



MCAV AGM

November 20, 3 pm 2021

1399 Moroka Road,

Valencia Creek

AGENDA

1. **Present:** Chris Commins, Ben Treasure, John Andrews, Bruce McCormack, Chris Lewis, Chris Hodge, Bruce Treasure, Rose Faithfull, Lyric Anderson. **In attendance:** Ross and Magda Brown, John Cook, Nick Cook, Kevin Stower, Rhyll McCormack, Chris and Colin Hall, Scott and Belinda Jennison, Christa Bila, Pam Bila, Rita McMahon, Cath Noble, Tristan Dyer, Jon Rowley, Matt Dowell, Bill Maiden, Dale Reid, Marie Matthew, Graham Matthews, Ros Andrews, Lyn Rees, Martin North, Deb McCormack, Clelia Hodge, Charlotte Hodge, Rhyme Anderson, Hughie Anderson, Julia Peti, Rohan Rogers, Amanda Morgan, Richard, Shayne Barkley, Wayne Campbell, Sally Melbourne, Brett Alexander, Chris Wellins, Slaine Wellins, Andrew Coyle, Terence Coyle, Madi Dyer, Mel McDonald, Charles Connley, Carol Faithfull.

2. **Apologies:** Tanya and Nook Coleman, Travis and Michelle Wright, Philip Davis, Cindy McLeish MP, Cass McCormack, Jack McCormack, Graeme Stoney, John and Julie Ryan, Peter Walsh MP, Bill Tilley MP, Andrew Kee/Friends of Wongungarra, Steph Ryan MP, Dave Stoney, Russell Northe MP, Marion McCathy, David McKenzie, Steve and Karen Felmingham, Jack McCormack, Nola Pryor, Simon Sumner, Matt Kirwan, Ken Heywood, Simon and Rowena Turner, Phil Ryder, Darcy Fitzgerald, Joe Connley, Bluey Commins, Dave Stoney.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM (2020):** Minutes Attached.

Motion: That the minutes, as circulated, of the Annual General Meeting dated November 30, 2020, are a true and correct record of proceedings. **Bruce McCormack / Ben Treasure.**

4. **Business arising from Minutes: None**

5. **Reports:**

5.1: Annual Report – President: Bruce McCormack. Attached.

5.2: Annual Report – Secretary: Ken Heywood. Attached.

5.3: Annual Report – Treasurer: John Andrews. Auditors report & Financials attached.

5.4 Annual Report – Office Manager: Rhyll McCormack. Attached.

Motion: *That the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Office Manager reports be accepted: John Andrews / Ben Treasure.*

6. **Motion: John Andrews:** *That Malcolm Blair is retained for the 2021-2022 year as the MCAV Accountant, and the Board be authorised to amend that arrangement if necessary. John Andrews / Chris Hodge*

7. **Motion: John Andrews:** *That the MCAV retain the services of MMK Accounting as auditors for the 2021-2022 year and the Board be authorised to amend that arrangement if necessary. John Andrews / Ben Treasure*

8. **Branch Office bearers as notified to the MCAV:**

	President	Vice President	Secretary
Gippsland	Chris Cooper	Chris Hodge	Cath Noble
North East	Lyric Anderson	Bruce Treasure	Ben Treasure
Omeo	Bluey Commins		Chris Commins
Mansfield	Bruce McCormack	Dave Stoney	Michelle Burrowes

8.1 Branch Report Notes:

Gippsland: Attached.

North East: Attached.

Omeo: *Chris Commins gave a verbal report for his branch, saying that Covid had made things difficult for all members of the MCAV over the past few years, and that individual Omeo branch members were unfortunately not able to attend the AGM due to silage/shearing commitments.*

Mansfield: Attached.

Motion: *to accept all Branch reports and Branch Office Bearers for 2021-2022. Ben Treasure / Chris Commins*

9. **Confirmation of Branch Board delegates**

	Gippsland	Mansfield	North East	Omeo
1	Rose Faithfull	Jack McCormack	Philip Ryder	Simon Turner
2	Chris Hodge	Dave Stoney	Lyric Anderson	Darcy Fitzgerald

- North East nominated a Reserve/Roving Delegate - Bruce Treasure
- Gippsland nominated 2 Reserve / Roving Delegates – Nook Coleman and Ross Brown
- Omeo nominated a Reserve / Roving Delegate – Joe Connley
- Mansfield nominated Reserve / Roving Delegate subject to Mansfield Motion being approved – Kane Lovick

Motion: *to accept all Branch Board delegates for 2020-2021. Ben Treasure / John Andrews*

10. Election of MCAV Office Bearers:

All positions within the MCAV are declared vacant. Bruce asked Ross Brown to take the chair, who called for nominations.

Election Nominations:

President: Bruce McCormack, nominated by Ben Treasure and seconded by Chris Lewis. Bruce accepted his nomination.

Vice President: Ben Treasure, nominated by John Andrews and seconded by Chris Commins. Ben accepted his nomination.

Secretary: Although not present, Ken had indicated verbally he was happy to take on the secretary position again if elected. Ken Heywood, nominated by Ben Treasure and seconded by John Andrews.

