



## MINUTES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 20 November 2017  
7.30 pm  
Holiday Inn Sydney Airport  
O'Riordan St and Bourke Rd  
Mascot NSW 2020

## **1. Welcome**

The President, Dr John Mark Simpson, welcomed all members to the 11<sup>th</sup> AGM of the veterinary profession in NSW. The meeting commenced at 7:40 pm.

## **2. Attendance and Apologies**

Attached.

## **3. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed by those present at that meeting.

## **4. President's Report**

The President spoke to the review of the activities of the Board for the past financial year. The President called for questions and comments.

- i. The President proposed increases in a number of fees payable by veterinary practitioners and the addition of a late registration payment fee as outlined in this Report. Discussion was put to the meeting and none in attendance opposed.
- ii. The President proposed an increase in Board remuneration of 1.9% aligned with the weighted median annual CPI to June 2017. Discussion was put to the meeting and none in attendance opposed.

## **5. Audited Financial Statements**

The President spoke to the audited financial statements and called for questions and comments. No questions or comments were received.

## **6. General Business**

The President called for other questions and comments.

1. There was some discussion regarding the role and value of the AVBC and the President noted that he was of the opinion the AVBC provide an excellent service for the profession ensuring consistency of decisions among Boards in relation to registration, the National Veterinary Exam, endorsement of specialists and accreditation of veterinary schools.
2. There was discussion regarding the Health Program and the value of other programs such as the AVA mentor program in addressing veterinarian health.
3. There was discussion regarding the possible role of the Board in relation to supporting new graduate veterinarians and it was noted that whilst the Board was limited by the legislation in what assistance it could provide the AVA mentor program was again considered to be a successful initiative in this area.

## **Close**

Meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

## Attendance

Mark	Simpson	Board member President
Georgina	Child	Board member
Wendy	Cochrane	Board member
Steven	Ferguson	Board member
Lisa	Minogue	Board member
Ian	Russ	Board member
John	Baguley	Board staff
Mary	Lydamore	Board staff
Glenn	Lynch	Board staff
Melanie	Robson	Board staff
Geoff	Scarlett	Veterinary practitioner
Matteo	Bordicchia	Veterinary practitioner
Debbie	Neutze	Veterinary practitioner
Mags	Awad	Veterinary practitioner
Allen	Bryce	Veterinary practitioner
Steven	Roberts	Veterinary practitioner

## Apologies

Julia	Beatty	Board member
Will	Berry	Veterinary practitioner
Joanne	Cheney	Veterinary practitioner
Dennis	Hitchen	Veterinary practitioner
Penny	Ovenstone	Veterinary practitioner
Howard	Thompson	Veterinary practitioner
Ruth	Thompson	Veterinary practitioner
Natasha	Wannan	Veterinary practitioner
Hamish	Robertson	Veterinary practitioner
Peter	Gibbs	Veterinary practitioner
Brian	Munro	Veterinary practitioner
Michael	Kidd	Veterinary practitioner
John	Kennedy	Veterinary practitioner
Louisa	Poutsma	Veterinary practitioner
Rod	McEwin	Veterinary practitioner
Kylie	Parry	Board member
Gordon	Bentley	Veterinary practitioner
Geoffrey	Gibbons	Veterinary practitioner
Frank	Doughty	Veterinary practitioner
John	Alexander	Veterinary practitioner
Peter	Coote	Veterinary practitioner