

Minutes of the 2022, 42nd Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2023 at 1:30pm AEST at The Event Centre at Panthers Penrith, NSW and via Microsoft Teams

1. Official opening of the Meeting

The Chair officially opened the Meeting at 1:35pm, welcoming members and proceeding with an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Chair advised that the AGM was being recorded on Teams and that the chat function would be used for questions and comments for members attending on Teams.

List of Attendees included:

Arran Corbett	Constantine Preshkoff	Jason Verables
Wally Varela	Wade Spencer	Brendan Bradford
Paul Sheahan	Mitchell Saxby	Hayden Lowe
James Mancey*	Jacque Bellhouse	Mike Lysaght
Mic Clayton	Jaymee Woods	Bill Steen
Harrison Schofield	Russell Denton	Sean Lawrie
Agnes Valcanis	Alexander Moon	Matt Page
Anthony Skinner	Matthew Pilkington	Robbie Downes
Andrew Weatherburn		

*Attended on Teams

The Chair confirmed that a quorum was established, with over 5 members in attendance.

2. Apologies

The Chair read the apologies of members unable to attend the AGM:

- Tony Polchleb
- Krystal Dresser
- Daniel Lough

The Chair thanked Daniel Lough and Krystal Dresser for their services; Daniel for help with organising the conference and Krystal for Company Secretary support.

3. Minutes of the 2021, 41st Annual General Meeting held 20 May 2022

The minutes of the 2021 AGM held 20 May 2022 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

It was moved:

That the minutes of the 2021, 41st AGM held 20 May 2022 are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and are accepted.

Moved: Aaron Corbett

Seconded: Wally Varela

CARRIED

4. Committee Reports – President's Report

A. Corbett presented the President's Report, highlighting the following:

- operational structure changes including back-office support provided by Association Executive Services (AES).
- a new back-end system for membership registrations was being evaluated with a decision to be made in the coming weeks. Whilst a significant undertaking, this was important for the organisation.
- There were currently 300 members, with NT recently signing up a further 17 and we look forward to their contribution.

It was moved:

That the President's Report for 2022 is accepted.

Moved: Wally Varela

Seconded: Mike Lysaght

CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the 2022 year

W. Varela presented the 2022 Financial Statements and stated that the date of the AGM was extended due to covid. The 2023 Financial Statements would be provided later in the year. Overall, the 2022 financial position was positive with a \$53k profit.

In response to a question on the delivery of training, W. Varela advised that more trainers were required to deliver the training, and that greater engagement was needed from a younger and more diversified crew. Further considerations included flexibility in the

enrolment process and timing of training receipts. W. Varela acknowledged that current processes were cumbersome and that new systems would be considered.

It was moved:

That the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for 2022 are accepted.

Moved: Aaron Corbett

Seconded: Paul Sheahan

CARRIED

6. Elect Office-Bearers of the Association and Ordinary Committee Members

As there were no contested positions, all nominations received were declared elected.

The Chair declared the following Office Bearers to the Committee for a two-year term:

- Vice-President – Paul Sheahan
- Secretary – Agnes Valcanis

The Chair declared the following ordinary committee members to the Committee for a two-year term, in alphabetical order:

- Harrison Schofield
- Anthony Skinner
- Andrew Weatherburn

This satisfied the Committee composition and membership as per the Constitution.

The Chair welcomed Andrew Weatherburn to the Committee and thanked members who were interested in being part of the Committee after nominations closed.

7. General Business

There was no General Business.

8. Other matters raised at the AGM and taken on notice

The following matters raised at the AGM were taken on notice. The Committee shall consider and prepare a response for circulation following ordinary meetings of the Committee:

- Drafting of MOUs with new organisations to derive real value and maximise benefits.
- Potential of hydrographers becoming involved in metering.
- An update on new standards and a review of existing standards and guidelines; everyone's input was welcomed.



- Difficulty in recruiting hydrographers and bringing new people into the industry due to a lack of awareness; the need to be more active in promoting what hydrographers do; review of recruitment process to address this issue.

The Chair encouraged participants to email any other questions through to the Committee.

9. Thank You and Close

The Chair thanked members for attending the AGM.

The date of the 2023, 43rd Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 2023.

The Chair formally closed the 2022 AGM at 2:18pm.