MINUTES OF 64TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE GEELONG BUSINESS CLUB

HELD AT TRUFFLEDUCK
ON MONDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 2025 AT 5.30 PM

PRESENT	Per Attendance Register – Annexure A
APOLOGIES	Per Apologies Register – Annexure A
WELCOME	Scott Andersen, outgoing President, opened the meeting at 5.35pm
CHAIRPERSON	Scott advised that as the outgoing President he would be acting as the Chairperson due to Geoff Hutchinson's absence.
NOTICE OF MEETING	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.
QUORUM	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.
REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE	The Chairperson advised that a register of attendees and apologies was recorded and read the list of apologies to the attendees.
PROXIES	The Chairperson advised that no proxies had been advised for any of the listed apologies, nor for any other Club member.
AGENDA	The Chairperson referred to the agenda included with the notice of annual generally meeting and outlined the agenda items to be covered, including –

1. Apologies
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting
3. Receive and adopt the 2024-2025 Presidents Annual Report
4. Receive and adopt the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statement
5. Committee Elections (including Office Bearers, Retiring Committee Members and New Appointees
6. Elect an auditor for 2025-2026
7. General Business (if any)

VOTING	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.

RESOLUTION S	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 63rd Annual General Meeting Monday 12th August 2024 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 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Geelong Business Club (Inc) held on 12th August 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record"

Moved: Scott Warren
Seconded: Robert Hunter

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

ANNUAL (PRESIDENT'S) REPORT

The Chairperson summarised the report noting:

- Being fortunate that when Scott handed over the president's baton that we had in place a great team on the committee who all wanted to make a positive difference and willing to put in the necessary effort to the club.
- We began with strategy. In July, we undertook a comprehensive review of the club's mission and values, clarified our goals, and completed a strategic plan that aligned with those aspirations.
- We explored what made the club unique, and where we needed to evolve. That work gave us a stronger foundation and helped define the key performance indicators that now guide our direction.
- We also looked inward at our structure. Through this process, we introduced a Corporate Membership model and Nominee Membership as well as greater flexibility for the existing individual membership i.e. ability to send a representative if unable to attend giving members more options – ensuring organisations could be more actively involved, and members better supported.
- Overall, we didn't just plan – we acted. We refreshed our marketing and communications approach with a new plan. And welcomed a new Executive Officer with valuable experience in marketing and social media.
- We added a little flair to club formality with the introduction of an MC and the Presidents table talk as well as some celebrations this year – with a Spring Racing night in November, a Christmas Party complete with live music and dancing, and a renewed sense of community and fun.
- A big mention and thank you was given to Hugh and Deb, our valuable hosts of Truffleduck as they ensure every dinner is magnificent from start to finish.
- Believes the Club is in great hands with Sharon Hill Dan Nicholls as leaders
- Welcomed the incoming President, Sharon Hill.

The Chairperson read out the proposed resolution as follows:

"That the Annual (President's) Report for 2024-2025 be adopted."

Moved: Norm Lyons
Seconded: Deb Nash

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

2021-2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer tabled the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 be adopted as a true and accurate record."

Moved: Stefan Manche
Seconded: Robert HUnter

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: Sharon Hill
- Vice President: Dan Nicholls

And the incoming new ordinary Committee members –

- Andrew Clyne

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

- Geoff Hutchinson
- Scott Andersen
- Anthony Tripolino

The Chairperson announced the continuing service of –

- Geoff Hutchinson
- Freya Fidge
- Stefan Manche
- Maxine Driscoll

The Chairperson read out the proposed resolution as follows:

"That the incoming office bearers and Committee members for the 2025-2026 year be accepted."

Moved: Anthony Tripolino
Seconded: Sharon Hill

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 2025-2026 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 we none.

The Treasurer read out the proposed resolution as follows:

"That Lester Barkly, of Barkly & Associates, be appointed the auditor of the 2025-2026 Financial Statements of the Geelong Business Club (Inc)"

Moved: Robert Hunter
Seconded: Andrew Jones

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

VOTE OF THANKS

Incoming President spoke of her plans for the future of the Club through the coming financial year including planting seeds for growth.

Incoming President thanked Geoff Hutchinson for the opportunity provided to him on the Committee.

Incoming President called for a vote of thanks to outgoing President, Geoff Hutchinson. Unanimously accepted.

CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5.52pm.

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Scott Andersen - Chairperson

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Geoff Hutchinson – Chairperson

11th August 2025

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GBC Geelong Business Club

SCHEDULE A

APOLOGIES	• P Davey • G Hutchinson • P Hutchinson • D Nicholls • C Scott	• A Goldsworthy • M Hearath • P Landers • A Lawson • R Riordan • A Waters
ATTTENDEES	• S Andersen • J Ayerbe • A Burchell • D Clements • J Dyer • N George • M Harris • S Heather • D Ho • T Irvine • V Juchima • N Lyons • J Mason • M Mulraney • R Nardi • D Nash • J Rigoni • S Shannon • D Skok • A Tripolino • S Walker • J Wilson	• R Andrews • D Bertuch • S Clark • M Driscoll • B Fagg • G Hagebols • A Hart • S Hill • R Hunter • A Jones • M Lovett • S Manche • K Morris • D Nardi • T Nardi • L Owens • N Saflin • D Shields • W Towers • K Velican • S Warren •