



*Giving the young
and disadvantaged
a sporting chance*

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**MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
6 PM, TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023
ROYAL CANBERRA GOLF CLUB, YARRALUMLA**

OPENING

1. The meeting opened at 6.02 pm with Chris Hunter as MC. With twenty-three members and six guests he declared that a quorum was present.
2. He noted that copies of the agenda, audited financial statements, minutes of the 2022 AGM, 2023 Annual Report, had been distributed by email to all members though some copies of the financials and annual report were available in hard copy.

Apologies

3. Apologies were received from Robert Altamore, Hamish Arthur, Trisha Arthur, Gabrielle Aube, Roger Bean, Chris Body, John Clark, John Copland, Sir Peter Cosgrove, Sonia Cottee, Simon Cullen, Gini Hole, Gary Johnston, Des Jordan, Peter Lundy, David McKean, Kit Morgan, Bob Morrison, Howard Murray, Margaret Reid, Bill Rutledge, James Service, Noel Smith, Martyn Stafford-Bell, Mark Vergano, and Asoka Wijeratne.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

4. It was moved by David Nicholls and seconded by Ric Smith that the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting held on 23 August 2022 be confirmed.

Carried

ANNUAL REPORT

5. President Nan Bak drew attention to the 2023 Annual Report the main points of which were:

Lord's Taverners Australia Conference

6. After an absence of two years, the Lord's Taverners Australia National Conference was held in February over two days in Brisbane. It was attended by Nan and Vice President Murray Radcliffe. Also in Brisbane, during the week of the National conference, the National Cricket Inclusion Championships were being held, also after an absence of two years. It was pleasing Lord's Taverners ACT Branch (LT ACT) were able to assist seven ACT Blind Cricketers attend these Championships. They played in a combined ACT/Tasmanian team. Unfortunately, the team did not have a win, however they were competitive and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Events Held 2022/23

7. In November, and in conjunction with Cricket ACT, several LT ACT members staffed the canteen for the match between the West Indies and NSW/ACT, a prelude to the Prime Ministers XI match.

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Considering entry was free the support from the public was disappointing, however, LT ACT manage a small profit.

8. The annual dinner was held at the Commonwealth Club in November with guest speaker, Senator David Pocock who was interviewed by Tim Gavel. She thanked Tim for his continued support for our events and Senator Pocock for his address.

9. The committee were hopeful that by choosing a new venue for the Winemaker's Dinner this year more participants would be attracted. The event did not reach the numbers hoped for, but the evening, held at the Marion at Regatta Point, was a success. Many positive comments were made at the end of the night along with requests that we consider another event at the Marion, possibly during the day to take advantage of the view.

10. The Movie night, featuring *Mission Impossible Dead Reckoning Part One* sold out and Nan offered thanks to members and friends who attended.

Supporting the Young and Disadvantaged

11. Thanks to the generosity of members, sponsors, and the support of our Principal Partner Morgans Financial Ltd, LT ACT was able to disburse \$30,909 during this year. Partnering with Cricket ACT the disbursements again included the 'Spirit of Cricket Awards'. The Junior Taverners Awards, presented at the annual dinner, were to Grace Lyons and Blake Faunce. Also included was a contribution of \$4,500 to LT Australia for the National Cricket Inclusion Championships and \$7,350 to Blind Cricket.

12. Five talented young athletes each received a Disability Award this year. It is the sixteenth successive year that these awards have been given and the recipients received between \$600 and \$1,500 to assist them continue their already impressive performances in their chosen sport.

13. On 5th April LT ACT had a long-standing wish come to fruition in hosting 160 students from schools across the ACT at the Dome in Fadden for the All-Abilities Sports Day. The day consisted of two sessions; the morning session, students from primary schools participated and the afternoon, the senior students. The students participated in seven sports in rotation. LT ACT funded the hire of the Dome, the staff, and a barbeque for the students, their carers, and teachers. The day was a huge success, and the committee and members who assisted on the day were rewarded with huge smiles on the faces of the students and the call "can we come again" as they were leaving. Heartfelt thanks were offered to Gail Farr whose amazing organisation skills ensured the day was an outstanding success.

14. In addition, LT ACT continues to support wheelchair rugby league, and Pegasus 'riding for the disabled.'

15. With the help of members, LT ACT ensures that children experiencing disadvantage or living with a disability have an opportunity to play the sport of their choice. Playing sport improves mobility, communication and provides independence and involvement in the community. The funds we distributed this year, were raised through membership subscriptions, sponsorship support, regular dinners, raffles, and other events organised by the committee. Thanks to the support of LT ACT members many young people facing challenges have been assisted.

