

**ANARE CLUB Inc.**  
**Victorian State Branch**  
**2023 Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Victoria State Branch was held at the Malvernvale Hotel, 1321 Malvern Road, Malvern. Victoria on Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT**

The President, Brian Harvey in the Chair,  
The Treasurer, Chris Gamgee.

Members; David Dodd, John Gillies, Ian James and Kevin Shepherd.

Apologies were received from Dr Melanie Van Twest, Richard Ferguson and Jorg Metz.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Welcome & Opening of the Meeting**

President Brian Harvey welcomed members and in opening the meeting discussed the reasons for calling the meeting as well to complete a formal meeting for 2022-2023 year, prompted by the resignation of the Secretary Rob Nash late last year and his own wish to step down from the position of President due to his personal commitments. It was important that these two positions be filled to ensure the ongoings of the State Branch.

**1.1 Appointment of Secretary.**

In the discussion that followed the meeting paid tribute to Rob Nash for his organisation of the recent Annual Victorian Mid-Winter Dinners and his personal project to see an early Green and Gold ANARE Club Pennant be retained as a heritage item of the ANARE Club, an update on the progress of this ongoing project being recorded in the recent edition of the Aurora. (Discussion of the financial aspects of the Donations received for this project was discussed further under the Treasurer's Report.)

On the question of the appointment of a replacement Secretary, the meeting, in the absence of any nominations, agreed unanimously to accept an offer from the present Treasurer, Chris Gamgee to act as joint Secretary /Treasurer of the State Branch until the next Annual General Meeting.

**1.2 Appointment of President**

The meeting in acknowledging Brian's wish to step down as President, recorded its grateful thanks for his work in keeping the State Branch together over many years, despite declining numbers which was affecting the Club as a whole. The Meeting noted that Brian intended to continue with his National Council commitments, including the organisation of the Club's involvement with the forthcoming 2024 Antarctic Festival and would be discussing this involvement with the National Council at its forthcoming meeting.

Following discussion, the meeting agreed unanimously to accept an offer from John Gillies to take over the role of President until the next Annual General Meeting effective from the end of the meeting.

**1.3 Re Vice President's Appointment**

In the absence of the Vice President, Richard Ferguson, President Brian indicate that he would contact Richard to discuss whether the filling of the position was now needed in view of the changeover of State Committee Office bearers.

## 2. Organisation of the 2024 Victorian Mid-Winter venue.

Brian reported that the National Council Secretary, Melanie had offered to organise the Victorian Mid-Winter Dinner this year along with Treasurer (now Secretary/ Treasurer) Chris Gamgee and newly appointed John Gillies. The venue is the same as last year -the AMORA , Richmond on Friday 21 June 2024) with a reminder notice would be included in the next Newsletter.

The meeting discussed the need to ensure that the pricing of the venue was dependent on at least 50 attendees and the organisers should bear this in mind when drawing up plans for the function. Because the proposed date of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June clashes with the Qld MWD, it is expected that this could cause a significant reduction in numbers of regular attendees.

Some MWD activities:

1. A deposit of \$1050 has been paid to secure the venue.
2. Melanie to confirm (or otherwise) that she will organize the MWD with Chris doing all the financial matters.
3. Get notice in next Aurora of date, time etc. (Chris to organise with Melanie)
4. Contact email for MWD to be used is vicbranch@anareclub.org.au. Kevin to organize this and confirm this is redirected to Chris.
5. Ian is available to help with MWD but note he doesn't have internet access and phone is unreliable.

## 3. Presentation of Financial Statement for the 12 Months ending 30 June 2023

The Treasurer, Chris Gamgee, presented the State Branch financial statement for the 12 months ending 30-June 2023 and discussed the reconciliation of the 2023 MWD accounts and the financial state of the Pennant Project donation account. The financial report is attached to these minutes.

The surplus from the conduct of the 2023 MWD returned \$287.36 and the EOFY position of the Pennant Project donation showed \$4,938.37 in the Try Booking Pennant Account and \$1475.00 held in the State Branch Account -in total \$6,413.37 (also current financial position as at the date of this Meeting.)

