



## **ROYAL AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 24 MARCH 2017, COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM**

#### **1. FINANCIAL MEMBERS**

##### **PRESENT**

Mr RJ Hunt (Chairman)

Messrs TE Ashby, RD Battams, CA Bennett, AH Bone, HJ Bone, AL Bone, FA Brake, GR Brand, AG Burgess, TSG Buxton, MB Camac, T Camac, BA Cay, AJ Clarke AFSM, RP Coleman, MLJ Cooper, OF Croser, GPC Day, LJ Day, CM Downer, AR Duncan, JG Duncan AM, WH Duncan, N Feeney, RW Fewster, RL Fiebiger, HC Findlay, DW Freer, G Fuller, MC Gale, BL Giles, JVE Gosse, SE Green, JS Hall, NM Hallion, RW Hamdorf APM, JP, RR Hart, RJ Hedger, NS Henderson, DJ Hubbard, GP Hyde, TG James, LC Jenkins OAM, P Karytinis, C Knezevic, PL Laffer AM, CW Lessue, CL Liebich, TW Linke, RW Linn, AJ Lock, BW Mahomet, FJ McEvoy, BF McFarlane, AJ Michael, J Middleton, DG Murphy, AS Murray, DR Mutton JP, SG Nicholls, AM Piggott, AJ Potter FCA, JC Radcliffe AM, FTSE, DN Read, GT Reu, WJ Rowett, SJ Ryan, IB Sanders, G Schulz, J Schutz, ED Scott, MO Scruby, WA Seppelt, KJ Seppelt AO, MP Siebert, NP Simpson, MK Smart, RL Snewin, DK Squiers, GL Trengove, I Venning, RT Walsh AM, CK Wandel, GR White, MA Williamson, AC Wilson, RJ Wright, F Young, JW Young, JF Ziesing and L Zschorn

#### **2. IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs C Bayliss, RA Bowyer, DM Cain PSM, CL Ekers, K Hay, H Herbst, K Holthouse, RA Janssen, J LePlastrier, J Marsh, K McGrath, J Noble, DM Pettman, J Quimby, MF Robertson, B Steggall, M Ward, MG Weston, T Weygood, JW Rothwell (Chief Executive) and KH Freund (Personal Assistant)

#### **3. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Members, Councillors and Honorary Councillors present at the meeting and extended a special welcome to Mr Geoff Edwards from BDO Australia.

#### **4. APOLOGIES**

##### **Councillors**

Messrs KA Bennett, MC Blenkiron, RW Burdon, RJ Butler, DH Copping, MJ Doecke, FL Donald, TJ Donaldson, B Draper, MK Farmilo, A Fletcher, G Follett, KH Follett, CW Francis, AM Hardy, RF Haynes, AR Hentschke, SJ Kay, DV Kerber, J Kuys, RL Liebelt, RJ McFarlane, EM McGee, IA McGowan, G Octoman, B Parker, BWA Redpath, SFJ Reidy, H Robertson, NL Ryan, PK Seppelt, EK Shaw, PGC Smith, PP Smith, CJ Thompson, LL.B. and AN Wadlow

##### **Honorary Councillors**

Messrs BTM Ashby, JS Ayers, FT Beauchamp, BJ Beaumont, TW Bowden OAM, IB Digby, JG Donaldson, DW Fechner, RG Fishlock, PS Gill OAM, RH Haynes, CE Lienert OAM, JH Lloyd, BW Lockier, RJ Lott, RK McFarlane, TM Ranford, LC Richens, MJD Scott ASM, CJ Tindall RFD, MJ Wandel and IL Young,

##### **Honorary Life Members**

Messrs GT Campbell AM, CR Gramp AM, M Jackson-Nelson AC, CVO, MBE, NH Minchin, Sir EJ Neal AC, CVO, The Hon K Scarce AC CSC RANR (Rtd) and PE Withers

## **Members**

Messrs E Bagley, D McLeod, T Shone

### **5. MINUTES**

Minutes of the the Annual General Meeting held on 24 March 2016, which had been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: NP Simpson  
Seconded: BF McFarlane

### **6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOCIETY - including President's Report, Chairman's Report, Chief Executive's Report, Treasurer's Report, Income Statements, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report for the year ending 31 December 2016**

The Chairman presented a précis of the reports as published in the 2016 Annual Report:

“The 2016 Show made a significant economic contribution to South Australia, stimulating an estimated gross economic impact of more than \$180 million. Feedback from exhibitors was positive, with most reporting good trade and indicating they will return in 2017. Carnival revenue enjoyed a significant increase of 4.5%, while showbag spend per head increased by 3.7% to \$15.68. In the catering area, though revenue was slightly down on the previous year, the per-head spend rose by 1.4%.

The 2016 Royal Adelaide Show once again had a tremendous year for competitions, with an all-time record of 33,784 entries received across 62 sections. It was heartening to see our Show continues to receive such strong support in the competitive arena from both rural and metropolitan entrants. From a national perspective, the Royal Adelaide Show is second only in terms of the number of competitive entries to the Sydney Royal Easter Show - an amazing feat in itself. Clearly, much of this success is due to the excellent work completed by our sectional committees in promoting their competitions to industry bodies and members.

The 2016 Royal Adelaide Show was delighted to host delegates from the World Merino Insight conference. Representatives from New Zealand, South Africa, South America and Australia attended the Merino and Poll Merino judging, the Schools' Merino Wether Competition, the Rabobank Feature Breed function and the Adelaide Show Ram Sale. We were happy to partner with ArtsSA and the City of Unley to showcase the work of up and coming artists on the Goodwood Road Art Mural, which showcases artworks inspired by different aspects of the Royal Show.

