



MINUTES MCAV AGM

November 30, 11.20am 2020

McCormack Park

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AGENDA

1. **Present:** Cath Noble, Jenni Baker, Ros and John Andrews, Paul Tyrrell, Scott Jennison, Jody Galway, Rita McMahon, Pam Bila, Angela Bila, Sue and Graham Woodruff, Alan Reid, Wendy Howe, Chris Jenkins, Travis Wright, Ben Treasure, Bruce Treasure, Laurie Baker, Bruce McCormack, Rhyl and Jack McCormack, Cass McCormack, John and Jane Ryan, Nick Cook, Philip Ryder, Chris Lewis, Val Kiley and Maureen Watson.
2. **Apologies:** Graeme Stoney, Rosslyn and Geoff Butler, Michelle Kirk, Terry Langley, Cindy McLeish, Chris Hodge, Wendy Lovell, Phillip and Elizabeth Davis, Darcy Dyer, Peter Hughes, David Robinson, Todd Greaves, Simon Turner, Kevin Higgins, Lyric Anderson, Annie Simpson, Christa and Don Dwyer, Frank Sedgman, Rose Faithfull, Ray Thomas, Kendall Virgo, Trish Zdrzalka, Jill Pickering, Cindy McLeish, Christine Bila, Mick Sweeney, Susan Noble, Chris Commins, John Treasure, Kate Treasure, Ross and Magda Brown and Rita Cochran.
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM:**

Motion: That the minutes, as circulated, of the Annual General Meeting dated September 13, 2019 held at Traralgon are a true and correct record of proceedings. *John Andrews / Bruce 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.** Attached.

Motion: That the President, Secretary and Treasurer reports be accepted: *Jack McCormack / Bruce Treasure*
6. **Motion: John Andrews:** That Malcolm Blair is retained for the 2020-2021 year as the MCAV Accountant and the Board be authorised to amend that arrangement if necessary. *Ben Treasure / Bruce Treasure*
7. **Motion: John Andrews:** That the MCAV retain the services of MMK Accounting as auditors for the 2020-2021 year and the Board be authorised to amend that arrangement if necessary. *Bruce Treasure / Ben Treasure*

8. Branch Office bearers as notified to the MCAV:

	President	Vice President	Secretary
Gippsland	Chris Cooper		Cath Noble
North East	Lytic Anderson	Bruce Treasure	Ben Treasure
Omeo	Philip Bluey Commins		Chris Commins
Mansfield	Bruce McCormack	Harry Lovick (declined)	Michelle Burrowes

8.1 Branch Report Notes:

Gippsland: Happy with general running and business of the past 12 months of the MCAV but did note concerns about the DELWP situation and the cancellation of grazing due to bushfires. Nook Coleman moved during the group's AGM that "the MCAV president, or a nominee, the license holder and DELWP hold an onsite meeting on the individual license areas in December to discuss the grazing of cattle within that licensed area." The branch also raised concerns about the Native Title Ownership agreement, noting the lack of consultation with the MCAV. The group intend to hold a 'mini G2G' at Ross Brown's property subject to Covid 19 restrictions as a way of celebrating the tough year.

North East: Noted that the MCAV had some challenges over the past few months but they feel the group is now back on track.

Omeo:

Mansfield: The Mansfield Branch did not meet for AGM but rather held our meeting over email. We have elected Bruce McCormack as President, Harry Lovick declined the position of Vice President and I have agreed to return as secretary (Michelle Burrowes). Our delegates for the board are Jack McCormack and Dave Stoney, and it is our intention to nominate Cass McCormack for the position of Get Together representative, a job she has been doing well for the past 18 months. Over the year we have met a handful of times, mostly before the Get Together was cancelled and we met to discuss things such as the race format, positioning of items around the grounds etc. We are looking forward to another great year.

