation (Andrew)

- Noted

5. Endorsement and voting process (in-person & online) (Surette)

- Endorsement of Church Council Executive position(s)
 - Vote conducted online and in person
- Endorsement of Church Council Ordinary Members
 - Vote conducted online and in person

- Voting on appointment of auditors
 - Vote conducted online and in person

6. Presentations:

- Minutes of appreciation for retiring Church Council Members (Amanda)
 - Chris Meyers
 - Andrew Gale
 - Liza Somers
 - Murray Baird
- Annual Report 2022 (Darryn)
 - QR Code
 - Summary of Report, encouraged members to download and read
- Listening and Discernment Conference (Allan)
 - Jean Barden – last remaining foundational members passed on Sunday, at 99 years (and 11 months)
 - Listening and discussing and praying and connecting is integral to the NewHope journey
 - Wonderful learnings and themes coming out of this journey
 - Opportunities and rewards from sharing stories
 - Sense of a strong spiritual growth at NewHope over the past year
 - Growing sense of alignment and unity
- Family Forum #1 (Darryn)
 - Approximately 100 people attended
 - Church council endorsing the ongoing program
 - Hoping for members to better understand, discern, and to build our knowledge and understanding, and be better equipped to make informed decisions, and participate in the dialogue
 - Great opportunity to meet more people, have different conversations, and deeper conversations
 - Objective: building capacity for NewHope members to have important conversations and work through challenging topics
- Update on NewHope Medical Ltd. (Darryn)
 - Sale of NewHope medical practice to Total Wellbeing including the medical asset, patient list and accreditation was signed on 27 April 2023 with an effective date of 1 August 2023 (shared in NewHope News in May 2023)
 - The journey
 - Idea of a wholistic medical centre
 - Opened the doors (5 years ago)
 - Covid-19
 - Initial financial review
 - The discernment period (prayer, fasting)
 - Several options were weighed up, including partnering, selling, or closing after considering the main contributing factors:
 - Five years of deficits
 - Struggle to recruit more general practitioners
 - Medicare rebate not matching inflation
 - High need for bulk billing
 - Mandatory bulk billing for Covid vaccinations

- Survey in 2022 revealed 7/10 practice owners are concerned about financial viability
- Inability to obtain status as a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC)
- o The future
 - Operated by Total Wellbeing (alignment with our vision)
 - Medical practice at 522 Middleborough Road
 - Counselling practice at 857 Doncaster Road
 - Lease of 522 Middleborough Road
 - Rebranding

7. Result of endorsements (Amanda)

- Endorsement of Executive Member
 - o Tristan Ellett endorsed
- Endorsement of Ordinary Members
 - o All nominees endorsed
- Appointment of Auditors
 - o rdl endorsed

8. Voting for Church Council Ordinary Members (Surette)

- Vote conducted online and in person

9. Finance (Andrew)

- Finance Report 2022 – Audited
 - o Report delivered
 - o Local offering 4% (\$64,000) below budget
 - o NewHope Medical impacted by slower planned growth in GP numbers and consultations
 - o Loan to NewHope Medical representing 75 years of ministry (about half is rent and interest charged by NewHope) must be written down under accounting standards following agreement with Total Wellbeing
 - o Local offering 14% or \$98,000 below target
 - o After 5 months most NewHope entities are tracking well compared to Budget, however current results buoyed by several temporary or one-off expense savings
 - o Giving trends:
 - Local ministry for 2022 is 14% or \$4450/week below target
 - Global ministry for 2022 is \$30 below
 - Tax deductible giving for 2023 is 2% below \$200 p/week below budget (not able to be used for local ministry)
- Financial Update YTD 2023
 - o Current debt is \$3.8m
 - o In 2022 loan repayments and interest were \$6,400/week (20% of local offering)
 - o Book value (cost, not current value) of NHBC net assets and properties is \$10.7m

10. Results of votes for Church Council Members (Amanda)

- All nominees thanked
- Welcomed:
 - Monique Jaksic
 - Brett Rice
 - Steven Stavridis

11. Input time/Ministry reports as time permits (Andrew)

- Members are invited to share any matters for prayer or praise, and any concerns or issues for consideration by the Church or leadership bodies.
 - Alpha
 - Learning English, and bilingual Bible Study, Chinese Alpha, baptisms
 - Connections with people through services and the café
 - Prayer ministry (in services, and elsewhere)
 - NewHope Medical
 - Soccer club – doubled the number of the young players (25+) coming each week to Kickstart program for 4-7 year olds
 - Youth ministry
 - Global Partners – mission festival (coming up!) and opportunities to have some of our partners serving in Thailand come and share with small groups

12. Any other business (Andrew)

- By leave of Chairperson, and not requiring notice of motion
 - Nothing further

13. Close (Andrew)

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.17 pm.