

WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021 MINUTES

## **1. OPENING of MEETING**

The Chair opened the 2020 AGM of the Wireless Institute of Australia will be held as a virtual AGM at the WIA National Office at Unit 20 11-13 Havelock Road, Bayswater Victoria Commencing at 10.45 am.

## 2. RECORD of DIRECTORS PRESENT

Greg Kelly Lee Moyle Philip Shields Oscar Reyes Scott Williams Apologies from	VK2GPK VK3GK VK2CPR VK3TX VK3KJ	President Director Director Director Director
Philip Shields	VK2CPR	Director
Peter Clee	VK8ZZ	Director

Peter Clee VK8ZZ is the WIA Secretary

## **3. RECORD of MEMBERS PRESENT**

Members were required to register to attend. There were 64 registrations to participate in the AGM.

There were approximately 61 who joined the Zoom conference and additional 91 members and non-members watched the stream on YouTube for which registration was not required.

### **4. ACCEPTANCE of APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the following members:

Peter Clee (power Outage)	VK8ZZ
Justin Giles-Clark	VK7TW
Peter Wolfenden	VK3RV
Jennifer Wardrop	VK3WQ
Philip Shields	VK2CPR

All members who lodged a proxy but did not register to attend will be noted as an apology.

## **5. RECOGNITION of SILENT KEYS**

Member Name	Member #	Date notified	Callsign
Donald Creighton	221880	11/01/2020	VK5ADF
Bruce McCann	398872	14/02/2020	VK2FBMC
Donald Bradbury	399843	14/02/2020	VK3YV
Max Brown	400283	3/05/2020	VK3KCV
J Kennedy	241377	16/06/2020	VK3AIG
Neale Imrie	284815	16/06/2020	
Thomas Ivins	191574	9/07/2020	VK4ABA
Lady Christine Gordon	101044	15/07/2020	VK4CB
William Adams	100080	24/07/2020	VK3ZWO
A Cooling	148210	29/07/2020	
John Smedley	192066	20/07/2020	VK5AJS
Barbara Gray	218766	7/08/2020	VK3BYK
John McGrath	130567	12/09/2020	VK4JM
Don Pugh	172197	7/09/2020	VK6DN
Neil Husk	319910		VK6BDO
Evan Jarman	150134	22/12/2020	VK3ANI
Greg Peters	501225	18/01/2021	VK7FGRA
Anthony George	161861	4/03/2021	VK6PP
George Metcalf	500702	12/03/2021	VK5ND
Richard Kemp	370002	16/04/2021	VK3FQJ
Peter Bass	114936	21/04/2021	
Patricia Leeper	400019	19/05/2021	VK2JPA
Bernard Orbell	121320	4/06/2021	
Douglas Downman	285439	4/03/2021	VK4FAD
John Bishop	111708	15/06/2021	VK2ZOI
John Birdsall	114790	21/06/2021	
Poppy Bradshaw	203203		VK6YF

Chair called for a moments silence in recognition of those silent keys.

The members present observed a minute silence in memory of our silent keys

### **6. ACCEPTANCE of PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Resolution That the minutes for the 2020 Annual General Meeting held virtually and published on the WIA Web site be accepted

Moved Scott Williams VK3KJ Second Brian Clarke VK2GCE Carried

### 7. FINANCIAL REPORT including Audit and Directors report

The chair gave summary of the Financial and Directors Report

Resolution That the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year Ending 31 December 2020, the DIRECTORS REPORT and the AUDIT REPORT as published on the WIA web site be noted

Moved Eric Van de Weyer VK2VE Second John Harper VK3MS

## 8. REGISTRATION of PROXIES

Proxy forms were accepted up to 24 hours prior to the commencement of the AGM. As per the constitution. The following proxies were received

Member Name	Callsign	Votes assigned to
Alan Baker	VK3OA	Peter Clee
Matthew Shurmer	VK6QS	Chairman
Peter Young	VK3MV	Lee Moyle

### 9. GENERAL BUSINESS – Notices of Motions

Proposed Special Resolution **"That this meeting endorse the inclusion of a reference to a Code of Conduct into Section 5 of the constitution as published in the agenda**"

It was pointed out that inadequate notice (21 days notice) had not been given to this proposed Special Resolution.

Procedural Motion That the proposed motion included in the agenda not now be put Moved Brian Clarke VK2GCE

The Chair then agreed to withdraw the proposed Special Resolution.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting of a typographical error in Clause 5.4(e) of the Constitution which should read "is expelled under clause 5.7; or", needs to be addressed.

