



ROYAL AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 23 MARCH 2018, COMMENCING AT 11.30 AM

1. FINANCIAL MEMBERS

PRESENT

Mr RJ Hunt (Chairman)
TE Ashby, RD Battams, CA Bennett, FA Brake, GR Brand, RW Burdon, AG Burgess, TSG Buxton, MB Camac, RP Coleman, OF Croser, GPC Day, MJ Doecke, TJ Donaldson, CM Downer, AR Duncan, JG Duncan AM, N Feeney, RW Fewster, RL Fiebiger, HC Findlay, KH Follett, CW Francis, G Fuller, MC Gale, PW Godden, JVE Gosse, SE Green, NM Hallion, RW Hamdorf APM, JP, AM Hardy, RR Hart, RJ Hedger, DJ Hubbard, GP Hyde, TG James, LC Jenkins OAM, P Karytinios, C Knezevic, J Kuys, CW Lessue, CL Liebich, AJ Lock, S Lonie, BW Mahomet, FJ McEvoy, BF McFarlane, RJ McFarlane, AJ Michael, AM Michael, J Middleton, DG Murphy, DR Mutton JP, BC Octoman, G Octoman, M Perryman, AM Piggott, AJ Potter FCA, JC Radcliffe AM, FTSE, DN Read, SFJ Reidy, GT Reu, JW Richards, WJ Rowett, NL Ryan, G Schulz, WA Seppelt, DR Shannon, T Shone, MP Siebert, MK Smart, PGC Smith, PP Smith, RL Snewin, GL Trengove, AN Wadlow, RT Walsh AM, CK Wandel, DP Wilson, PE Withers, RJ Wright and JF Ziesing

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs RA Bowyer, DM Cain PSM, T Dawes, IB Digby, CL Ekers, K Hay, H Herbst, K Holthouse, J LePlastrier, K McGrath, DM Pettman, J Quimby, B Steggall, M Ward, JW Rothwell (Chief Executive) and KH Freund (Executive 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, AL Bone, RJ Butler, PO Button, T Camac, BA Cay, AJ Clarke AFSM, MLJ Cooper, DH Copping, LJ Day, FL Donald, B Draper, A Fletcher, G Follett, DW Freer, JS Hall, RF Haynes, AR Hentschke, SJ Kay, RL Liebelt, IA McGowan, SG Nicholls, B Parker, JW Pitchford, BWA Redpath, SJ Ryan, IB Sanders, J Schutz, PK Seppelt, EK Shaw, DK Squiers and CJ Thompson

Honorary Councillors

Messrs BTM Ashby, JS Ayers, FT Beauchamp, BJ Beaumont, HJ Bone, TW Bowden OAM, JG Donaldson, DW Fechner, RG Fishlock, BL Giles, PS Gill OAM, NS Henderson, PL Laffer AM, CE Lienert OAM, BW Lockier, AS Murray, TM Ranford, MF Robertson, KJ Seppelt AO, CJ Tindall RFD, LL.B., MJ Wandel, MG Weston, GR White, IL Young and JW Young

Honorary Life Members

Messrs GT Campbell AM, WH Duncan, CR Gramp AM, The Hon M Jackson-Nelson AC, CVO, MBE and The Hon Sir EJ Neal AC, CVO

Members

Messrs F Andrews, J Candlett, I Jelfs and M Landry MP

5. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the the Annual General Meeting held on 24 March 2017, which had been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: AM Piggott
Seconded: RR Hart

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 2017**

The Chairman presented a précis of the reports as published in the 2017 Annual Report:

“The 2017 Show made a significant economic contribution to South Australia, injecting an estimated gross economic impact of more than \$193 million. Feedback from exhibitors was positive, with most reporting good trade and indicating they are likely to return in 2018. Though revenue from commercial exhibitors was slightly down on 2016, catering per-head spend rose by 1.4%.

From a competitions perspective, the 2017 Royal Adelaide Show attracted 31,650 entries across 61 sections - the third highest on record. The high number of entries was achieved despite the absence of the pigeon competition, which was impacted by an outbreak of Pigeon Rotavirus.

New competitions included a ‘Fashions off the Track’ Class in the Racehorse to Showhorse competition and a ‘Patch to Plate’ class in the Schools Kitchen Garden competition. Other competition highlights included receiving FAI status for the Australian international Drones Competition, which attracted international competitors for the first time.

The Society also supported in 2017 the establishment of Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA). Designed to promote the role and significance of Australia's \$965 million agricultural show movement, ASA will represent all capital city and country shows throughout Australia, providing a unified voice and advocacy for shows Australia-wide.

The Show also hosted the grand final of the Cows Create Careers Challenge, which saw teams from the Mid North, Adelaide Hills and Murray Bridge, Limestone Coast and Fleurieu regions compete in a range of dairy-related challenges. Designed to encourage young people to pursue careers in the dairy industry, Cows Create Careers is another way the Show provides educational opportunities for the next generation of primary producers.

