

Postponement of the 2020 AGM of the Melbourne PC User Group Inc.

At the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2020, we discussed the difficulties of holding the AGM and Committee elections under COVID-19 restrictions. It is unlikely that these would be eased sufficiently to hold a normal AGM at Moorabbin on 4th November 2020.

We discussed the use of a video meeting but there are restrictions such that the technology must “allow members to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other”. Not all members have access to broadband plans that would make this possible. Furthermore, the current postal delays would not guarantee voting for Committee could be done within the normal timeframe as specified in the Rules.

As a Not-For-Profit, we are able to take advantage of a Consumer Affairs Victoria’s 3-month extension for holding the AGM see [CAV link](#). This would mean holding the AGM with the monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3rd February 2021. The Committee wanted to avoid the December – January holiday period.

The following motion was proposed:-

Motion: “That the Annual General Meeting be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021, that the Committee ensure that technology is in place to conduct the meeting if there are restrictions on physical meeting, and that the current Committee act in caretaker mode from 4th November 2020 to 3rd February 2021.” Proposed Harry Lewis, Seconded Hugh Macdonald. The motion was carried unanimously.

“Caretaker mode” was defined as continuing to run the regular operations of the group but not making any major financial or other commitments or decisions.

A formal “Notice of AGM Meeting” will be sent in November when conditions for such meetings have been made clear.

Regards,
John Swale
Secretary