



**Annual General Meeting**  
**Meeting held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.**  
**12.00pm at Norton Estate**

**Present:**

*MEMBERS:* Allison Roberts - Horsham Plaza, Glenn Ryan - River End Apartments, Brendan O’Loughlin - Ace Radio, Olivia Lenehan - Ace Radio, Glenn Doyle - Sylvania Park, Vanessa O’Loughlin - WSMLLEN, Cassandra Walker, DEECA, Wendy Bywaters - Wendy’s Retreat Nhill, Andrea Cross - Horsham Agricultural Society, Catherine Shirrefs - Morrow Motor Group, Sam & Chris Spence- Norton Estate, Chan Uoy - Dimboola Imaginarium, Mark Clyne - Harcourts Horsham, Stacey Taig - West Vic Business

*GUESTS:* Olivia Morris - Horsham Rural City Council, Sandra Horn - Donald Mineral Sands, Paul McDonald - DEECA, Conor Lawson - RDV, Cam McDonald - Councillor at Horsham Rural City Council.

**1) Welcome (Mark Clyne)**

**2) Guest Speakers:**

- a) Chris Spence -Norton Estate
- b) Paul McDonald - Principal Community Engagement Advisor, North West Communities, DEECA

**3) Apologies**

Members: Maggie Bridgewater, Charlie Helyar, David Campey, Vicky McClure, Jacqui James

**Motion:** That the apologies be accepted.

**Moved: Andrea Cross                      Seconded: Cassandra Walker                      Carried**

**4) Minutes from Previous AGM**

A copy of the [previous AGM minutes](#) was emailed out to attendees prior to the meeting. There was no business arising.

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

**Moved: Allison Roberts                      Seconded: Glenn Ryan                      Carried**

**5) Chairpersons Report**

It's been another big year for the West Vic Business Executive. I reflected back on last year’s report to see how far we’ve come.

The New Farm Frites Potato chip facility at Dooen has officially been announced by the Govt and congratulations to all involved. A great achievement to the region as a whole, certainly a good news story. I would suggest the best project Horsham has ever had from an investment, manufacturing/processing and employment perspective. Our previous Council CEO Sunil Bhalla played a huge part in securing this Company along with other key Council staff. Regional Development Vic and the current Council team completed securing the project. Great team work. I worked on certain aspects of the project on a need to know basis and know first-hand the passion and commitment Sunhil put into the project. He described it as a game changer for Horsham and the wider region.

We note the change of ownership of some business owners and the transition of people due to technology and mergers of businesses and many new businesses that have commenced or expanded. Welcome to the Business world.

We continue to place emphasis on liveability, balancing work and play. A vital ingredient to attracting new residents and keeping our existing workforce population.

We are anticipating more announcements to be made in the next 12 months and expect our area will experience a boom like we have never seen before.

As we continue to grow, our regions must be ready to embrace the opportunities that will flow on from this.

Special thanks to Catherine Shirrefs as Treasurer for all her hard work. It's appreciated and things wouldn't run as smoothly without her.

The passion of Ambassador Stacey Taig shows year after year, we are very lucky to have someone as capable as Stacey.

Well done and thanks to the Exec who donate their time and thoughts to move this region forward in a positive and collaborative approach.

We're lucky to have a good team that can push through and move forward in a positive manner, after all we are a Chamber of Commerce and are here to be pro-business providing support, mentorship and education.

Thank you

**Motion:** That the chairperson report be accepted

**Moved: Vanessa O'Loughlin    Seconded: Cassandra Walker    Carried**

**6) Treasurers Report**

Catherine Shirrefs presented a copy of the financials for the [financial Year 2024-2025](#).

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

**Moved: Wendy Bywaters    Seconded: Glenn Ryan    Carried**

**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: Vicky McClure

**Motion:** To accept resignation of Exec Committee Members

**Moved: Andrea Cross    Seconded: Allison Roberts    Carried**

**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	Chan Uoy
Treasurer	Catherine Shirrefs
Secretary (Public Officer)	Catherine Shirrefs
Ind. Sector Rep (Accommodation)	Glenn Doyle
Ind. Sector Rep (Agriculture)	Cassandra Walker
Ind. Sector Rep (Building)	Andrea Cross
Ind. Sector Rep (Industry)	Matthew Coutts
Ind. Sector Rep (Education)	Vanessa O'Loughlin
Ind. Sector Rep (Health)	Maggie Bridgewater
Ind. Sector Rep (Hospitality)	Wendy Bywaters
Ind. Sector Rep (Tourism)	Rowena Doyle
Ind. Sector Rep (Motor Ind)	Catherine Shirrefs
Ind. Sector Rep (Real Estate)	Mark Clyne
Ind. Sector Rep (Retail)	Allison Roberts
Ind. Sector Rep (Finance)	David Campey
Shire Rep (Hindmarsh)	Chan Uoy
Shire Rep (Yarriambiack)	Jacqui James

**Nominations were called from the floor:**

With no further nominations it was declared that vacant positions 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:** Allison Roberts

**Seconded:** Wendy Bywaters

**Carried**

**10) Appointment of Auditors**

**Motion:** That Auditors to be re-appointed for the 2025/26 financial year are Jason Hargreaves of CountPro, 20 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat VIC 3353.

**Moved:** Cassandra Walker

**Seconded:** Vanessa O'Loughlin

**Carried**

**11) Final Words**

Mark thanked all attendees.

**Meeting Closed:** 1.40pm

Signed

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*Mark Clyne*

*Chairperson*

**West Vic Business**