



ECCA Management Committee Meeting

Annual AGM
Wednesday 1 May 2019:
Auditorium, DD Davey Library, ELTHAM College
8.00pm
Chair: Jacqui Ward, Current ECCA President

1. WELCOME:

Jacqui Ward, ECCA President welcomed and thanked guests for their attendance.

2. APOLOGIES:

- Carol Griffin
- Frith McDaniel

3. ORDINARY BUSINESS:

3.1 Confirmation of Previous AGM Minutes:

Last year's AGM was held on 23 April 2018.

The minutes of last year's AGM was emailed out to all members in advance.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 2018 ECCA AGM.

Moved: Ruth Bailey

Seconded: Simone Houlihan

4. President's Report: Jacqui Ward

2018 was a big year for ECCA. In terms of a brief snapshot:

- *hosted 33 events throughout the year*
- *Supported 9 ELTHAM in Action events*
- *Presented \$1000 in ECCA Achievement Awards, and*
- *Contributed a little over \$46,000 towards various College initiatives*

But as always, the figures never tell the whole story.

A large part of what we actually did last year was some very important thinking about the role of ECCA – who we are, what we do, how we do it and why we do it.

We had a lot of discussions with many members of the school community and what we came up with was a four-year Engagement Strategy.

When we mapped out all of the things ECCA was doing and sat that next to what we valued, it was clear the role of ECCA is to welcome, connect and support the ELTHAM community.

And there were a whole host of ways we were doing this and there were also some gaps. It was a productive year in terms of taking stock, articulating our message, learning and planning.

One of the areas we then focussed on last year was how to increase the number of people actively involved in ECCA, so not just people volunteering at events but how do we increase the number of people interested in helping to plan and do that leg work behind the scenes that you often don't see.

So we focussed on building our network of ECCA Social Reps, documenting what their role was and finding people who would be interested in taking on those roles. And while it might not sound that exciting and it's certainly not as eye-catching as the big events, what that effort translates to, is, this year, we have 30 ECCA Social Reps from ELC 3 through to Year 12 who are busily welcoming, connecting and supporting the people in their year levels.

And amongst all of that, there were some of the big eye-catching events. Most notably, was the return of the Masterworks Art Exhibition in the Vines, which was held in October and attracted almost 500 visitors over two weeks to enjoy the works of 34 artists on display at Swipers.

I would like to offer my congratulations and thanks in particular to Simone Houlihan, Cherry Demir, Ruth Bailey and Nancy Cummane who coordinated Masterworks with the CRO and, of course, to the volunteers who staffed the exhibition for the whole two weeks.

There were also many other events. We started the year with the Welcome Morning Tea, a Family Fun Day and the Year 7/8 BBQ. We launched A Novel Bunch, the ECCA book club that meets once a term here in the library and is open to parents or carers from any year level. We had our ever-popular Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, we hosted a morning tea for international families and we held our annual Parents' Night Out at Platform 3095.

Sadly, our Twilight Market in November was cancelled due to bad weather but, fingers crossed, will be back again this year.

ECCA also contributed financially to College initiatives. In particular, ECCA donated

- \$3,500 towards running the Resilience Project, and*
- \$5000 towards the F1 in Schools Project*

Both of these contributions are part of an ongoing five-year commitment that ECCA has made to support each of these programs.

In addition, at the end of 2018, ECCA contributed \$25,000 towards the Observatory project, in particular towards the purchase of specialised equipment.

So 2018, certainly was a big year for ECCA. None of this would have been possible without the continued support of Emily, Nikola, Frith, Kelly, Kate and Krista in the Community Relations Office, Greg and Gill and the Grounds and Maintenance Team, the wonderful ECCA committee members, the staff at Swipers and all of those students, staff and family members who volunteered throughout the year. Our community is certainly stronger for all your efforts.

I would now like to call on someone to move that the President's Report be accepted.

Motion: To accept the President's Report.

Moved: Ruth Bailey

Seconded: Geoff Ward

5. Treasurer's Report: David Nicholson

David Nicholson, the Treasurer of ECCA, presented the ECCA annual financial statement and the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report.

Moved: Ruth Bailey

Seconded: Geoff Ward

6. Election of Officers:

Jacqui offered her sincere thanks to each of the people who have held a position within ECCA over the past year and attended the ECCA committee meetings.

We couldn't do what we do without a broad network of volunteers for which we are really thankful, but there is a much smaller group of dedicated, passionate and very hard-working people who come along month after month to support ECCA and the College, and my thanks goes out to each of you.

Organisations like ECCA are not about one person, but that said, there is one person I would like to single out tonight. And that is Ruth Bailey. Ruth has held the position of Vice President of ECCA for 6 years and previously has been the President of ECCA. This year, Ruth is stepping down from the role of Vice President, and while she will remain a member of ECCA, we would like to acknowledge all that you have done in those particular roles. Many of you here know Ruth but from the point of view of a community organisation, Ruth not only brings a level-headedness to discussions, but she also brings an incredible connectedness. She is one of the most well-networked people I know and what that means in practical terms is that you come to discussions with a broad understanding of how a whole host of people are being affected by an issue. That is an invaluable thing for a community association. So I'd like to say thank you Ruth for what you have contributed to ECCA as President and Vice President.

Emily Cavanough as an independent person ran the election of officer bearers part of the AGM and all positions were declared vacant.

- The role of Vice-President this year has been split into a Junior School Vice President and a Senior School Vice President.

- We have received nominations for all positions.
- All nominations were unopposed, so the ECCA Committee for 2019 was announced.
 - President: Jacqui Ward
 - Junior Vice President: Felicia Pellegrino
 - Senior Vice President: Carol Griffin
 - Secretary: Nikola Shearer
 - Treasurer: David Nicholson
 - Ordinary Members:
 - Simone Houlihan
 - Ruth Bailey
 - Colleen Taranto
 - Gabi Selkirk
 - Frith McDaniel
 - Karin Tzabo-Timewell
 - Coopted Members:
 - Naomi Spencer
 - Suzanna Mackie
 - Sharon Northey
 - School Representative: Simon Le Plastrier
- Jacqui Ward welcomed the new members of the committee, congratulated and thanked all committee members for their time, energy and effort that they put in to supporting the College.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

7.1 Appointment of Board Representative:

- The Board and ECCA constitutions state that ECCA must have a Representative on the Board. Ruth Bailey is a current board member as well as a member of ECCA and will continue in this role on the Board.

7.2 Upcoming Events:

- ECCA would like to flag a couple of upcoming events and reminds you that details of all ECCA events are included in Family News and the Junior Bulletin.
 - o Mother's Day Stall is on Friday 10 May
 - o First Mum's Night Out
 - o The ECCA Social Reps will be organising various year-level functions throughout the term and they will advertise these through the school app and the newsletters
 - o Term 2 meeting of *A Novel Bunch*, the ECCA Book club is on Tuesday 28 May
 - o Term 3, we will have our annual Parent's Night Out @ Platform 3095 in Eltham

ECCA hopes to see you at some of these events and look forward to continuing our work with the College community throughout the coming year.

8. MEETING CLOSE:

Jacqui thanked guests for their attendance and declared the ECCA AGM closed at 8.36pm