



## Minutes

### **Annual General Meeting**

Senior Citizens Centre, Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine  
And Via ZOOM

**Tuesday 29 October 2024, 6 pm**

#### **Members Present:**

1. Emily Kratzmann	2. Rich Moffat	3. Shane Matthieson	4. Allie Hanly
5. Lucy Armstrong	6. Jimmy Naylor	7. Jody Galvin	8. Jan Palethorpe
9. Martin Clifford	10. Suzanne Donisthorpe	11. Scott Sanders	12. Glendon Blazely
13. Simon Smallchua	14. Ben Shaw	15. Martin Lee	16. Alex Playstead
<b>Proxy From</b>	<b>Held By:</b>		
17. Nancy Whittaker	Suzanne Hogan		
<b>Committee of Mgt</b>			
18. Richard McLeish, President	19. Hayley West, Vice President	20. Rachael Cilauro, Treasurer	21. Suzanne Hogan, Secretary
22. Ian Patrick, General Member			
<b>Staff</b>			
Steph Riddel	Sue McLennan		

**Meeting opened:** 6.49 pm

#### **1. Welcome**

The AGM immediately followed the Special General Meeting. Rich acknowledged the traditional custodians, the Jaara people.

Rich welcomed members attending and presented the Agenda.

The quorum noted in the earlier Special General Meeting extended to the Annual General Meeting with 22 members present.

#### **Apologies:**

Tim Johnson	Emmaline Macartney	Bradyn Courtney	Colin Lemon
Joel Pearson	Serene Slow	Billy Lister	
Glenn Williams	Amalie O'Hara		

**2. Business arising from the 2023 Minutes**

- No questions were received.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes from the AGM held 25 October 2023**

***Motion:*** “That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 25 October be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting”

Moved: Hayley West

Seconded: Scott Sanders Carried

**4. The past year and the presentation of the Annual Report**

- The Annual Report was displayed as a presentation on screen.
- Rich stated that last year the presentation to members was subdued. Acknowledged this year has been a roller coaster but very happy to say that we come with financial confidence and it's a good new story.

**5. Presentation of Treasurer's Report**

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Rachael Cilauro. The Treasurer advised the following:
  - It has been great to be at the station and be a part of the process to re-align financially through the strategy of the station and work out where we are going.
  - MainFM reporting a profit of \$21,000. Real kudos to Steph and the team for the events and the great work to fundraise.
  - Grant streams have reduced and we have seen a lot of agility in the organisation to operate and obtain this result
  - MainFM reporting a total income of \$218,500, a 38% increase when compared to the same last year
  - Station has equity in terms of supporting future strategy and planning
  - Looking forward to new CoM members joining to focus on the strategic planning for the coming three years.
  - Again the hard work has been done by Steph, turned the beat around
- **Questions from Members**
  - Julia acknowledged it's great, the better financial results but we reduced staff, are we working to reinstate work hours?
    - Rach responded we are always looking to get those staff hours back, working on grant writing and aligning with the Roadmap of CBAA. The grant landscape is tough. We do need to look toward other grant scheme, volunteers and other income streams

- Rich responded that nationally the grant sector has dried up a lot for everyone. Doing everything we can to secure grant funding.
- Suzanne D noted we can't raise grants for salaries, if we don't get the grand funding
  - Rach responded that we need a different operating model, how are things to work out in the future, the broader economic environment, could the strategy have a volunteer plan
  - Rich responded that we are ideologically aligned to the CBF and CBAA, we do a lot of things right
- Suzanne D noted we are competing with 150 radio stations.
  - Rich acknowledged and responded CoM met mid-year, we had to have hard conversations, and decisions were made
  - Steph noted our core funding is 50%, sponsorship is 30%, with the balance of 20% from various other streams
- Ian noted the possibility for funding with our current grant application, if successful we can restore staff hours. Acknowledged the hard work and rolling with the bumps, Steph and the team have continued to do the hard work, credit to the staff who have reduced their hours and given their discretionary effort, acknowledge the stress. We really appreciate that.
- Suzanne acknowledged Sue McLennan effort in increasing the sponsorship income.
- Martin acknowledged the work of the Tech Committee
- Rich flagged that the work of the "techneratti" is important and the technical improvements are great.

**Motion:** Certification by two CoM members that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view of the association's financial position and performance and that they be accepted."

Recommendation	That the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view of the association's financial position and performance
Moved	Hayley West
Seconded	Ian Oberon

#### 6. Update from CBAA conference – Gold Coast provided by Steph Riddell

- 350 people, representing 100s of stations and CBAA and CBF
- Stations fluctuate, sustainability is a fallacy unless you are in the city and have the population to support. No radio station has the security
- CBF doesn't have enough money for everybody

- CBAA have created the Roadmap – a bold plan to realign the industry, pitch to government for more committed funding, so stations can operate to be emergency broadcasters and news sources
- They are lobbying, the current Communications Minister and the government. They are going for it.

## 7. Questions from Members

- No general questions were raised by members.

## 8. Election of Committee of Management

The following positions on the Committee of Management received only one nomination and as such were elected unopposed.

Treasurer:	Rachale Cilauro
General Member (2 years)	Simon Smallchua
General Member (2 years)	Luqman Latif
General Member (1 year)	Martin Lee

- Rich stated
  - He was excited by the committee for next year and acknowledged all Committee members and effort
  - Acknowledged Billy Lister finishing this year on CoM as he enters Year 12.
  - Maingame turned a profit of just over \$20k, a large part of Sue's sponsorship work and the great relationships she has built
  - Acknowledged the work of Alex in supporting the volunteers and his efforts on so many fronts
  - We are lucky to have Steph involved, a huge discretionary effort, we appreciate. There are hours of love and goodness put into the station, Steph the face of MainFM, acknowledge it has its moments and Steph rides it through
  - Dedicated coordinators in Martin and Steve
  - Rich Moffat the quiet achiever bringing expertise from a global level
  - MainFM is Castlemaine's biggest collaboration, which is what makes MainFM great – our sponsors, listeners
  - As a committee it is our responsibility to protect the licence and that we continue to operate sustainably and successfully.

## 9. General Business

- "Rich provided a brief update on our accommodation and flagged we are working with Mount Alexander Shire Council to help us progress. We are anticipating that Halford Street will possibly be our home for up to five years if that suits us.
- Rich thanked all attendees and closed the meeting.

**10. Meeting Closed:** 7.22 pm