

WARRAGUL & DISTRICT AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Association Committee of Management

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Chair – Peter McEwan

Date: Wednesday 12th November 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Warragul Leisure Centre

Members in Attendance: Pete McEwan, Bec Francis, Mary Patrickson, Liam Fitzpatrick, Michael Bridgman, Dave Thomas, Clive Patrickson, Troy Ventura, Sharon Ventura, Jenni McEwan, Kasey Boyles, Mark Pearce, Paul Potter, Deb Fleming, Bella McEwan, Jeanette McGillivray, Jacynta Kelly, Alex Dixon, Jackson McEwan, Fin Carey, Mat Churchill, Claire Bailey, Tracy Morgan, Michala Chapman, Amanda Pajewski, Cory Smith, Jayden Strattan, Darren Beckwith, Natalie Eriya, Tracy Bailey, Ben Chapman, Kaden Gregg, Claire Pask, Jordan Gooker, William Roberts, David Axford, Brendan Beasley, Georgia Chapman, Mike Santo, Toby Talbot, Tessa Anderson, Lauren Maguire, Phil Black.

Apologies: Shannon Presow, Graeme Radford

- 1) **Welcome** – Chair, Pete McEwan, commenced the meeting at 6:37 PM with a welcome to all, especially Life Members, introduced current Board Members and staff, noted the apologies, confirmed the quorum and approved the register of meeting attendees eligible to vote.
 - a) One declared conflict of interest by Mary Patrickson, current Secretary to agenda item 8 e i).

- 2) **Minutes Of The Last Meeting** – The Members received and noted the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting held on 20 November 2024.

Bec Francis moved that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed, seconded by Clive Patrickson. The Minutes were approved.

- 3) **Annual Reports Received From:**
 - a) **President's Report** - Pete McEwan presented the President's Report for the financial year ending June 2025.
 - b) **Treasurer's Report** - Rebecca Francis presented the Treasurer's Report, including the Auditor's Report.
 - c) **Questions** – The following questions and comments regarding the financials were made from the floor, and the Treasurer responded:
 - i) It was requested that the financials be sent two weeks in advance, at the same time as the agenda, as there is insufficient time at the meeting to review them in detail. The Treasurer indicated that the Board would work to achieve this in the future.
 - ii) The question was asked why there was not a provision for employee entitlements in last year's financials, yet there is a provision of \$20,000 made this year. The Treasurer stated that this was an oversight in past years, was identified this year, and provisions were made. It was noted that if this correction had not occurred, the profit would have been materially higher.
 - iii) A comment was made that a material amount could overstate the Association's revenue recognition, as player fees should be considered service delivery, and that the accounting statement in the audited accounts differed from the prior year and was insufficient. It was noted that if this was correct, this had been an error for several past years. The Treasurer stated that the revenue recognition has been consistent

for the past two years, with income recognised before the season, and the Board had agreed to continue this practice based on the auditor's input. On request, the Treasurer agreed that the Board should review this in more detail in the coming year to make a qualified determination.

- iv) A comment was made that the depreciation schedule is very poorly constructed and should be addressed, and the Treasurer agreed that this should be addressed.
 - v) Concern was expressed regarding the quality of work of the auditors in the past and current years.
 - d) Pete McEwan made a motion to approve reports as presented, seconded by Liam Fitzpatrick. Approved
- 4) **Annual Subscription Fee** – In accordance with the Constitution, the Members considered the annual subscription fee. Rebecca Francis made a motion to keep the annual subscription fee for members at Zero dollars, seconded by Michael Bridgman. Approved.
- 5) **Appointment of the Auditor** – At the request of the Treasurer, the members approved that the appointment of the auditor be on hold for the forthcoming financial year until a future date after discussion by the Board.

6) **Special Resolution – Constitutional Changes**

The Secretary presented one Special Resolution to the Members regarding the update to the existing Constitution. It was noted that the changes had been made available to all members and that notice was provided 21 days in advance of the meeting, in accordance with the current Constitution. The following comments were made.

- a) The Board of Directors, with the support of an external party, undertook a detailed Governance review over the prior 12 months. As a part of this process, the Board has identified areas in the Constitution that require clarification and correction of inaccuracies. The Secretary suggested that the Constitution may undergo another, more substantial revision the following year.
- b) A member stated that he disagreed with the change to section 45c; the concern was with allowing those with honorariums (e.g. coaches and referees) to be appointed to the Board. After much discussion, there was a slight adjustment to the proposal to provide clarification to section 45 (c), so it then read as follows:
(c) Is not a current full-time, part-time, or casual employee of the Association. For the sake of clarity, those people who are paid an honorarium to referee, coach or Court Supervise are not considered employees.

The following motion, as circulated, in accordance with the Constitution, was put to the Members:

“The Members at the Annual Meeting on 12th November 2025 adopt the changes to the Constitution proposed by the Board of Directors with the one minor modification agreed at the meeting”.

Moved Clive Patrickson. Seconded by Pete McEwan.

More than 75% of the members approved of the Special Resolution. Resolution Carried.

7) **General Business for Which Notice Has Been Given – Life Membership – Paul Potter**

In accordance with the Constitution, the Board nominated Paul Potter for Life Membership of WDABA.

Pete McEwan made the motion to approve Paul Potter for Life Membership, seconded by Mary Patrickson.

More than 75% of the members approved of Paul Potter's Life Membership. Resolution Carried.

8) **Election Of Board Members – 2025-2027**

- a) **Vice President** – Per article 47 (2), as there was only one nomination received, the President declared **Liam Fitzpatrick** elected for a two-year term.
- b) **Secretary** – Per article 47 (2), as there was only one nomination received, the President declared **Mary Patrickson** elected for a two-year term.
- c) **Ordinary Board Member – 2 Year Term**

Two positions of Ordinary Board Member for two-year terms were available for election. Three nominations were received in accordance with the Constitution, and a ballot was held in accordance with Section 49 of the Constitution. The President declared **Michael Bridgman and Sharon Ventura** elected as Ordinary Board Members for the two years 2025-2027.

d) **Ordinary Board Member – 1 Year Term**

One Ordinary Board Member position for a one-year term was available for election. Three nominations were received in accordance with the Constitution, although two subsequently withdrew their nominations. Per article 48 (2), as only one nomination was received, the President declared **Tessa Anderson** elected for a one-year term. 2025-2026.

Pete McEwan moved a motion to declare all positions filled as noted above, seconded by Liam Fitzpatrick. Approved.

9) **The AGM concluded at 7:43 PM.**

Board of Directors Presented as Follows:

Name	Position
Pete McEwan	President 2024-2026
Liam Fitzpatrick	Vice President 2025-2027
Rebecca Francis	Treasurer 2024-2026
Mary Patrickson	Secretary 2025-2027
Sharon Ventura	Ordinary Board Member 2025-2027
Michael Bridgman	Ordinary Board Member 2025-2027
Tessa Anderson	Ordinary Board Member 2025-2026

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