

## MINUTES OF 63RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### OF THE GEELONG BUSINESS CLUB

HELD AT TRUFFLEDUCK  
ON MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024 AT 5.30 PM

<b>PRESENT</b>	Per Attendance Register – Annexure A
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Per Apologies Register – Annexure A
<b>WELCOME</b>	Scott Andersen, outgoing President, opened the meeting at 5.35pm
<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Scott advised that as President he would act as Chairperson for the Meeting
<b>NOTICE OF MEETING</b>	The Chairperson advised that the Notice of Meeting and associated documentation had been notified and made available to all members via the Geelong Business Club website.
<b>QUORUM</b>	The Chairperson noted that pursuant to Clause 20.2 of the Constitution, a quorum was present (with at least 25 members present), and accordingly the meeting would proceed.
<b>REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE</b>	The Chairperson advised that a register of attendees and apologies was recorded and read the list of apologies to the attendees.
<b>PROXIES</b>	The Chairperson advised that no proxies had been advised for any of the listed apologies, nor for any other Club member.
<b>AGENDA</b>	<p>The Chairperson referred to the agenda included with the notice of annual generally meeting and outlined the agenda items to be covered, including –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Apologies</li><li>2. Approval of the Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting</li><li>3. Receive and adopt the 2023-2024 Presidents Annual Report</li><li>4. Receive and adopt the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statement</li><li>5. Committee Elections (including Office Bearers, Retiring Committee Members and New Appointees)</li><li>6. Elect an auditor for 2024-2025</li><li>7. General Business (if any)</li></ol>
<b>VOTING</b>	The Chairperson advised the resolutions to be put to the meeting would be decided by a poll followed by a request for a member to move the resolution, and another member to second it. To conduct the vote by a poll, any dissenting votes would be requested and if majority of people were in favour the resolution taken would be deemed to have been passed.

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## RESOLUTIONS

The below resolutions were then put to the meeting. As each resolution was put forward, the Chairperson allowed reasonable for questions and consideration.

## MINUTES OF THE 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairperson advised that a copy of the Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were available on the GBC website and asked if any present had any questions in relation to those. There were none.

The Chairperson read out the proposed resolution as follows:

*“That the minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Geelong Business Club (Inc) held on 14th August 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record”*

**Moved:** Ross Hultgren  
**Seconded:** Stefan Manche

A vote was taken by Poll and the Chairperson declared the resolution passed.

## ANNUAL (PRESIDENT'S) REPORT

The Chairperson summarised the report noting:

- The fellowship, which is the essence of the Club, is a truly unique offering and one which very much enjoyed. Each month being able to sit beside different people, from different businesses and learn of the successes and challenges, is certainly a rewarding experience
- Since August 2023, we have continued in our efforts to retain the highest quality speakers. including speakers such as Naomi Simson, Darryl Pelchen of Cora, Cath Evans of the Property Council of Australia, Bruce Billson of the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, to name just a few. The Committee works tirelessly in identifying suitable speakers and I am grateful to them for efforts this year
- We recognised three outstanding Members, each having more than 20 years of membership with the Club. Norm Lyons, Jack Ayerbe and Andrew Lawson were admitted as Club Life Members, because of their continued membership and outstanding service to the Club
- Thank you to the supporting Committee members and Executive Officer who have assisted in ensuring the smooth running of the Club over the past year
- The Club is not what it is without our members. Thank you for the continued support of the Club and I look forward to seeing you all as we continue to meet, enjoy hearing from engaging speakers and exchange fellowship as part of the Club
- Believes the Club is in great hands with Geoff Hutchinson and Sharon Hill as leaders
- Welcomed the incoming President, Geoff Hutchinson.

The Chairperson read out the proposed resolution as follows:

*“That the Annual (President's) Report for 2023-2024 be adopted.”*

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**Moved:** Geoff Hutchinson  
**Seconded:** Andrew Jones

A vote was taken by Poll and the Chairperson declared the resolution passed.

## 2021-2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer tabled the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements and provided an overview of the financial position of the Club, noting the increased speakers costs and lower membership dues as a result of the changes being experienced by businesses throughout the year.

He then invited questions in relation to the Audited Financial Statements. There were none.

The Treasurer read out the proposed resolution as follows:

*“That the Audited Financial Statements for 2023-2024 be adopted as a true and accurate record.”*

**Moved:** Sharon Hill  
**Seconded:** Stefan Manche

A vote was taken by Poll and the Chairperson declared the resolution passed.

## 2022-2023 COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Chairperson announced the incoming Committee Office Bearers –

- President: Geoff Hutchinson
- Vice President: Sharon Hill

And the incoming new ordinary Committee members –

- Maxine Driscoll
- Stefan Manche

The Chairperson announced the retiring Committee members and thanked them for their service –

- Scott Warren
- Alex Rubilar

The Chairperson announced the continuing service of –

- Freya Fidge
- Dan Nicholls

The Chairperson read out the proposed resolution as follows:

*“That the incoming office bearers and Committee members for the 2024-2025 year be accepted.”*

**Moved:** Norm Lyons  
**Seconded:** Drago Skok

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A vote was taken by Poll and the Chairperson declared the resolution passed.

## ELECTION OF AUDITOR FOR 2024-2025

The Chairperson noted that a requirement of the meeting was to consider the nomination and election of an auditor of the 2024-2025 financial statements.

Those present were advised that Lester Barkly, of Barkly & Associates has nominated to continue as the auditor and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The Treasurer read out the proposed resolution as follows:

*“That Lester Barkly, of Barkly & Associates, be appointed the auditor of the 2024-2025 Financial Statements of the Geelong Business Club (Inc)”*

**Moved:** Ross Hultgren  
**Seconded:** Maxine Driscoll

A vote was taken by Poll and the Chairperson declared the resolution passed.

## VOTE OF THANKS

Incoming President spoke of his plans for the future of the Club through the coming financial year including planting seeds for growth. He noted the challenges of juggling family and other commitments and demands and expressed his determination that the Club would continue to grow and evolve.

Incoming President thanked Maree Herath for the opportunity provided to serve on the Committee.

Incoming President called for a vote of thanks to outgoing President, Scott Andersen. Unanimously accepted.

## CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5.50pm.

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Scott Andersen - Chairperson

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Geoff Hutchinson – Chairperson

12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024

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## SCHEDULE A

### *APOLOGIES*

- *None received*

### **ATTENDEES**

- S Andersen
- J Ayerbe
- D Bertuch
- S Blood
- P Davey
- M Driscoll
- B Fagg
- B Flynn
- A Goldsworthy
- S Hardiman
- A Hart
- L Hogan
- L Huismann
- G Hutchinson
- A Jones
- M Kinross-Smith
- N Lyons
- J Mason
- D Nardi
- D Nash
- D Nicholls
- C Peel
- D Shields
- D Skok
- K Waddell
- P Whyte
- R Andrews
- G Bailey
- D Birch
- D Clements
- J Dean
- V Dzajkic
- F Fidge
- R Gentiluomo
- J Hamilton
- M Harris
- S Hill
- P Howard
- R Hultgren
- T Irvine
- V Juchima
- P Landers
- S Manche
- J McGrath
- R Nardi
- P Newland
- L Nikolovski
- N Safline
- E Simmonds
- A Tripolino
- C Walker
- J Wilson