Membership

16. LT ACT always welcomes new members, and current members were asked to promote the Branch to friends and encourage them to join this worthy charity.

Principal Partner

17. Nan acknowledged the LT ACT's principal partner Morgans Financial Ltd and the continued support, especially from Matt Reid and Matthew McNamara.

Committee Matters

18. The new website went live on 10th May and Nan offered thanks to developer Daniel Oysten for his assistance and advice, and to Morgans Canberra, as their financial support underpinned this work. Nan also noted the work of the committee members who coordinated this development. The new site has a great look and feel, is easy to navigate and allows members to keep up to date with news and events. Also, for the first time, the young and disadvantaged can apply for support online.

Coming Up

19. The annual *Drinks Break* evening will be held Wednesday 29th November at Farrahs Wine Collective in Fyshwick. This will be the third time this very enjoyable evening has occurred.

20. The annual dinner will be held in early December to coincide with the Prime Ministers XI cricket match which, this year, will return to a more traditional format. The location for the dinner and the date will be confirmed in the next month.

21. Due to the success of the All-Abilities Sports Day, a similar event is being planned. The tentative date is 10 April 2024. ACT Education has been requested to notify schools.

Sponsorship and Support

22. LT ACT is very grateful for the generous support from Fox Antiques, Farrah's Wine Collective, Vintners Daughter Winery, Palace Electric Cinemas, Elect Print, Sam Holden the Chair of Inala, and Sticky Tickets. LT ACT has also received support this year from Commonwealth Club, Canberra Southern Cross Club Group, Royal Canberra Golf Club and Palliative Care ACT. It is their valuable contribution that ensure LT ACT events continue to be successful.

23. Nan thanked LT ACT members, supporters and Cricket ACT who have been so generous throughout this year. Nan highlighted the generosity over many years of Muriel Wilkinson whose support has underpinned the Junior Taverners Awards. In addition, LT ACT continues to be indebted to honorary member Gail Farr for her invaluable help with the disability scholarship program, and for organising the All Abilities Multi Sports Day, and to honorary auditor, Dennis O'Connor.

24. In closing Nan thanked the committee, without whom LT ACT's achievements would not be realised, for their commitment and support. She noted that Murray Radcliffe, Chris Hunter, and Keith Hardy have renominated for the positions of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. She also thanked Kit Morgan, who will not be seeking re-election in 2024 for his service over many years. Nan reflected that at a time of increasing financial hardship, many children are missing the opportunity to play sport. LT ACT will continue to support young people in need and/or living with a disability to ensure they have an opportunity to play the sport of their choice.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2022-23

25. The Returning Officer, Chris Hunter, declared all Committee positions vacant. He advised that the following nominations had been received for positions on the committee:

- Nan Bak
- Deb Clayton-Baker
- Bruce Calder
- Mike Crane
- Keith Hardy
- Chris Hunter
- Adelaide Jones
- Murray Radcliffe
- Ric Smith

- Geoff Tooth
- Asoka Wijeratne

26. Nan Bak, Deb Clayton-Baker, Bruce Calder, Mike Crane, Keith Hardy, Chris Hunter, Adelaide Jones, Murray Radcliffe, Ric Smith, Geoff Tooth, and Asoka Wijeratne were elected to the Committee.

Election of Office-Bearers

27. The Returning Officer advised that there was one nomination for President: Nan Bak

Nan Bak was elected President.

28. The Returning Officer advised that there was one nomination for Vice President: Murray Radcliffe.

Murray Radcliffe was elected Vice President

29. The Returning Officer advised that there was one nomination for Secretary: Chris Hunter

Chris Hunter was elected Secretary.

30. The Returning Officer advised that there was one nomination for Treasurer: Keith Hardy

Keith Hardy was elected Treasurer.

Resolutions

31. It was moved by Mike Crane and seconded by Ric Smith that Chris Hunter's tenure as Secretary be extended by one year.

Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

32. Chris Hunter introduced Olivia Thornton, CEO of Cricket ACT. Olivia spoke of the initiatives being investigated by Cricket ACT and the events which will occur in the forthcoming summer.

33. Murray Radcliffe thanked Olivia for her presentation and thanked all members who attended.

34. The meeting closed at 6.62 pm.