



Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Via ZOOM

Tuesday 9th November 2021

6PM

Members Present:

Adam Perrett	Alison Hanly	Andrew Stewart
Bridget Haylock	Di Indrans	Elizabeth Scanlon
Fionna Allan	Frank Veldze	Glenn Williams
Hannah Cook	Ian Patrick	Jeremy Furze
Kate McDonald	Meg Butler	Melissa Scott
Rich Moffat	Richard McLeish	Sasch Mottee
Steph Riddel	Steve Charman	Steve Norwood
Sue McLennan	Sue Vaugn	Susanne Hogan
Suzanne Donisthorpe		

Meeting opened: 6.05pm

1. WELCOME

President Richard McLeish acknowledged the fact that the meeting was being held on the land of the Dja Dja Wurrung people and paid respect to elders past, present and emerging.

He then welcomed members attending and presented the Agenda.

2. Apologies:

- Bradley Dawson and Tony Peachey.

3. Minutes of the General Meeting held 10th November 2020

Motion: *“That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 10th November 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting”*

Moved: Steve Charman

Seconded: Bridget Haylock

Carried

4. Business arising from the 2020 Minutes

No questions were received.

5. Presentation of the Annual Report

The Annual Report for the period July 1st 2020 – June 30th 2021 was presented by the President Richard McLeish.

Richard’ presentation:

“Thanks for attending everyone.

Even with great intentions, AGM aren’t always the most attended events of the year, so its the sign of a healthy organisation to see many more people here than the minimal for quorum.

Strange days, indeed, I open my report with. Most peculiar mama!

And while too much has already been said of the recent malaise, it’s gonna take years to contextualise all that’s happened. For us to make sense of it all.

But if it has taught us anything, it is indeed the importance of the people around us - our local community. And all it can provide as the world crumbles around it.

Maybe it’s this reason that, despite the circumstances, the radio station has actually gone from strength to strength through the ordeal.

We’ve achieved an awful lot in the last 12 months as a station.

Everyone seems even more engaged and willing to chip in than ever.

For a start, we’ve managed to maintain a subscriber base of over 750. Not bad in a town of around 10,000. (the radiothon actually fell outside the jurisdiction of this annual report). We have 110 presenters. All unpaid. All dedicated to great broadcasting. Over 70 shows.

Behind the scenes, we managed a restructure of the place. Which involved taking on our wonderful new station manager, Steph Riddel.

We waved off Fionna Allan in the process, thanking her for her services in difficult early covid times.

From the Committee itself, some notable retirees. Of course Adam Perrett my predecessor who left the place in such good shape stepped off services.

We also say farewell to CoM veteran Steve Charman, who has been an amazing vice president (which I'll talk more about later) and Suzanne Donisthorpe who with her years of experience caressed the program grid into the robust shape that it is, handing duties over to Rich Moffatt who seems well up for the challenges the role provides. Happy birthday Suzanne too.

We also farewelled committee members Leon Stackpole and Melissa Scott, who served as Treasurers, as well as Aimee Chapman, Lisa Levis and Kate MacDonald.

Sue McLennan has hauled us in a catch of new sponsors to keep the lights on, thanks Sue.

And there's also a bunch of policies, procedures and finance stuff that CoM has invested good time in, to help make the place run smoother. Thanks to CoM for all their hours, often thankless but never wasted.

But everyone plays a role. An army of unseen people do so many things around the station each day. That's what we rely on to stay on air, and keeps the spirit alive. The unseen army. So take pride in these awards that we seem to keep winning. They are yours.

So with the shackles off next year, there's no limit to what we can achieve both as a radio station but also as a community organisation, deeply attached to this amazing part of the world that we all live and love - in Castlemaine.

Here's to making MainFM an even better Best Little Station in the Nation."

6. Presentation of Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Treasurer, Jeremy Furze. The Treasurer advised the following:

I'm pleased to report that the station remains in a very healthy financial position. Looking at the Profit & Loss Report we can note a sizeable profit figure. Some of the drivers were Sponsor income which jumped from 28K the previous year to just under 50K this financial year, an awesome effort by Sue, and also government assistance in the form of Job Keeper.

Subscriber income was very low due to the re-schedule of Radiothon in July meaning that revenue will appear in the 2022 FY P&L.

This year we transitioned our accounting system from Reckon to Xero which will give greater visibility on the finances in real-time as the station works towards financial sustainability in the coming years. Thanks to all of the team who assisted with the transition."

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

CoM Member 1: Meg Butler

CoM Member 2: Andrew Stewart

Motion: *That the Annual Report including the audited financial accounts for the financial year ended 30th June 2021 be accepted:*

Moved: Suzanne Donisthorpe

Seconded: Elizabeth Scanlon

Carried

7. Questions from Members

Adam Perrett asked:

- *“What is the status of the MainFM Strategic Plan?”*

The President advised that the Strategic Plan had been updated in 2021 and was approved by the Committee of Management at the 4th October '21 meeting. He also advised that the Operations Plan is currently under CoM review and is expected to be approved at the 6th December '21 meeting.

Once they are both approved they will be published to members.

Meg advised that the plans have already been shared with the Program Committee.

- *“When will the Constitution be reviewed and updated?”*

The President advised that CoM have the review of the Constitution as a high priority for 2022.

8. Election of Committee of Management

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

- Vice President: Hannah Cook
- Secretary: Di Indrans
- Ordinary Member (2 years) - Andrew Stewart
- Ordinary Member (2 years) - Ian Patrick

Each newly elected person briefly addressed the attendees.

9. General Business

Richard thanked Steve Charman for his amazing contribution to the CoM over the past 6 years and for assisting Richard in his new role as President. Richard stressed that Steve will still be heavily involved with MainFM.

Steve said it has been a great honour to be on the CoM and he wishes to be involved in the review and update of the Constitution and the renewal of the station's licence which is required every 5 years. He advised that ACMA need to know that we follow our Constitution and he encouraged the CoM to be vigilant in following processes and procedures. He wished Hannah best wishes in her new role as Vice President.

10. Meeting Closed: 6:26pm