Motion: to accept all Branch reports and Branch Office Bearers for 2020-2021. *Cass McCormack / Bruce Treasure*

9. Confirmation of Branch Board delegates

	Gippsland	Mansfield	North East	Omeo
1	Rose Faithfull	Jack McCormack	Philip Ryder	Darcy Fitzgerald
2	Chris Hodge	Dave Stoney	Lytic Anderson	Joe Connley

- North East nominated an alternate delegate - Bruce Treasure

Motion: to accept all Branch Board delegates for 2020-2021 *Jack McCormack / Bruce Treasure*

10. Nominations for additional 3 Board positions:

Suggested: Special Projects: (incumbent) Chris Commins. Nominated on the day. Uncontested. Re-elected.

Suggested Associate Member: (nominated by Gippsland branch) Chris Lewis. Nomination form received from Gippsland branch prior to meeting. Uncontested. Accepted his nomination.

Suggested Additional position (formerly G2G Representative): Cass McCormack. Nominated on the day. Uncontested. Accepted her nomination.

Motion: to accept nominations of MCAV Board additional positions for the 2020-2021 year: *Bruce McCormack / Jack McCormack*

11. Election of MCAV Office Bearers:

All positions within the MCAV are declared vacant. Rhyll called for nominations for election nominations

Election Nominations:

President: **Bruce McCormack**, nominated by Bruce Treasure and Travis Wright. Bruce accepted his nomination.

Vice President: **Ben Treasure**, nominated by Bruce Treasure and Travis Wright. Ben accepted his nomination. Elected.

Secretary: **Ken Heywood**, nominated by Bruce Treasure and Jack McCormack. Ken accepted his nomination. Elected.

Treasurer: (nominated by North East branch) Simon Turner. No paperwork was received in support of this nomination. Cass McCormack and Travis Wright nominated **John Andrews**. John accepted his nomination. Elected.

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

Motion: to accept MCAV Executive positions 2020-2021. Jack McCormack / Cass McCormack

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 (\$30)

Motion: That the AGM set the Grazing membership fees and Associate fees at the same price as last year. *John Andrews and Ben Treasure.*

13. Branch Motions:

Gippsland branch: asked for the following motion that was put forward by Nook Coleman, seconded by Christine Bila, at the branch AGM. "That the MCAV President, or a nominee, the licence holder and DEWLP hold an onsite meeting, on the individual licence areas, in December, to discuss the grazing of cattle within that licence area". *Bruce McCormack explained that since the Gippsland branch meeting he had spoken to DELWP and had official documentation that MCAV members were now able to request a meeting to discuss a possible return to grazing with some limitations such as reduced stocking numbers or exclusion fencing. Cath Noble said Gippsland were happy with that result.*

14. General public discussion time.

14.1 Get Together Discussion: *Bruce McCormack brought up the subject of a 2021 Get Together, explaining that although it was listed for discussion in the Board meeting those that wished to leave following the AGM would still be able to voice their thoughts. March was suggested as a new date, but people were concerned about potential clash with the Man from Snowy River Festival. Concern about March weather, and weaner sales held in Omeo in March. October was suggested, with it not possible to be held the second weekend due to a clash with poetry festivals. Third weekend was dismissed as being too close to Nov long weekend. First weekend is tail end of school holiday period, and clashes with Deni Ute Muster which potentially would work in helping the MCAV eliminate the 'party crowd'. A show of hands was called for to confirm that the date should be moved away from January, with all present agreeing.*

14.2 Melbourne perception: *Associate member Maureen Watson raised that there was an urban myth that cattle were heavier these days than 100 years ago, and so were doing more damage to grasses than before. She feels Melbourne people were focused on the weight of cattle, but dismissed damage caused by feral animals such as deer. She recommended the MCAV look at ways of combating this. Alan Reid, who has had a large sticker made for the back of his motorbike trailer, said this attracted attention wherever he travelled. Nick Cook and Chris Jenkins said they would happily pay to have the back windows of their cars transformed into a photo collage for the MCAV. Associate Member Paul Tyrrell said MCAV needed to start with educating children and teachers, with Cass McCormack adding that scientific proof was needed. Associate member Graham Woodruff agreed, and said graduate students were a potential way of accessing data and conducting research.*

15. Close of meeting 12.30

Note: Lunch break provided by the MCAV. Thanks to all who made the effort to attend. MCAV Board meeting to follow at approximately 1.30pm. Observers welcome.