The Sanctuary Management Committee

PART A: REPORT

Achievements/Activities

The Sanctuary Committee oversees management of the Sanctuary House, a heritage listed house built in 1950 in the Bauhaus style by Rudi and Hanna Lemberg. They were refugees from Nazi Germany in 1933, where they first met Quakers.

The home and surrounding bush garden were bequeathed to Australian Yearly Meeting in 1998 by Hanna Lemberg, along with money which was used to renovate the property.

It has been rented out on the commercial market since 2001, the rent providing income for maintenance and surplus funds can be used by AYM. There was a change in tenancy last year, the old tenants moving out in October 2022. Before the new tenants moved in November 2022 necessary repairs and maintenance was done.

Regular bush work continues to manage invasive weeds. Pest control management has also been done.

In late January 2023 the NSW Government estimated the value of the property to be \$2,890,000.

Issues/Analysis

In January 2022 the Sanctuary Committee advised Standing Committee that \$20,000 was available to AYM. The Sanctuary Committee were asked to allocate these funds to a national refugee and asylum seeker organisation (reference SC1.22.3 and noted in report DIA 22)

In May and August 2022 \$20,000 was donated to Hope Cooperative in Victoria for Scholarships and student support for refugees through Project Hope.

PART B: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

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