

MINUTES OF THE 64th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting
held at 182 Coward Street Mascot
Thursday 13th April 2023 at 5pm

The Chairperson, Deborah Atkins opened the meeting by welcoming the twenty-seven attendees, including those opting to participate via zoom and phone, as per the attendees' registration book.

Before the commencement of official business, the Chairperson took the opportunity of convening a minute's silence to pay respects to those members who had passed in the last year including previous staff member Rose Gleeson.

The meeting was then formally declared open at 5:08pm with the welcome extended to official guest, Dominic Strati, the club's auditor.

On confirming a quorum for the meeting, the Chairperson advised that, as no notice of motions had been lodged with the Secretary prior to the cut off period of 14 days, only agenda items specified in the notice would be dealt with at the meeting. Any other questions were invited after the meeting's close.

1. APOLOGIES

Motion that apologies received from Evelyn King and Chris Knapton be accepted.

Moved Geoffrey Pearling

Seconded Barbara Sholl

Motion carried.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President gave a brief overview of the events of 2022 and the Board's future aspirations for the club.

It was noted that the club was 'back to business' with COVID lockdowns a thing of the past. The auditors report shows that 2022 was a year of consolidation despite significant increases in operating costs beyond the club's control. With an awareness that many members are having to cope with the same cost-of-living pressures, the Board and management aimed to find a balance between absorbing costs and passing on increases to minimise the impact for all patrons.

With a focus on member benefits, positive feedback was received for both Christmas in July and Member's Christmas Party events. It was confirmed that due to popular demand, the Member's Big Day Out will return on 25th July 2023. Members were advised to save the date and look out for further trip and booking details as they are released.

The club's achievement as a finalist in the 'The Perfect Plate' was celebrated acknowledging its culinary offerings and high service standards.

The political and media debate about the introduction of mandatory cashless gaming cards and facial recognition technology was acknowledged and it was considered important to plan for the likely considerable financial hurdles that may be faced in the future. The club's ongoing commitment to its members and to actively supporting its community, local schools and sporting groups was confirmed.

Appreciation was expressed to the club's valued members for their loyalty, to the directors for their efforts and to the management team for their exemplary performance throughout the year.

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Motion that the minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting be received and adopted.

Moved Tom Vose

Seconded Keith Sholl

Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chairperson introduced the club's auditor, Dominic Strati and asked him to provide a review of the accounts.

Mr Strati noted that all accounts were in order and that the club fully complied with all relevant regulations. He confirmed the club was in a very good financial position due to sound management.

After giving an overview of the club's accounts, the meeting was open to queries from the floor. There were no queries.

Motion that the Income and Expenditure Accounts, the Balance Sheet, Report of Directors and the Report to the Auditors, be received, considered and adopted.

Moved Barbara Sholl

Seconded Dave Duffy

Motion carried.

5. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Motion that the Auditors Dominic Strati & Associates be reappointed for ensuing year and that remuneration payable to the auditors be fixed.

Moved Keith Sholl

Seconded Jeffrey Pearling

Motion carried.

6. FIX DIRECTORS' HONORARIUMS AND EXPENSES

Motion to approve and fix Directors' honorariums and expenses for the forthcoming year as pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act;

- a) Directors Honorariums

President	\$ 16,000.00
Vice President (1)	\$ 8,000.00
Directors (5)	\$ 4,000.00
- b) Reasonable meals and beverages at Board meetings or at sub-committee meetings for Directors and sub-committee members.
- c) Reasonable expenses in relation to accommodation, meals and beverages allowances, seminar and conference fees, travelling costs for directors attending annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings, seminars, official meetings held or approved by the registered club's association or any affiliated body. Reasonable expenses for partners attending any or all of the above where approved by the Board will also apply.
- d) Reasonable expenses for Directors and their partners at the Directors' Annual Dinner.
- e) The reasonable cost of Directors attending other clubs for the purpose of observing their facilities and methods of operation.
- f) Attendance at functions, with partners where appropriate and required, to represent the club.

The members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraphs A,B,C,D,E and F are not available to members generally but only available to those who are Directors of the club.

Moved Dave Duffy
Seconded Pam Vose

Motion carried.

7. RESOLUTION CONFERRING LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Club President expressed immense pleasure at recognising long-term members Keith and Barbara Sholl for their ongoing patronage and support of the club.

Barbara and Keith were presented with Life Membership cards along with respective gifts of flowers and wine.

Motion that the Members hereby confer life Membership of the Club on Keith Sholl and Barbara Sholl.

Moved Dave Duffy
Seconded Bob Lamb

Motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was declared closed, but members were invited to make a comment or ask informal questions if they wished. No comments or questions were raised, and attendees retired for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 5:22pm.