

IRISH AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 28 September 2025 at 2:30 pm.

Location: IAA Club Room

Minutes

Miontuairiscí an chruinnithe

Attendees: Denis Carey, Frank O'Reilly, Fidelma McCorry, Marc O'Conaill, Emma Kerkez, Ann Norris, Keith Byrne.

Apologies: Eddie Howlett, Shirley Quinn

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes- AGM – 2024 accepted by Ann Lambert and seconded by Esther O'Reilly as a true and accurate record.

Reports

President:

President welcomed members in the absence of the chairperson.

Detailed report by outgoing President Denis Carey for the 2024-2025 year read to attendees and adopted by members. (attached).

Frank O'Reilly addressed attendees as to the work done by Denis Carey and thanked him for his contribution to the club and Irish community.

Treasurer:

Keith Byrne as outgoing treasurer outlined the financial position of the club and the areas of expenditure and growth. Power point report attached.

Treasurer further discussed the projects achieved during the 2024-2025 financial year and outlined in his report potential future projects.

Financial reports accepted by Frank O'Reilly and seconded by Tony Lynch.

Adopted.

Marc O'Conaill:

Addressed the meeting outlining the direction the club is going in relation to the Irish culture. Good financial management ensures we can support and invest further and raised the support for the Gaelic Football and Hurling Association. Possible future events could involve book launches, children and family events etc. Looking to the membership to assist with ideas for the future of the club.

All board positions called by Returning Officer Jimmy Donaghey.

Nominations received for:

President: Fidelma McCorry – not opposed – nominated and accepted.

Vice President: Emma Kerlez – not opposed – proposer Fidelma McCorry, seconded Ann Norris – accepted.

Chairperson: - Keith Byrne nominated Marc O'Conaill for the position no opposition. Proposer: Keith Byrne and seconded by Norm Anderson - accepted.

Treasurer: - Marc O'Conaill nominated Keith Byrne for the position no opposition. Proposer Marc O'Conaill and seconded by Ann Lambert – accepted - (Denis Carey advised that as the treasurer Keith Byrne has served his two years on the board, under the Constitution he may if agreed do a further year. There was no objection from the floor.)

Secretary: - Ann Norris – not opposed – proposer Denis Carey and seconded by Assunta Fuda – accepted.

Membership:- Shirley Quinn – not opposed – proposer Denis Carey and seconded by Assunta Fuda - accepted.

Social convenor position: - remains vacant.

Returning Officer– opened to the floor for interest in becoming an ordinary member on the board:

John Sheehan has indicated his interest in becoming an ordinary member of the board, nominated by Denis Carey – accepted.

George Mulvaney nominated as board member. Proposer Eanna O'Cualain and seconded by Anne-Marie Marchioro – accepted.

Denis Carey has indicated his interest in maintaining a position on the board as an ordinary member – accepted.

The Returning officer requested that the Chairperson take over conduct of the meeting.

The Chairperson invited the President to read the IAA ethics.

President - Fidelma McCorry reads IAA ethics.

President raises the ethics of the club both as members of the club and as representatives of the Irish community and asks that each member adhere to the respectful behaviour and when possible, promote the club and its values.

Open forum

- Member raised issue of dogs in the club.
- Member raised St Patrick's Day 2026 and was advised a sub-committee to be formed, and, if anyone is interested in being part of the sub-committee.
- Denis Carey advised SAPOL and Adelaide City Council were in support of the north-south march through the city for the parade.
- Member raised the acoustics downstairs and was advised that the board is looking to upgrade with quotes of \$70,000 received. Board to look for further quotes.
- Treasurer spoke to members about the value of being a member of the club and highlighted the free events and used the arm bands used to identify members on St Patrick Day as an example.
- Member suggested, looking to the future having meals on occasional Friday nights at the club.

- Chair advised members that the club would be happy to receive unused musical equipment, board games, children's toys that would assist the club and its members
- Chair thanked all members for their attendance at the Annual General Meeting on behalf of the board.

Meeting closed 3.50 pm.