Treasurer: John Andrews, nominated by Ben Treasure and seconded by Lyric Anderson. John accepted his nomination.

NOTE: Past president is an automatic position on the MCAV board

Motion: *to accept MCAV Executive positions 2021-2022. John Andrews / Bruce Treasure.*

11. Nominations for additional 3 Board positions:

Suggested: Special Projects: (incumbent) Chris Commins. Nominated by Lyric Anderson and seconded by Ben Treasure. Chris accepted his nomination.

Suggested Associate/Delegate Member: (nominated by Gippsland branch) Chris Lewis. Nominated by Rose Faithfull and seconded by Bruce McCormack.

Suggested G2G Representative: (incumbent) Cass McCormack. Although not present Cass indicated verbally prior to the meeting she was happy to take on the G2G rep position again if nominated. Cass McCormack, nominated by Bruce McCormack and seconded by Lyric Anderson.

Motion: *to accept nominations of MCAV Board additional positions for the 2021-2022 year. John Andrews / Ben Treasure*

12. Setting membership fees:

Currently memberships are charged as follows:

Grazing members with current state forest licences (\$220)

Grazing members without current licences (\$50)

Nominee Grazing members (\$50)

20-year Premium Associate Member (\$500)

5-year Associate members (\$160)

Associate members family (\$45)

Associate member single (\$40)

Bruce McCormack asked those gathered what they thought of the membership fees, with it being suggested that the price for Grazing Members without current licenses and Nominee Grazing members could be reviewed with a potential for increase to \$100. General discussion that, in today's market, \$100 was not a lot to pay. Ross Brown said it was important for members to help keep the association going. Rose Faithfull said any increase should be minimal and spread over the years, so it was not felt as a sudden jump. Rhyll McCormack said all membership invoices for Grazing members had already been issued and paid for the 21-22 financial year. Chris Lewis felt said the price for Associates should remain given the lack of events and movement over the last few years. John Andrews suggested canvassing members over the next few months to gauge how they would feel about a price increase, with Rhyll to send an email to all members and report back to the Board at the next meeting with the assistance of Chris Lewis.

13. Chris Commins asked to give his special projects report at the AGM rather than at the Board meeting so those gathered would be able to listen. Attached.

Branch Motions:

13.1 Mansfield: Mansfield branch requests the following motion, that the MCAV Board reaffirm and implement an earlier intention to have the following clause included in the MCAV by-laws: "That where a grazing license is jointly held by two families that both principal grazing members of those families are eligible to nominate three grazing members each. This does not apply when joint names on the license are from the same immediate family, e.g., husband and wife."

Deferred to the Board Meeting.

13.2 North East: Recommend the MCAV Board write to DELWP, Game Management Victoria and Parks Victoria asking about a deer cull day; when will this occur and what are your rules and how do you determine deer from game species to pest species and what is your criteria to make this happen? How do you determine it- From game to pest species?

Deferred to Board meeting.

13.3 Gippsland: Gippsland branch would like to see additional Associate Representatives nominated, with Rose Faithfull suggesting that the reps could share one vote with Chris Lewis acting as their nominated Board rep. All agreed that Associates should be encouraged to have more involvement with the running of the MCAV, and that each MCAV branch should have the option of providing an Associate Rep that would report to Chris Lewis with issues / suggestions. Rhyll said she would provide a list of Associate contacts to Chris and would also include details online and in the next Yarnier to encourage participation of Associates.

Motion: That each branch of the MCAV be able to nominate an Associate representative, with those nominated reporting to the Board Associate member. **Rose Faithfull / Bruce McCormack**

14. General Public Discussion:

Bruce invited those gathered to provide input and raise issues relevant to the MCAV.

14.1 Associate member Charles Connley, who had travelled from Omeo to attend the AGM, warned the MCAV that his State Forest grazing license had been taken from him by the Omeo Shire so that a bike park could be constructed. Chris spoke of his frustration at the situation, which had been ongoing for some years, saying he had recently returned from a VCAT hearing and was awaiting a result. Charles asked the MCAV to write to Tim Bull to support his request that the bike park not go ahead. Chris Commins asked if Charles had been consulted prior to any decision being made, and he said he had been but that his responses had been ignored. Charles said although he did not regularly graze his lease, he warned the MCAV his situation could easily happen to other members. Bruce McCormack said he would speak to Charles after the meeting.

14.2. Associated member Carol Faithfull expressed concern about the plan to shoot brumbies in the Bogong area, saying she had heard Parks Victoria were about to undertake and aerial cull without informing people. She asked for support to protect the brumbies, and Rose Faithfull asked what she would like the MCAV to do to assist. Carol explained she wanted to have the brumbies heritage listed, saying there were approximately only 80 left. All agreed the MCAV would support Carol where they could. Bruce McCormack agreed to speak to Carol after the meeting to discuss support.

14.3 Bruce McCormack thanked those who had worked over several weeks to prepare the AGM site by proving firewood, mowing and general preparation. He also thanked Ross and Magda Brown for allowing the MCAV to use their magnificent property to hold the meeting.

15. Close of meeting: 4.15pm.