



Annual General Meeting

Friday, 28 October 2022
11:00am

Meeting opened at 11:10am

Attendance and apologies

Present: George Hardy, Wilfred Finn, Will Sykes, Kaaren Latham, Robert Hardie, Bev Jordan, Kathleen Curry, Andrew Marshall, Paul Dellow, Stuart Hutton

Apologies: Ben Waters, Matt Simshauser, Meg Pearce, Matt Nevison

Minutes of the 2021 AGM

MOTION: *That the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.*

Moved: Robert Hardie; Seconded: Paul Dellow; **CARRIED.**

President's Report

George Hardy spoke to his President's Report. George likened the past 12-month period to a 'Bradman effort', with an average number of 99 guests attending events.

The 19 years' committee service of Stuart Hutton was particularly acknowledged; Stuart is retiring from the committee having served in most roles on the committee over many years.

Bev Jordan moved a vote of thanks to Stuart, seconded by Kaaren and agreed by all.

George acknowledged the work of Will Sykes as Treasurer and the strong financial position of the organisation, with a surplus recorded for the past financial year (to 30 June), offsetting a small loss in the previous year.

Membership is trending upwards, and the fee represents good value.

The speakers over the year have provided quality content and the challenge continues to ensure the committee identifies quality speakers to attract members and guests to our events.

MOTION: *That the President's Report be accepted as an accurate reflection of the activities of the Association during the 12-month period to 28 October 2022.*

Moved: George Hardy; Seconded: Stuart Hutton; **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report

Will Sykes presented the Financial Report 2021/22 (year ending 30 June 2022). There was a strong net profit given previous years.

Income was above the previous year, but below longer-term pre-COVID trends. Interest income was below long-term average as well.

The Audit and finance expenses will appear in the new financial year; we should also anticipate lower website expenses going forward given the web development costs will reduce.

1 virtual event, 6 seminars and 2 Agribuzz events were held, averaging 85 guests (note financial year).

37 corporate members, 22 individual members, 15 rural/retiree members and 5 life members \$182,434 at cash represents a strong financial position.

MOTION: *That the Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements be accepted as an accurate reflection of the financial position of the Association.*

Moved: Will Sykes; Seconded: Andrew Marshall; **CARRIED.**

MOTION: *That the Auditor's Report be accepted and made available upon request.*

Moved: Will Sykes; Seconded: Stuart Hutton; **CARRIED.**

Election office bearers

George Hardy asked Kaaren Latham to chair the election of office bearers; Kaaren declared all positions vacant and read out the nominees for the vacant positions as at the close of nominations, being:

President:	George Hardy
Vice President:	Ben Water, Wilfred Finn
Secretary:	Meg Pearce
Treasurer:	Will Sykes
Committee:	Kirsty Beavon, Paul Dellow, Robert Hardie, Bev Jordan, Andrew Marshall, Matt Nevison, Matt Simshauser, Kathleen Curry
Immediate Past President:	Kaaren Latham

Kaaren declared these individuals elected.

Appointment of auditors

MOTION: *That Alan Kerr and Co Auditors of the Association for the 2023/24 financial year.*

Moved: Will Sykes; Seconded: Wilf Finn; **CARRIED.**

Robert asked that new auditors be considered given the lengthy time that the current firm has been undertaking the task. This is particularly important now that the website update has been completed.

General business

Kaaren congratulated George for an excellent first year as President.

Meeting closed at 11:35am