## GREEN ROOFS AUSTRALASIA



# **Notice of Annual General Meeting 2015**

# **AGM**

Secretary, GRA Ltd 1/9/2016

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Members of Green Roofs Australasia Ltd (ABN 52 163 672 660) (GRA or the "Company") will be held at 22 Oxford Street Newtown NSW on Sunday 07 February, 2016 at 11:00 am (EST). Webcast via Skype attendance is also optional.



## **Invitation from the President**

Thank you for your continued support of Green Roofs Australasia and I am pleased to announce the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

A special thank you to our sponsors for your continued support which allows us to advocate for industry growth and raising general awareness about the TBL benefits of incorporating all forms of green infrastructure into the urban fabric.

I also welcome 'Knauf Insulation' as a new Silver Sponsor.

Diamond Sponsor: FYTOGREEN AUSTRALIA

Gold Sponsors: I.L.D. (International Leak Detectors); The GreenWall Company Silver Sponsors: Andreasens Green Nursery; SIKA; VertiScape; Knauf Insulation

Over 2015 GRA has consolidated the associations established during the World Green Infrastructure Congress held in late 2014 and continues to advocate for inclusion, incentives and support from government policy.

Over the past three months I have provided documents to all Federal and State Ministers for Planning & the Environment; to all Capital City Mayors and to a majority of Local Government Mayors & planners. The response has been overwhelming and positive.

I have always acknowledged the major barrier in Australia as being the three tiers of government. Recently, I received a personal email from Minister Greg Hunt stating his appreciation for detailed information sent on green infrastructure. The Minister personally replied five minutes after I sent the information. Five minutes!

In my opinion, this conveys a strong message, being, that there is a directive within the Federal Government to "make cities more liveable" and the solution they are currently investigating to mitigate the impacts of the Urban Heat Island Effect is urban canopy cover / green roofs / living walls ie green infrastructure.

There have also been positive replies from QLD, NSW, VIC & SA Ministers requesting further information and briefing in the near future.

Another strong message indicating government action is the recent announcement of a "Living Cities Workshop" to be held at Parliament House, Canberra on February 10.

Confirmations have been received by related industry leaders and Minister Greg Hunt, Shadow Minister Albanese and Department of Environment Assistant Secretary Kate Lynch. In addition a number of Ministerial advisors have also confirmed their attendance.

I'll send through a report of the outcomes from that Workshop.

I would be delighted to receive your input on the following topics which I can raise, on your behalf, at the Workshop for discussion (prior to 5 February 2016):-

- Industry Support Initiatives
- Plant / Soil Research
- Industry Regulation
- Industry Accreditation
- Policy Inclusions which create incentive and cost reductions



- Education & Skill Training
- Code revisions; BCA; DCP revisions; LEP revisions

Please send me your opinions on 'Overcoming current barriers to Industry growth'

Over 2016 I hope to receive your news on projects, research and ideas on how you believe GRA can expand our association, raise awareness and support your endeavours.

Since our foundation in 2007 the industry growth has been on a slow rise, however all indications currently presenting indicate that 2016 will have a significant influence on our industry expansion.

Personally, I'm very upbeat and positive about new policy incentives and support.

Regards, Matthew Dillon. GRA President WGIN Vice President

## **AGM AGENDA**

Sunday 07 February 2016

10:00am Registration and refreshments commence.

11:00am Annual General Meeting Opens

- Welcome to Members by the President
- Presidents Address
- Items of Business and Members' questions

Proxies: A member who is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting has the right to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of the member. A proxy may be an individual, company or corporate member.

No proxy form is attached with this Notice of Meeting as there are no resolutions on which to vote. However, if you wish to lodge a proxy you can do so by accessing the company's website at <a href="https://www.greenroofsaustralasia.com.au/gra-structure-positions-agm-information">www.greenroofsaustralasia.com.au/gra-structure-positions-agm-information</a> Alternatively, members may send a request to the GRA Office Manager by email <a href="mailto:info@graus.com.au">info@graus.com.au</a> or call +61 2 9557 3271 during office hours 11:00 - 15:00 Tuesday - Thursday for assistance on any AGM matters.

Lodgement deadline for proxies is no later than 06/02/2016.