In the Main Arena young farmers from across the country battled it out at the Australian Young Farmer Challenge, which promotes career pathways in agriculture and encourages participation in country shows. Teams from Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia battled it out in a series of farm-related challenges, with the team from Eyre Peninsula eventually claiming victory.

Another highlight in 2016 was the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Awards, held in the United States. The Royal Adelaide Show won the Best of Division award, as well as first prizes in the Printed Promotional Material category for the Show Magazine and the First Time Sponsorship Award for its partnership with Fleurieu Milk. Also recognised with a first prize was the inaugural #Agsplorers program, which encourages children to learn about agriculture, and Show favourite, the Yellow Brick Road, which was recognised as a unique partnership. The Show also won a second prize in the Sponsorship Continuity category for its long-term relationship with presenting partner IGA.

The 2016 Royal Adelaide Wine Show attracted over 2,600 entries from 342 wineries and schools. The Most Outstanding Red Wine in Show trophy went to Margaret River's Deep Woods Estate for their 2014 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, while the Most Outstanding White Wine in Show title went to Penfolds for their 2015 Bin A Chardonnay.

The Adelaide Showground enjoyed an excellent year, hosting 241 events and attracting an estimated 720,000 visitors to the venue outside the Royal Adelaide Show. The Showground has a reputation for presenting quality public events, including caravan, camping, boat and outdoor shows, home shows, the growing pop culture events Supanova and Oz ComicCon, designer market Bowerbird Bazaar, the Parenting, Babies & Children's Expo and Adelaide Beer & BBQ Festival. In 2016 these events continued to flourish.

2016 also saw the successful launch of Santa's Wonderland – a family Christmas event featuring real snow and real Santas, and the debut presentation of interstate events, Oktoberfest in the Gardens and Finders Keepers. In March, the world class Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience, commemorating Australia's involvement in World War I, was presented in Wayville Pavilion and received outstanding support from the public.

The Showground continues to support charities, hosting the Variety Club Christmas lunch for over 3,000 people, Cancer Council's Relay for Life, and provided free facilities for the Salvation Army and Smith Family to collate Christmas gifts for South Australian families in need.

Committed to giving back to the South Australian community, the Society again provided over \$350,000 worth of Show tickets and associated items, including ride, showbag and meal vouchers, to charities and community groups in 2016. In addition, the Society's Education Foundation continued to provide scholarships to individuals pursuing study and/ or careers in agriculture including the Rural Ambassadors Program, Junior Heifer Expo, Rural Media Awards and University of Adelaide agricultural scholarship programs and Urrbrae Agricultural High School.

The Society achieved an operational result of \$2,092,623 after adjusting for investment results, amortisation of government grants and depreciation. Depreciation for the year of \$3,426,302 includes \$1,056,486 relating to assets funded by government grants. In a year of economic challenges both at state level and nationally, the Society has been able to achieve a strong result through forward thinking management of Society operations whilst maintaining prudent financial management policies.

The net deficit for the year of \$465,751 includes the impacts of unrealised losses on investments and annual depreciation on fixed assets.

Revenue for the year increased marginally (2%) in comparison to 2015 whilst expenditure for the year was proactively managed with costs increasing just 1% in comparison to 2015. Capital expenditure for the year included the redevelopment of the Cooke Terrace Carpark, improvements to the Brick Dairy, a number of IT development projects and commencement of work on the North West Showground Precinct.

The Society is committed to sound financial management which allows it to fulfil its Charter and maximise its contribution to the success and promotion of Primary Industries in South Australia through the staging of events and rewarding excellence.

Finally, on behalf of the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society Board, I would like to thank our staff, sponsors, volunteers, committee members, exhibitors and media partners for their support in 2016."

Moved: RJ Hunt

Seconded: RL Snewin and carried.

## **7. APPOINTMENT OF PATRON**

The Chairman informed the meeting that as the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO had accepted his appointment as Patron for the term of his office, it was not necessary to formally elect him as Patron at this meeting.

**8. ELECTION OF SECTIONAL COMMITTEES**

The Chief Executive declared that as no nominations had been received for Council by 24 February 2017, all Councillors had been re-elected for the ensuing year.

**9. RESOLUTIONS**

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that:

- For the Art, Craft, Cookery & Technology Committee
  - Mrs Claire Bennett, representing Primary & Secondary Schools
- For the Dairy Products Committee
  - Mr Wayne Austin, representing the Dairy Industry Association of SA
  - Mr Sean Kay, Director, Cheese Partners
  - Mr Matt Cooper, nominated by DiRossi Foods
- For the Diverse Farming Committee
  - Mr Chris Francis, representing the Blacksmiths & Farriers Association of SA
  - Ms Adrienne Clarke, representing the Australian Alpaca Association (SA Branch)
- For the Dog Committee
  - Mr Brian Parker, President, representing the South Australian Canine Association
- For the Horticulture Committee
  - Mr Trevor Camac, representing the Orchid Club of SA
  - Mrs Susie Green, Chief Executive, representing the Apple & Pear Growers Association
  - Mr Mark Doecke, representing Citrus Australia – SA Region
  - Mrs Heather Robertson, nominated by TAFE SA
- For the Wine Committee
  - Mr Peter Godden, representing the Australian Wine Research Institute

be appointed ex-officio members of the Council for the ensuing 12 months.

Moved: RJ Hunt

Seconded by: TG James

**10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2017 ACCOUNTS**

Mr Bob Snewin moved that the firm of BDO Australia be appointed as the Society's Auditor for the year 2017, at a fee to be negotiated with the Board of Management.

Seconded: BF McFarlane and carried.

**11. MEETING CLOSED**

The President thanked all members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 11.16 am.

CONFIRMED:

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Chairman

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