Celebrating 140 years in 2017, the Royal Adelaide Wine Show attracted 2,647 entries from 351 wineries across Australia. South Australian producers dominated the trophy tally, with 15 of the 25 trophies awarded to SA wineries. McLaren Vale's Shingleback was the major award-winner, taking home the coveted Max Schubert Trophy for Most Outstanding Red Wine in Show. Evans & Tate were awarded the George Fairbrother Trophy for Most Outstanding White Wine in Show for their 2015 Karridale Chardonnay, while Coonawarra's Lindemans won the Gramp, Hardy, Hill Smith Prize for Outstanding Wine of Provenance for their 2014, 2006 and 2002 Limestone Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon.

As Adelaide's largest multi-purpose venue, Adelaide Showground has continued to stage major events, both returning and new, over the past 12 months. A total of 226 events were held at the Showground outside of the Royal Adelaide Show in 2017, attracting an estimated 650,000 visitors to the venue.

The Showground is Adelaide's primary venue for public exhibitions covering many interests – caravan, camping, boating, 4WD and adventure, spiritual, home lifestyle, pop culture, disability services, parenting, antiques, bridal and craft. 2017 saw the return of music festivals with Groovin' the Moo, a national festival featuring Triple J performers, choosing the Adelaide Showground as their new home.

The popularity of the Adelaide Showground Farmers Market and Bowerbird Design Market continued to grow throughout 2017 and Santa's Wonderland returned for a successful second year, attracting over 30,000 children to the Showground for a Christmas adventure. Harness Racing returned to Wayville for the first time since 1973 and the Showground hosted national championships in categories as broad as Irish Dancing and Golden Retrievers.

The Showground business now presents two of its own events, Science Alive! - acquired in 2015 attracted over 30,000 visitors for the first time in 2017 and World Environment Fair, successfully launched in June with the support of the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources.

The Showground is a community asset and we continue to support several community and charitable groups providing sponsorship for the Italian, Indian and Islamic cultural festivals, hosting the Variety Club Christmas lunch for over 3,000 participants and providing free facilities for the Salvation Army and Smith Family to collate Christmas gifts for South Australian families in need.

The development of the new North-West carpark and extended landscaping of Hamilton Boulevard completed during the year now provides a site of international standard for the Carnival during the Royal Adelaide Show and a first class, landscaped, parking and event area for major events throughout the year.

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 addition, the Show Society Foundation continued to provide scholarships to individuals pursuing study and/or careers in agriculture via the Rural Ambassadors Program, Junior Heifer Expo, Rural Media Awards and The University of Adelaide agricultural scholarship programs.

The Society achieved an operational result of \$1,142,320 after adjusting for investment results, amortisation of government grants (*) and depreciation. Depreciation for the year of \$3,363,462 includes \$1,056,486 relating to assets funded by government grants. With sound financial management, the Society has been able to achieve a positive operational result in challenging economic times.

The net deficit for the year of \$1,166,912, includes the impacts of unrealised losses on investments and annual depreciation on fixed assets. Revenue for the year increased marginally (1%) in comparison to 2016, whilst expenses grew by 5%. The reduced net result reflects the decrease in business confidence, growing financial pressures felt by consumers, the financial effects of terrorism creating the need to enhance safety and security and the effects of poor weather on the 2017 Royal Adelaide Show.

Capital expenditure for the year included the redevelopment of the North West Showground Precinct (\$6.8M), relocation of Red Dove Cafe (\$636K) and purchase of the Boulevard Stage Marquee (\$156K).

I would particularly like to bring to your attention the snapshot on page 12 of our Annual Report, highlighting key statistics and information of the Society's performance in 2017.

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 2017.”

Moved: RJ Hunt

Seconded: FA Brake 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 PRESIDENT

Mr Hunt vacated the Chair, and Mr Andrew Hardy, acting as Chairman of the meeting, thanked Mr Hunt for his efforts and leadership during his term of office and called for nominations for the position of President for the ensuing two-year term.

Mr Jock Duncan AM nominated Mr Rob Hunt for a further term. The motion was seconded by Mr Richard Walsh AM. As there were no further nominations Mr Hunt was duly re-elected to the position of President.

CARRIED

Upon taking the Chair, Mr Hunt stated he was honoured to again be appointed as President of the Society and thanked Members for their continued support.

9. ELECTION OF SECTIONAL COMMITTEES

The Chief Executive declared that as no nominations had been received for Council by 23 February 2018, all Councillors had been re-elected for the ensuing year.

10. 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
 - Mrs Karen McIntyre, representing the Dairy Industry Association of SA
 - Mr Sean Kay, Director, Cheese Partners
 - Mr Matt Cooper, Sales Manager 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: NM Hallion

**11. APPOINTMENT OF
AUDITOR FOR 2018
ACCOUNTS**

Mr Bob Snewin moved that the firm of BDO Australia be appointed as the Society's Auditor for the year 2018, at a fee to be negotiated with the Board of Management.

Seconded by: BF McFarlane and carried

12. MEETING CLOSED

The President thanked all members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 11.46 am.

CONFIRMED:

Chairman

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