

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting
BATHURST AH&P ASSOCIATION INC.
HELD IN THE HOWARD PAVILION
BATHURST SHOWGROUND
23 October 2017

PRESENT: Sarah Boorer, Peter Cosgrove, Graeme Cox, Jeff Cox, Christine Curry, Beatrice Elbourne, Paula Elbourne, Ben Farroway, Leanne Farroway, Liam Farroway, Samuel Farroway, Sarah Farroway, Toby Farroway, Geoffrey Garment, Maurice Garment OAM, Matthew Irvine, Brett Kenworthy, David McKibbin, Colin McPhee, Kirby McPhee, Karen Noonan, Tenneille Paul, Elizabeth Pratley, Ian Ramsay OAM, Nola Ramsay, Sheena Rigby, Brian Seaman, Kellie Sloane, John Small, Kerri Small, John Small, Samuel Sweetnam, Gwen Sweetnam, Wyatt (Bunty) W Thompson, Dr Ross Wilson, Vicki Wilson, Jemimah Yow. (37)

Chair: S Farroway

In attendance: Secretary, B Kenworthy (Minutes).

The Chair declared quorum and the meeting open at 7.15 pm.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Chris Arrow, Patricia Arrow, Glenn Baxter, Andrew, Bowe, Anne Bowe, Stephen Bowe, William Crawford, Jason Davis, Hugh Elbourne, Dr Ian Elbourne, Matthew Elbourne, Julian Gaal, Margie Gaal, Bruce Hickey, Isabella Irvine, Adelaide Kenworthy, Kim Morgan-Hunn, Kate Morris, Monica Morse, Oliver Stocks, Rhonda Stocks, Tom Stocks, Jane Thompson, Louise Wood, Ron Wood.

2017/1: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: V Wilson

Seconded: J Cox

Carried by acclamation nem dis.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 24th OCTOBER 2016.**

2017/2: That the minutes of the AGM held on 24th October 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: S Rigby

Seconded: K Small

Carried by acclamation nem dis.

3. **PRESIDENTS REPORT: Attached as Appendix 1.**

The President delivered his report.

2017/3: That the President's report be accepted.

Moved: Sa Farroway

Seconded: W W Thompson

Carried by acclamation nem dis.

4. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

The following is a survey of Show Council meetings and attendance records from September 2016 to August 2017.

RECORD OF SHOW COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE

Number of meetings held – 4

Show Councillors	Absent	Apology	Attendance
Baxter, Glenn	0	3	1
Cox, Jeffrey	0	0	4
Davis, Jason	0	0	1
Elbourne, Dr. Ian	0	2	0
Elbourne, Beatrice	0	0	4
Farraway, Sam	0	0	4
Hickey, Bruce	0	3	1
Irvine, Matthew	0	2	2
Kenworthy, Brett	0	0	4
McPhee, Colin	0	0	4
Morgan, Chris	0	4	0
Morgan-Hunn, Kim	0	0	1
Rigby, Sheena	0	0	4
Sloane, Kelly	0	2	1
Small, Kerri	0	0	4
Thompson, Jane	0	0	2
Wilson, Dr. Ross	0	2	2
Wilson, Vicki	0	1	3

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

Number of meetings held – 10

Baxter, Glen	3	Hickey, Bruce	5
Farraway, Sam	10	Kenworthy, Brett	10
Irvine, Matthew	7	Wilson, Vicki	5
McPhee, Col	10		

2017/4: That the Record of Attendance be accepted.

Moved: C McPhee

Seconded: B Elbourne

Carried by acclamation nem dis.

5. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET

Attached as Appendix 2.

2017/5: That the audited financial reports for the year ended 30th June 2017 be accepted.

Moved: M Irvine

Seconded: B Elbourne

Treasurer invited questions on the financial statements.

J Small asked why membership numbers had reduced year on year. Secretary confirmed that the variance was reflective of the high take up of Financial Life Memberships in the previous financial year. E Pratley suggested a report to be included in AGM papers to confirm membership numbers. Also suggested by C Curry.

J Small also asked about what initiatives were undertaken to encourage youth engagement with the association. The Chair responded outlining the many initiatives of the association.

D McKibbin asked why the balance sheet debtor's liability was high. B Jenkins responded that it was due to late invoicing of debtors from show that were in the main paid early in the next financial period.

*M Garment asked a question of the OFA Settlement Liability. M Irvine responded.
Carried by acclamation nem dis.*

6. DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN EACH CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP TO BE ADMITTED FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.

2017/6: That the total number of Full, Single, Junior and Financial Life Members remain at the current ceiling of 1300.

Moved: N Ramsay

Seconded: C Curry

Carried by acclamation nem dis.

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SOCIETY CONSTITUTION. (NIL)

8. BUSINESS REFERRED BY SHOW COUNCIL.

Further to Clause 40.2(5) of the Association Rules the following resolution is proposed.

