

**MINUTES OF THE WEST GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY RADIO
INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BENDIGO
BANK BOARD ROOM ON OCTOBER 9, 2024**

Present:

Terri Trewin, Keith Pretty, John Meyer. Jose Meyer, Sam Nicita, John Trewin, Lois Ryan, Glenys Marriott (Minute Secretary), Graeme Marriott, Susan Burton, Phil Hutchesson, Richard Rejmer, Paul Strickland, Keith Prestidge, Christine Lee, Brian Giblin, Russ Ford. Greg Lia, Joseph Barake, Jeff Thege, Ric Nicholson, David Gilbert, Peter Willmott, Russ Hughes, Ian Hill.

Apologies:

Garry Havrillay, Angela Lia, Tom McGhee, Lynne Wells, Les Mackovich, Andrew Clinkaberry, Greg King, Wayne Pemberton, Peter Kessells, Stephanie Dey, Linton Blackwell, John Black, Nancye Greenway, Martin and Stephanie Van Voorthuizen.

Confirmation of previous minutes from AGM 2023 Moved Russ Ford seconded Christine Lee.

Presidents Report:

as tabled Moved Ian Hill seconded Richard Rejmer

Treasurers Report:

as tabled Moved: Graeme Marriott seconded John Meyer

Election of Board Members:

- Paul Strickland nominated for the Position of President seconded Russ Ford
- Graeme Marriott nominated for the position of Treasurer seconded John Meyer
- Joseph Barake nominated for the position of Board Member seconded Ian Hill
- Ian Hill nominated for the position of Board Member seconded Ric Nicholson
- Jeff Thege nominated for the position of Corporate Board Member seconded Greg Lia
- All carried unanimously

- No nominations for Vice President

Annual Subscription: To remain the same Moved Graeme Marriott seconded Richard Rejmer

Special Resolution:

Changes to the constitution were circulated prior to the meeting in accordance with the rules. They were to adjust the wording of the organisation purposes to ensure that the station was eligible for registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, which would ensure that we remain exempt from income tax. These changes were advised by lawyers and provided by the Community Radio Association of Australia. In addition a new power was added to allow the Board to appoint ex-officio members.

That the changes to the rules of association (constitution) as proposed and circulated be adopted.

Moved Paul Strickland seconded Ian Hill Carried unanimously

General Business:

Graeme Marriott thanked Garry Havrillay (in his absence) for all the work that he has put into the station, highlighting the need for more technical support in order to ensure the long term continuance of the station. We need to look outside board members to recruit people for special jobs.

Greg Lia suggested that the station look for people in the work for the dole scheme who may be able to assist in the area in which we need help. These people would need supervision.

The station is registered with Centrelink.

Susan Burton suggested we approach the council to have a reserved parking space in front of the station.

Brian Giblin who was the second person to broadcast when 3BBR began is willing to help with voice training where needed. Brian was thanked for his offer which was kindly accepted.

A big thank you was extended to those board members who quietly do the essential maintenance around the station such as washing microphone Sox, putting out the rubbish and the bins, maintaining a tidy area around the studio.

Awards:

Five Years - Alan Woolard, Mike Hennessey, Jenny Pearce, Ian Hill, Tilly Lienig, Wayne Pemberton, Keith Pretty, Nancye Greenway, Ric Nicholson, Paul Strickland

Ten Years - Angela Lia, Robin Blackman, Jill Boyce

Fifteen Years - Rod and Stephanie Wellard, Russ Hughes

Members for Life - Marilyn and Simeon May, Patricia Ziemer, Russ Hughes

Our guest speaker, Member, Keith Prestidge, was thanked for presenting these awards.

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker, Keith Prestidge then gave us a most interesting and sometimes mind-blowing insight into the very modern techniques now used in the most modern radio stations. Keith used Nova as an example. What an amazing set up! The use of software and AI can enable broadcasters to be anywhere in Australia and the technology can realise that presenter normally broadcast from, say, Melbourne and will then organise the news casts, ads etc that go with the Melbourne show.

Keith was thanked for his presentation,

AGM ended and supper was then enjoyed by all.