



Annual General Meeting
Meeting held Tuesday 28th November, 2023.
9.30am Maydale Reserve

Present:

Allison Roberts	Horsham Plaza
Andrea Cross	Shane & Andrea Cross Builders
Annie Mintern	Horsham Rural City Council
Catherine Shirrefs	Morrow Motor Group
Charlie Helyar	Horsham Neighbourhood House
David Bowe	Crockett Media
Glenn Ryan	River End Apartments
Jacqui James	JMJ - EA for a Day
Jessica Fisher	Centre for Participation
Kerrie Mulholland	Grampians Tourism
Maggie Bridgewater	Rural financial counselling service
Mark Clyne	Harcourts Horsham
Olivia Morris	Horsham Rural City Council
Stacey Taig	West Vic Business and C1
Tori Marklew	Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN
Vanessa O'Loughlin	Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN
Wendy Bywaters	Wendy's Retreat

1) Welcome (Mark Clyne)

Good morning everyone,

Thank you for coming along today to what is our first live and 'in person' AGM since the pandemic.

This year we wanted to keep the process small and intimate. Firstly, keep things simple for everyone as we know 2023 has thrown many curve balls at everyone, including our Executive Committee and staff.

Secondly, we have found that smaller working groups mean greater and more in-depth conversations. And today will be the beginning of planning for our 2024 project calendar.

Before we introduce our guest speaker today, I would like to extend my thanks to the tireless and selfless efforts of our Executive Committee. Each giving their time freely to be part of the chamber. I would also like to thank

Treasurer Catherine Shirrefs and our Ambassador Stacey Taig, for all that they do throughout the year.

But to keep things moving quickly, and without further adieu, I would like to welcome:

Cinzia Crea - St Albans Place Manager, Brimbank City Council.

Cinzia Crea has had over 20-years experience in local government, specifically urban planning and place making. Her interests and passion lie in creating great places for our communities to live, work and recreate. She has been involved in creating new suburban areas, infill urban renewal projects, facilitating urban redevelopment, place making and activation.

In recent years she has used these skills to help Town Centres thrive and prosper and is committed to supporting the growth and sustainability of small businesses and business associations.

2) Guest Speaker

Cinzia Crea - St Albans Place Manager, Brimbank City Council.

3) Apologies

Members: Andrew Brown - ASB Solutions, Nathan Janetzki - ANZ, Tanya Stanley - Beetanicals, Vicky McClure - Green Taylor, Bart Turgoose - Skyography, Stewart Neighbour - Bad Boy Burger Co

Other: Beau Ladlow - Level Up Gaming

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Glenn Ryan

Seconded: Andrea Cross

Carried

4) Minutes from Previous AGM

A copy of the previous AGM minutes was presented on screen. There was no business arising.

Motion: That the Minutes of the Previous AGM be accepted as a correct representation of proceedings

Moved: Catherine Shirrefs

Seconded: Andrea Cross

Resolved

5) Chairpersons Report

It has been another whirlwind year, with many meetings between relevant stakeholders to continue to move the Wimmera forward and advocate on major issues affecting our region. I feel we have achieved a lot over the past 12 months continuing to enhance the good work that has been done over the previous years.

A big thank you to Stacey Taig who works away relentlessly and attends all the relevant events and meetings that are required in her role as the Ambassador of West Vic Business, along with the Executive who graciously donate their time and ideas to make the region a better place to live, work and run a business.

When I talk to various business owners in both my capacity as Chair of West Vic Business and as a Real Estate Agent the general feedback is that the Wimmera as a whole has had another good year and business owners are looking forward to the opportunities that will arise from the expanding Agribusiness sector, along with many other infrastructure projects.

I congratulate the various Council's in moving forward with many projects currently planned and under construction that will make the Wimmera a more livable place into the future.

Which ultimately benefits all Wimmera townships by retaining and attracting key people to our region that will then go on to spend their incomes in the Retail sector and engage Service industries as required.

Multiple Industrial Subdivisions in Horsham are currently under construction which will allow existing businesses the ability to expand and allow new businesses to come to Horsham and cement Horsham as a major Regional HUB to service the Wimmera with a catchment area of approximately 55,000 people.

I believe that Horsham is in a very unique point in time in it's transition from a large country town to a major Regional HUB located strategically midway between Melbourne and Adelaide.

I appreciated that in this role as Chair that I have the ability to advocate on behalf of our members to achieve positive outcomes.

Motion: That the chairperson report be accepted

Moved: Mark Clyne

Seconded: Wendy Bywaters

Carried

6) Treasurers Report

Catherine Shirrefs presented a copy of the financials for the financial Year 2022-2023 on screen.

Motion: That the financials be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Catherine Shirrefs

Seconded: Charlie Helyar

Resolved

7) Ambassadors Report

Stacey Taig spoke of the work carried out by the organisation in the past year and plans for the future (as presented in the [Annual Report](#)).

8) Resignation of Office Bearers

Resignation of executive committee members: Nathan Janetzki, Dan Lukaszewski, Lachie Doyle, Jo Gardner, Bart Turgoose

Motion: To accept resignation of Exec Committee Members

Moved: Andrea Cross

Seconded: Glenn Ryan

Resolved

9) Election of Office Bearers

Mark declared all Positions Vacant and asked Stacey Taig to take us through proceedings.

As there was only one nomination for each of the positions it was declared all positions as nominated.

Therefore, the following positions are deemed to be elected:

Chairperson	Mark Clyne
Vice Chair	Jessica Koenig
Treasurer	Catherine Shirrefs
Secretary (Public Officer)	Catherine Shirrefs
Ind. Sector Rep (Accommodation)	Glenn Ryan
Ind. Sector Rep (Agriculture)	Wayne Hartwich
Ind. Sector Rep (Education)	Jessica Koenig
Ind. Sector Rep (Health)	Maggie Bridgewater
Ind. Sector Rep (Home-based)	Jacqui James
Ind. Sector Rep (Hospitality)	Stewart Neighbour
Ind. Sector Rep (Industry)	Andrea Cross
Ind. Sector Rep (Manufacturing)	Tanya Stanley
Ind. Sector Rep (Motor Ind)	Catherine Shirrefs
Ind. Sector Rep (Real Estate)	Mark Clyne
Ind. Sector Rep (Services)	Allison Roberts
Ind. Sector Rep (Professional)	Vicky McClure
Ind. Sector Rep (Retail)	Chan Uoy
Shire Rep (Hindmarsh)	Wayne Hartwich
Shire Rep (West Wimmera)	Tanya Stanley
Shire Rep (Yarriambiack)	Jacqui James

Nominations were called from the floor:

With no further nominations for the remaining positions it was declared that the vacant positions as outlined can be nominated and accepted by the executive committee at other times during the coming financial year.

Motion: To accept all nominations filled currently

Moved: Wendy Bywaters

Seconded: Chan Uoy

Resolved

10) Appointment of Auditors

Motion: That Auditors to be re-appointed for the 2023/24 financial year are Jason Hargreaves of CountPro, 20 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat VIC 3353.

Moved: Andrea Cross

Seconded: Chan Uoy

Resolved

11) Final Words

Mark thanked all attendees and encouraged them to continue working with Council's to achieve their goals.

Meeting Closed: 11.25am

Signed

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Mark Clyne
Chairperson

West Vic Business