



MINUTES

2024 Annual General Meeting

10th October 2024

Bene St Paul's Community Room, Hahndorf

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairperson Suzanne Arbon opened the meeting at 10:30am by acknowledging the Peramangk people and welcomed 72 members and guests, Josh Teague MP and Airlie Keen (representing Dan Cregan MP)

Apologies received from 17 members plus Rebekha Sharkie MP & Dan Cregan MP

Suzanne thanked *Monday Folk Group* members for providing such a quality and entertaining musical welcome, echoed by those present with appreciative applause.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM

Moved by Brent Danks and seconded Lyn Dickason that "the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 29th September 2023 be adopted as an accurate record of the meeting". *Carried*

3. Chairperson's Annual Report

Suzanne delivered her Annual Report noting that membership now stood at 360, a record number and recognised the many dedicated volunteer Presenters and Organisers noting that a combined volunteer contribution of nearly 1500 hours for the year.

She gave a brief overview of the program of activities and recorded thanks to the Mount Barker District Council; Aldgate CFS, Stirling and Mount Barker libraries, Hillside Gardens and most especially Bene St Pauls for providing free venues for much of the program.

MPs Rebekha Sharkie; Josh Teague, and Dan Cregan and staff at Mount Barker Community Centre & The Hut in Aldgate were also acknowledged for their continuing support.

The Chairperson's report concluded with thanking the outgoing committee and all those members present for their support and participation.

Suzanne moved that "The Chairperson's report be received", seconded Marjolijn Haraghey *Carried*

4. Treasurer's Report & Audited Financial Statements

Janet Hemsley delivered the audited 2023-24 Financial Report noting a closing balance of \$65,974.35 on 30th June 2024.

Appreciation for free rental of several venues and in particular Bene St Pauls for the ongoing and heavy use of the community room was expressed. Janet reported that all other venues had either increased hire fees or were intending to, some by about 75% over the past few years. Term deposits, totally \$50,540.53, provide insurance for further potential venue rental increases.

Janet moved that "The 2023-24 Financial Report be received", seconded Gloria Wright.

Carried

5. **Appointment of the Auditor**

Janet moved "That JM Fielke, Accountant continue as the Honorary Auditor for the 2024 -25 Financial Year", seconded Gloria Wright *Carried*

6. **2025 Membership Fees**

Janet moved "That the 2025 membership fees for full members be set at \$55.00 pa, Associate Membership at \$35 pa and that half yearly membership of \$35 be made available after 1st July". seconded Gloria Wright. *Carried*

7. **Election of 2024/25 Committee**

The Chairperson invited Gloria Wright to take over the Chair as Returning Officer for the election the new committee.

Prior to declaring all committee positions vacant Gloria thanked the outgoing committee for its work and recognised the number of volunteer hours involved to ensure the smooth running of the organisation and drew attention to the preparation time required for the AGM as an example.

Nominations were received from Suzanne Arbon, Judy Curran, Brent Danks, Geoff Edwards, Lesley Ewing, David Fenwick, Janet Hemsley, Adeline Nitschke and Susan Smalldon.

There being no further nominations, Moved Dorothy Whiterod, seconded Egon Shore "That all those nominated be elected to the 2024 – 25 Management Committee. *Carried*

Suzanne thanked Gloria and resumed the Chair

8. **Drawing of the Door Prizes**

Judith Farrow, the newest member present, drew the door prizes with the winners being Dorothy Whiterod and Lesley Ewing.

9. **Closure**

Suzanne closed the meeting at 10:35am, thanking members their attendance and invited everyone to stay for morning tea and a presentation on *The Magic of Dry Stone Walls* by guest Bruce Munday.

Confirmed as an accurate record:

Chairperson Date

Secretary Date