

THE BURGHER ASSOCIATION (AUSTRALIA) INC (BAA).

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM, held at the BAA Centre

Wednesday 16th November 2023 with Hermann Loos presiding

The President (Hermann Loos) declared the meeting open 7.15pm after announcing that the attendance of eligible members (17 members) had exceeded the quorum. He welcomed those present.

He then addressed the items on the agenda.

ITEM 1 To confirm the minutes of the 2022 AGM.

Since the minutes were circulated to the member in the AGM Notice dated 1st September 2023 they were considered read. Members were asked if they wished to query any concerns regarding the minutes, as there was no response, the silence was assumed to be a unanimous acceptance of the minutes.

Proposed: Helen Backhouse Seconded: Rowena Hamlett

ITEM 2 To confirm from the Committee of Management reports of the transactions of the Association over the preceding financial year (2022-2023)

Once again since the Annual Report addressing this topic was sent to the members in the notice dated 1st September 2023 it was taken as read, in the absence of any queries on the contents of this report, the silence was assumed to be a unanimous acceptance of the minutes.

Proposed: Carol Loos Seconded: Sharneez Backhouse

ITEM 3 To receive and adopt the Financial Statement for year ending 30th June 2023 pursuant to Section 30 (3) of the Associations Incorporation Act.

This report was also made available to the Members in the AGM Notice dated 1st September 2023. The President Hermann Loos inquired if there were any questions on the contents of this report, as there were no queries from any member of the audience assumed to be a unanimous acceptance of the minutes.

Proposed : John Blaze Seconded: Carol Loos

ITEM 4 To discuss proposed resolutions/amendments to the rules (if any):

There were no resolutions/amendments raised.

ITEM 5 To elect Officers of the Association and Members of the Committee

As there were no contested positions for the Officers and Members of the General Committee, All nominated persons were requested to sign and accept the nomination forms received at the November 2023 General Committee Meeting.

The above saw the following take office for the year 2023-2024

OFFICE BEARERS

President	Hermann Loos
Vice President	Rev John Blaze
Honorary Secretary	Helen Backhouse
Honorary Assist Secretary	Adrian Harris
Honorary Treasurer	Hans De Zilwa

Honorary Assist Treasurer	Annette Blaze
Editor	Rita Van Geyzel
Customer Relations Manager	Carol Loos
Public Relations Manager	Elaine Jansz

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member	Terry Backhouse
Committee Member	Maxwell Eliyathamby
Committee Member	Sharneez Backhouse
Committee Member	Sandra Eliyathamby
Committee Member	Michael Beven
Committee Member	Karyn Beven

ITEM 7 To discuss any other business of which due notice has been given to the Committee of Management in accordance with the rules

Hermann put to the member's present taking that fund raising events were almost nonexistence the general committee at its meeting in November 2022 decided that all future functions at the BAA will be held on a break even policy to attract more of our members to attend the functions. As such the BAA has taken the view that all sponsorships/donations excluding the sponsorships of children in their education via the DBU in Sri Lanka will not take place until we get back to normal as before the pandemic. This will be recorded again on the Pledge page of the next newsletter.

As there was no further business to discuss or issued raised by those present, the President declared the AGM closed at 7.50pm

Hermann invited the members present to join the committee in some light refreshments.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Helen Backhouse	Helen Backhouse	Hermann Loos	Hermann Loos
Outgoing Secretary	Incoming Secretary	Outgoing President	Incoming President