Given that the acceptance of the Pennant (as discussed in the Aurora article (Summer 2023 Vol 43 No 3., pp 8/9)), was now awaiting a National Antarctic Heritage Collection assessment report on the pennant for presentation to the NMA Senior Staff Acquisitions and Collections Group and that this process may take several months to complete, the meeting discussed the need to inform the donors on progress and invite them to consider various options should they wish to reconsider their donation in view of the changed circumstances. David Dodd reported that he had spoken to Rob Nash prior to the meeting and Rob was going to contact Dr Laura Cook to discover what progress had been made with the assessment report.

It was agreed that Chris should contact the donors to the Pennant project and draw their attention to the above referenced Aurora article and provide them the various options now open to them with respect to their original donation.

Kevin to provide Chris with the email address of the list of members who have made a donation.

## 4. Other matters.

### 4.1 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Editorial Committee

The incoming President, John Gillies informed the Meeting that he had been appointed as a Member of the Editorial Committee for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club History Book 2001 -2026 and that he would ensure that important State Branch activities and events would be included in the Book.

### 4.2 Membership of the Victorian State Committee

Given the low attendance at the meeting, the Meeting agreed that all those attending, including those who sent apologies should be invited to become members of the State Committee until the next Annual General meeting.

The Secretary/Treasurer Chris agreed to contact these members to ascertain their acceptance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

***DMD & CG 11 February 2024***

**ANARE CLUB VICTORIAN BRANCH**

**Financial Statement 2022/2023 year ending 30/06/2023**

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>30/06/2023</u>			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Income</b>				
Current FY MWD Tickets	\$235.00	\$201.00	\$4,291.00	\$5,543.36
Current FY MWD Auction and Sales, Photos	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capitation	\$362.25	\$330.75	\$324.00	\$288.00
Huskies Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commission on Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62.00	\$140.80
Current FY MWD Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pennant Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,413.37
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$597.25</b>	<b>\$531.75</b>	<b>\$4,677.00</b>	<b>\$12,385.53</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Admin Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106.05
Current FY MWD Venue	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,390.00	\$5,040.00
Current FY MWD other costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$353.97	\$131.80
Subs Transferred to National Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Loan Repayment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Current FY MWD auction costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Current FY MWD Refunds	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Current FY MWD Try-Booking Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$89.10	\$0.00
Other Functions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,630.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,833.07</b>	<b>\$6,002.85</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cheque Account Balance at 30 June	\$3,247.86	\$3,779.61	\$9,367.51	\$11,429.90
Try Booking Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Petty Cash at 30 June	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Deposits not cleared at 30 June (credit)				\$140.80
MWD Deposit				
Try Booking Pennant Account				\$4,938.37
Outgoing Payments not processed at 30 June (debit)	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$4,743.97	-\$5,502.85
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,347.86</b>	<b>\$3,879.61</b>	<b>\$4,723.54</b>	<b>\$11,106.22</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
* Loan from members (See Note below)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Held for Pennant Project				\$6,413.37
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$6,413.37</b>
<b>Nett Worth</b>	<b>\$2,847.86</b>	<b>\$3,379.61</b>	<b>\$4,223.54</b>	<b>\$4,692.85</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>				
Total Income (from above)	\$597.25	\$531.75	\$4,677.00	\$12,385.53
Total Expenses (from above)	\$1,630.00	\$0.00	\$3,833.07	\$6,002.85
Current Liabilities - Liabilities Previous Year	-\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,913.37
Expected Change in Nett Worth				
= Income - Expenses - Change in Liabilities	-\$532.75	\$531.75	\$843.93	\$469.31
Actual Change in Nett Worth (This year - last year)	-\$532.75	\$531.75	\$843.93	\$469.31
Check (Expected - Actual)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

\* Brian Harvey \$500 transferred as donation to the Pennant Project.

Total MWD income from ticket sales (\$5318.36) and sales commission (\$140.80) =

\$5459.16

Total MWD costs (venue + booking fees + other) =

\$5171.80

Nett MWD SURPLUS of

\$ 287.36

The above shows an increase in Nett Worth in the current year of \$469.31.

All June 2023 MWD income and expenses have been included in this financial report, and most are shown as unpaid liabilities, as they were paid after EOFY.

Currently \$6413.37 of donations are being held for the Pennant Project.