

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the AGM held on 2 November 2018  
held at South Newcastle leagues Club, 46 Llewellyn Street Merewether, NSW 2291

## Meeting Opened at 12.35

### Attendance: Voting

Richard Anicich AM	Aaron Johansen	Mark Maher	Phil Pigram
Adam Boulsover	John Kim	Jason Masters	Kristy Prior
Alan Broadfoot	Eric Kreutzer	Martin Matthews	Narelle Redman
Ben Belfield	Laura Kendall	Gillian Maxlow	Peter Rundle
Geoffrey Crowe	Adam Lancey	Lee-Ann McMurray	Sharon Smith
Bertus De Villiers	David Le Marchant	Andrew Monger	Kate Swain
Hennie du Plooy	Darran Leyden	Paul Murphy OAM	Ross Taggart
Carey Gent	Kyle Loades	Stuart Obre	Jonathan Vandervoort
Peter Gesling	Jennie Lyons	Courtney Pattison	Simon Walsh
Andrew Hutton	Rod Mackay	Ian Pedersen	Greg Whitehead
Terry Hughes			

### Non-voting members and non-members

Jon Novoselac	Lax Jahaqirdar	Chris Seysener	Lee-Ann McMurray
Amy De Lore	Nick Harrison	Dr Dusan Ilic	Kiraley Muller
Bob Hawes	Phil Oswald	Gavin Couper	Paul Brenton
Meryl Swanson MP	Steve Hessel	Geoff Brent	Matthew Smith
Arley Black	Tony Campbell	Greg Ryan	Steve Brownell
Brad Rogers	Brad Belcher	Melissa Robbins	Christopher Akre
Brad Donoghoe	Damian Hogue	Norm Ballard	Kristy Lewis
Damien Butler	James Oliver	Paul Scobie	Matthew Stone
Geoff Moore	Jennifer Murphy	Rick Coetzee	Sean Cumpson
Greg Hurney	John O'Connor	Steve Melnyk	Justin Doherty
Luke Murray	Shaun Sears	Kerry Atkins	Renee Ryan
Norah St George	Tony Whale	Nathan Juchau	Tim Edwards
Renata Roberts	Lucy Baker	Philip Reid	Tracey Rodham
Geoff Rock	Sam Euston	John Finn	Brett Smith
Ian Humphries	Mitchell Cook	Jack Antcliff	Steve Graham
Jeremy Oliver	Jie Ling	Maddy Koosmen	Rebecca Stokes
Kenny Barry	Scott Firkin	Mark Pearson	Philip Clulow
Michelle Lawson	Ross Redgrove	Fiona Okpalogu	Luke Hayes
Lachlan Curtis			

Item	Minute
<b>Welcome and apologies</b>	The President Jonathan Vandervoort welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting and the apologies were noted.
<b>Apologies</b>	Clayton Barr MP, Scott Brooks, Stephen Cartwright, Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Mayor Kay Fraser, Gillian Geraghty, Ian Penfold, Brenda Ryan, Neville Sawyer AM

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<p><b>Presidents address and financial statements</b></p>	<p>The 2018 Annual General meeting Minutes were endorsed on the motion of Ross Taggart, seconded by Richard Anicich. Carried.</p> <p>The President addressed the meeting and called for the adoption of the Financial Statements (speech attached).</p> <p>The annual report incorporating the Financial Statements were endorsed on the motion of Sharon Smith, seconded by Richard Anicich, carried.</p> <p>The chair noted one proxy from the Special Member (NSWBC) had been received appointing Jonathan Vandervoort as their proxy.</p>
<p><b>Thanks to the Auditor</b></p>	<p>The CEO thanked representatives from PricewaterhouseCoopers as the Auditor for 2017/2018.</p>
<p><b>Close of meeting</b></p>	<p>There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 12.45pm</p>

Confirmed: ..... Date: .....  
 (President)

## Presidents Report 2018

It gives me great pleasure to table the President's Report for the 2017-18 financial year.

The 2017-18 financial year has been a very successful and busy year for us. We have delivered on our strategic priorities and the team has worked hard to navigate through challenging operational demands to ensure we continue to serve you, our members, to the highest level.

I would like to touch briefly on some of the highlights of the year.

We introduced exclusive tours and 'Meet the CEO' events for Hunter First members and these have taken us to some great locations - from a tour of Hunter Water's 'The Res' with CEO Dr Jim Bentley to a pre-opening exclusive tour of the Westfield Kotara development site and an inspection of the new Joint Strike Fighter facility at the RAAF Base Williamstown.

We have continued to advocate for the Hunter, with contributions to important strategic documents, including:

- Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan;
- NSW Advance Manufacturing Strategy;
- Hunter Region Special Infrastructure Contribution;
- Defence industry in NSW Discussion Paper;
- NSW Draft Freight and Ports Plan;
- Greater Newcastle Future Transport Plan; and
- Newcastle Rail Corridor Rezoning.

Our voice is being heard and our influence is being felt, and one of strong indicator of this is the number of senior politicians who have presented at Hunter Business Chamber events during the year. This has included the Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, Deputy Premier, John Barilaro, Treasurer, Dominic Perrottet, and the Minister for Education, Rob Stokes.

Now, to some acknowledgements, and firstly I would like to extend a big thank you to you, our members, for your continued support of the Hunter Business Chamber. The Hunter Business Chamber is a strong advocate and voice for business and industry in the region but we can only perform that role effectively with your backing and input.

I would like to formally thank Hunter Business Chamber CEO Bob Hawes and his team for the work they have done over the past year. The Hunter Business Chamber is very fortunate to have such dedicated staff.

It's a small team, with a family atmosphere with which some have had long-term engagement. Like any small team or family, we like to see our people grow, even if that sometimes means they leave the nest to pursue longer term goals. I'd like to make mention of two staff members who recently moved on to pursue new and exciting career pathways, Anita Hugo and Erin Marney. Between them, they had over 20 years' experience at the Chamber and we are grateful for their commitment and contributions over those years. As a result of those changes, we also have a number of new staff and I welcome those people to the Chamber team.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the Executive and the Board. In particular, I would like to recognise and thank the four directors who are leaving the board: Richard Anicich, Past



President; Ross Taggart, Past President; Gillian Geraghty, Past Snr Vice President; and Sharon Smith Past Jnr Vice President. Their contribution to the board over many years has helped shape the Hunter Business Chamber into the pre-eminent organisation that it is today.

In addition to those departures, I have decided to stand down as President, but will remain on the Board. We have a lot of new faces on the board and a new executive and I look forward to working with them over the next term. We will formally announce those appointments shortly.

I will turn now to the 2017-18 financial year accounts. We saw some growth in the number of voting members, and we are continuing to grow our premium Hunter First brand.

The Hunter Business Chamber financial position for the year was break even on a cash basis, showing a net operating loss of \$13,980, reflecting the non-cash depreciation expense for the year. As part of the renegotiated Related Party Deed, the NSW Business Chamber underwrites any operating deficit that has been agreed as part of the annually approved strategic plan and budget.

My official duty now is to have the financial statements adopted for the financial year ended 30 June 2018. Members have had the opportunity to review the audited Annual Financial Statements, which have been circulated and posted on the Hunter Business Chamber website.

I now call for the adoption of the Financial Statements for 2017/18. Can I please have someone move and second those statements?

It is now my great pleasure to introduce the incoming President of the Hunter Business Chamber, who will in turn announce the members of the new board.

I invite the new President of the Hunter Business Chamber, Hennie du Plooy, CEO Port Waratah, to join me on the stage for those announcements.