

Melbourne PC User Group Inc.
Victorian Association Registration: A0003293V

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - 7 September 2016, 7:30 PM

Version 2 - changes:

- * Somewhat amended Basic Proxy Form (inc. changes to closing time).
- * Some poorly converted punctuation fixed.

SUMMARY

- * Petitioners calling SGM, 7-Sep-2016, 7:30 PM, Moorabbin HQ.
- * Purpose: remove John Bade from Presidency &/or Committee
- * Voting:
 - in person at the meeting, OR
 - in writing by proxy-form.

DETAILS

Dear MelbPC Member,

Kevin Martin, petition organizer, sent me (Geoff Keenan) an email recently as follows:

Dear Secretary

Along with others, I organized a petition regarding the removal of John Bade. The petition used emails of scanned images of the signed petition-form, according to what is permitted in MelbPC's Rule 36 and Rule 74. I emailed the petition responses (in excess of the required 100 signatures) to you early Monday 8-August.

I understand that Rule 34.(1) requires Committee to hold a Special General Meeting (SGM) within one month of our petition-request of 8-Aug. So the SGM must be held on or before 8-Sep. The obvious suitable date is wed 7-Sep, the September Monthly Meeting date. SGMS require 21 days' notice - Rule 31.(1). It appears Committee are not planning to hold an SGM in early September - if it did plan such an SGM, it needs to send notice-of-meeting early this week. We (the petitioners) are entitled to have such an SGM by Rule 34.(3).

So, in anticipation of no such Committee action, we, the petitioners, give notice here that we propose to hold our SGM on 7-Sep. On behalf of the petitioners, I request you, as Secretary, assist in the calling and convening of this Special General Meeting (SGM) according to the petitioners' rights under Rule 34 (3).

As members have rights to be able to communicate with the whole membership (Rules 13, 18, 48, Sect.59(9) of Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012), please arrange mailout of a suitable Notice of Meeting to each member, as agreed with us.

Regards
Kevin Martin, on behalf of the petitioners

Kevin and I (Geoff) have communicated and agreed the following as my response in fulfilling his request.

A Special General Meeting (SGM) of MelbPC will take place on Wednesday, September 7th, at Suite 26, Level 1, 479 Warrigal Road, Moorabbin.

The SGM will commence at 7:30 PM.

The full Agenda is given below.

This Meeting is convened by members under MelbPC's Rule 34 (3) - "If the Committee does not convene a special general meeting within one month after the date on which the request is made, the members making the request (or any of them) may convene the special general meeting."

The Committee at its meeting on Tuesday, 9 August declined to accept a report from the Secretary to call a Special General Meeting. The Secretary had received advice from a number of members who had organised a petition to remove John Bade from the position of President and from Committee.

The motions to be put to this special General Meeting and the authority to remove a person from a Committee position or from Committee is in Rule 55 (3) - "A general meeting of the Association may-
(a) by special resolution remove a committee member from office; and

Proxy forms for members unable to attend the Meeting, or who would prefer to have their vote recorded beforehand, are available under the Current Notices section on the website on the Home page at www.melbpc.org.au . Proxy forms must be signed by the member and must be delivered to MelbPC by 3:00 pm Monday 5th September 2016 for hardcopy, or before 12:00 noon of the same day if sent by email to secretary@melbpc.org.au . A simplified proxy form is below, however members are encouraged to use the download version.

To be able to vote at the SGM, bring your membership card. Membership status will be checked at entry. Voting cards will be issued to financial members.

SGM documents, including Notice of SGM, Nomination Forms, our Rules and Proxy Forms will be posted on our website www.melbpc.org.au by cob Wednesday 17th August. Refer to the Current Notices section on the Home page.

These motions are special resolutions and will require a 75% vote in favour to be carried.

This Notice has been issued by Geoffrey Keenan (Secretary) who has received a petition and a request to convene a Special General Meeting.

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AGENDA - Special General Meeting

7:30 PM on 7 September 2016
Suite 26, Level 1, 479 Warrigal Road, Moorabbin.

1. Apologies.
2. To consider and if thought appropriate pass the following resolution:
"That John Bade be removed from the position of President, effective immediately."
3. To consider and if thought appropriate pass the following resolution:
"That John Bade be removed from Committee, effective immediately."

Notes:

1. The above resolutions are special resolutions - Rule 4, Rule 55.(3) - and will therefore require a 75% vote in favour to be carried.
2. Amendments to Motions are not permitted due to the legal requirement of 21 days' notice of the resolution wording - Rule 31.
3. No other business is permitted at the meeting - Rule 33(3).

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NOTE: A proxy can be delivered by regular mail (or by hand) to our offices in Moorabbin, or sent to the Secretary via email. If delivered, the Proxy must be received at our offices at Level 1, 479 Warrigal Road, Moorabbin 3189 by 3.00 pm Monday 5th September 2016. If sent by email, it must be delivered before 12:00 noon on 5th September, and it should be scanned and sent as an attachment to secretary@melbpc.org.au . In all cases, the form must be signed by the member.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY - Special General Meeting on 7th September 2016

MEMBER:

Name:
Membership Number:
Postcode:

APPOINTS:

Name:
Membership Number:
(Being also a member of Melbourne PC User Group Incorporated).

OR, if you don't appoint a proxy (in the above), the Secretary will vote in accordance with your directions on this form. If you don't mark your choice for a particular Motion, then the Secretary will decide the vote for that Motion at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

SIGNATURE.....

(Indicate your vote by crossing out two options).

Motion 1: "That John Bade be removed from the position of President, effective immediately."

YES:
NO:
ABSTAIN:

Motion 2: "That John Bade be removed from Committee, effective immediately."

YES:
NO:
ABSTAIN:

NOTE: Official Proxy Forms are also available on the website. Refer to Current Notices on the Home page.

Prepared by Geoffrey Keenan, Secretary
(In response to the request by Kevin Martin & other petition organisers).

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