2017/7: That the requirement to deposit a sum into the RAIN AND LOSS PROTECTION FUND be waived for 2017.

Moved: K Small

Seconded: S Rigby

Carried by acclamation.

9. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY A MEMBER NOTICE. (NIL)

10. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS. (NIL)

2017/8: That Honorary Life Membership be awarded to Mr. Jeff Cox, Mr. Sam Farraway, Mr. Brian Seaman, Mr. John While and Mrs. Vicki Wilson for outstanding service to the association as Show Councillors, Chief Stewards, Executive Committee Members and President.

Moved: Bruce Hickey

Seconded: Col McPhee

Carried by acclamation nem dis.

V Wilson spoke on behalf of the recipients to thank the association for the great honour bestowed upon them and accepted it on behalf of all the hard workers for the Show, which cannot be the success it is without all their assistance.

11. ELECTION OF NOT MORE THAN TWO PATRONS.

2017/9: That the Executive be authorised to invite two suitable candidates to be Patrons of the Association for 2018 including the Mayor of Bathurst Regional Council.

Moved: C Curry

Seconded: P Elbourne

Carried by acclamation nem dis.

12. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

2017/10: There being one (1) nomination received in the appropriate form and willing to stand, Mr. Sam Farraway is declared elected as President of the Association for 2017-2018.

13. ELECTION OF SHOW COUNCIL

In accordance with clause 31 of the Association, Show Councillors must retire after each three year term served. They are eligible for re-election.

The association thanks Mr. Bruce Hickey, Mrs. Beatrice Elbourne and Mrs Sheena Rigby for their service and contributions to the management of the association.

There are therefore 8 positions available for election. Seven nominations have been received in accordance with Clause 22 (1).

2017/11: There being seven (7) nominations received in the appropriate form for election to Show Council and there being sufficient vacancies Miss Sarah Boorer, Mr. Graeme Cox, Mrs. Beatrice Elbourne, Mrs Paula Elbourne, Mr. Bruce Hickey, Mrs. Sheena Rigby and Mr. Brian Seaman are declared elected to the Show Council of the Association for a term of 3 years.

14. ELECTION OF AUDITOR

2017/12: That Mr. Ben Jenkins of GPP Audit, Chartered Accountants of Bathurst be appointed as Auditor for 2017-2018.

Moved: M Irvine *Seconded:* E Pratley

Carried by acclamation nem dis.

15. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 7.46 pm and refreshments were served.

Signed: _____ Date. _____.

APPENDIX 1 – President’s Report

Welcome to the Bathurst AH&P Annual General Meeting for 2017.

What a great Show, what a great result, what a great year ahead.

Before I touch on what we’ve been up to and our plans for our 150th Show, I want to thank the excellent work of the Show Council, our Executive Committee, Staff and our members & volunteers. We continue to achieve remarkable results and not the least is that we continue to put on the best regional agricultural show to be seen.

I will let the Treasurer speak in detail to the Financial Statements but it is right for me to say that our financial position reflected in the Annual Statements before you tonight show what is achievable when we work together, as most of us have for the past 7 years. Last year our results were in line with our best recent years of 2012 & 2013, this year we even did better. Our expenses whilst up on previous years, were in the main in line with budget and reflected an increased investment in attractions and section expenditure. We can be very proud of what we have achieved.

We are definitely moving in the right direction.

- We have worked hard to rebuild our connections with the community and to restore confidence in our association and the Show.
- We’ve revitalised our core role as an advocate for regional agriculture, horticulture, pastoral activity.
- We are building on our connections with the next generations to ensure long term sustainability of our association.
- We have broadened our operations as a member based regional advocacy group by establishing the Bathurst AH&PA Jump Club and continue to look at other ways we can broaden our community engagement.

Our association wasn’t founded some 160 years ago just to run a show and that is reflected in our objectives. Our association has definitely come some way since 2011 and we haven’t finished yet. I look forward to 2018 and our 150th Show bringing some of that to the fore. I don’t want to give too much away but there will be some small changes for next year, our Official Opening and Grand Parade will go back to around 3.30pm for example. But if half of the ideas for the Show come off it will be the one show in 150 years not to miss. If you want to be a part of it, there are always Steward Roles and more sub-committees than you can poke a stick at.

I must acknowledge the Bathurst Regional Council, the staff, the Mayor & especially former Cr. Michael Cote for their support and all that have helped the association. I also take this opportunity to welcome Cr. Monica Morse as our delegate and wish to thank our Principal Partner, Reliance Credit Union and all our sponsors. A special acknowledgement is merited for the Executive Committee and Show Councillors. It can be a very tough job sometimes but we are together doing a great job for Bathurst.

Sam Farraway, President.