



# FOLK FEDERATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.

## ***folk and roots***

*Aiming to present, support, encourage and collect folk music, folk dance, folklore and folk activities as they exist in Australia in all their forms.*

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### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW INC HELD AT TRITTON HALL, HUT 44 ADDISON ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, 142 ADDISON RD, MARRICKVILLE**

**4.00 p.m., SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

#### **1. Attendance, Apologies**

**Present :** James Baxter, Dallas Baxter, Andy Busuttil, Bruce Cameron, Terry Clinton, Pam Davis, Brian Freeman, Max Gregory, Brian Gutkin, Kate Maclurcan, Malcolm Menzies, Sandra Nixon, Anthony Woolcott

**Apologies :** Alex Bishop, Julie Bishop, Wayne Richmond, Margaret Walters, Chris Wheeler

**Proxies :** Alex Bishop, Julie Bishop, Chris Wheeler – held by Pam Davis

#### **2. Minutes of the AGM held 16 August 2015 - approved**

#### **3. Reports**

##### a) President's Report

President Andy Busuttil presented a verbal report, in which he noted highlights of the year including the Strategic Planning Day, held in January & facilitated by Kris Newton, which identified 4 principle area of focus for the FF, viz

- Communications
- Advocacy
- Professional Development
- Networking/engagement/contacts.

Key activities to meet these areas of focus have included :

- Revitalising the Facebook Page which has attracted 620 "Likes", indicating the membership potential of the association
- Engagement of web developer Ally Mosher to develop our new Website, with completion expected shortly.
- Establishment of the FF Google Group
- Concerts held during the year, with planning well advanced for the 2016 Christmas Concert at the Gaelic Club.

Andy thanked office bearers and committee members for their support over the past year and paid tribute to the work of Coral Vorbach (Cornstalk), Wayne Richmond (Membership Secretary; JAM) and Julie Bishop (Folkmail), and wrap team Dallas & Jim.

##### b) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bruce Cameron tabled his Report (copy attached). The following points were noted :

- A small amount of income was received from Cornstalk advertising.
- It was feared that the printer may increase the per-issue printing cost for Cornstalk, following the move to bi-monthly publication from April 2015. However this has not eventuated and significant savings have been achieved in printing and mailing costs.
- Insurance – public liability insurance has lapsed, due to problems experienced in renewing our insurance via the Folk Alliance. This matter was held over for further discussion in the general meeting to follow the AGM.
- It was AGREED that the Lawson book and the Kempster CD be written off, as discussed at the previous AGM.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

#### c) Membership Report

Report from Membership Secretary Wayne Richmond was tabled. It was noted that the number of members (188) includes folk clubs, family membership etc and is therefore not indicative of the number of individuals associated with the FF. There was a general discussion on ways of attracting new members / retaining existing members. (see AGM – notes on general discussion).

#### **4. Elections**

Max Gregory took the chair for the election of office bearers & committee.

The following were elected unopposed :

President – Andy Busuttill

Treasurer – Bruce Cameron

Vice-President – Max Gregory

Secretary – Pam Davis

Committee – Dallas Baxter, Jim Baxter, Terry Clinton, Brian Gutkin, Kate Maclurcan, Malcolm Menzies, Sandra Nixon, Margaret Walters (Events)

The following ex-officio appointments were confirmed :

Membership secretary – Wayne Richmond

Folkmail – Julie Bishop

Cornstalk editor – Coral Vorbach

Wrap team – Jim & Dallas Baxter

President Andy Busuttill resumed the chair at the conclusion of the election.

Appointment of bank signatories –

It was agreed that Andy Busuttil, Pam Davis, Max Gregory and Bruce Cameron shall be the signatories authorised to operate accounts held by the association at St George Bank, each on a “full access, any one to sign” basis.

(Proposed Bruce Cameron, seconded Pam Davis & agreed unanimously).

Appointment of auditor - David Weekes & Co were confirmed as auditors for 2016/17

**5. Close of Meeting**

The meeting was followed by a general discussion, notes of which are appended to these Minutes.

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