### **10. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President addressed the meeting and covered many significant items that impacted the Wireless Institute of Australia and Amateur Radio as a whole.

This included a brief summary of the Directors Report included in the Financial statements and a summary of the year in review.

## **11. ELECTION DECLARATION**

The Board thanked the returning officer John Marshall for his work. The Chair thanked the retiring Directors

Greg Kelly	VK2GPK
Peter Clee	VK8ZZ
Scott Williams	VK3KJ

The secretary advised that the returning officer has confirmed the results of the election of Directors. The Board congratulated the Directors newly Elected or Re-Elected: -

Greg Kelly	VK2GPK
Peter Clee	VK8ZZ
Peter Schrader	VK4EA
Scott Williams	VK3KJ

These directors will hold office until the completion of the AGM in 2023.

Directors previously elected or appointed and continuing on until 2022 AGM are; -

Lee Moyle	VK3GK
Philip Shields	VK2CPR
Oscar Reyes	VK3TX

### **12. RETURNING OFFICER**

That the appointment of a replacement returning officer to replace John Henry MARSHALL as returning Officer for 2020 -21 be held over

### 13. WIA MERIT AWARDS

The Chair announced recipients of the WIA Merit Awards

The Chris Jones award	
Kevin Johnson	VK4UH for outstanding service promotion in the area of Micro Waves and a number of articles on meteor scatter propogation.
WIA Technical Excellence Awa	ard
Roger Clark	VK4YY for the development of specialist DMR software
President's Commendations	
Jim Gordon	VK3ZKK for his articles on historical war-time radio
Robert Hudson	VK2AOR for community service during the 2020 Covid Lokdowns

### 14. WIA PUBLICATIONS AWARDS

The Chair announced the recipients of the WIA PUBLICATIONS Awards

Al Shawsmith Award	Peter Wolfenden VK3RV
Higginbotham Award	Roger Harrison VK2ZZH Sergio Fontana VK3SO
Technical Award	Carmel Lawrence VK2CAR

## **15. OTHER BUSINESS**

Questions by email and from the floor from the floor were sought There were none

### 16. VOTE OF THANKS - AGM Organisers, Staff and Committees

Vote of Thanks to Office Staff	Bruce Deefholts
	Petra Cassai

The chair thanked the volunteer members of the WIA Committees and groups

#### **Spectrum and Regulatory Committees**

<ul> <li>Spectrum Strategy Group</li> </ul>	Peter Young VK3MV Dale Hughes VK1DSH Roger Harrison VK2ZRH Brian Miller VK3MI Noel Higgins VK3NH Grant Willis VK5GR
Regulatory Liaison Group	Justin Giles-Clark VK7TW Peter Young VK3MV Dale Hughes VK1DSH Justin Giles-Clark VK7TW

- Repeaters, Beacons and frequency Coordination Sub-Committee Peter Mill VK3APQ
- Standards Interference and EMR Sub-Committee Noel Higgins VK3NH Ron Cook VK3APW
- IARU Liaison Sub-Committee

Greg Kelly	VK2GPK
Peter Young	VK3MV
Dale Hughes	VK1DSH
Peter Clee	VK8ZZ
Grant Willis	VK5GR

Aidan Mountford VK4APM

Greg Kelly VK2GPK Peter Clee VK8ZZ

• IARU Monitoring service Sub-Committee

Peter Young VK3MV

• Technical Advisory Sub-Committee

Co-ordinator

John Martin VK3KM

Regional Advisors	CRARC President (ex Tim Mills Peter Mill Paul Bell Eddie Saunders Rex Moncur	x officio VK1 advisor); VK2ZTM; (sk) VK3APO; VK5BX; VK6ZSE; VK7MO.
· Technical Advisors	Walter Howse Peter Freeman Peter Mill John Martin Paul Paradigm Charlie Kahwagi Peter Cossins Rex Moncur Barry White Richard Hoskin	VK6KZ (VHF-UHF); VK3PF (microwaves); VK3APO (repeaters); VK3KM (band plans, beacons); VK2TXT (satellites); VK3NX (EME); VK3BFG (ATV); VK3BFG (ATV); VK7MO (Digital DX Modes); VK2AAB (packet radio) VK3JFK (APRS and D-Star)
· Administrative Tasks	Peter Mill (repeater and beacon Steve Ireland (repeater data base); John Martin (beacon data base, VI	VK2MD VK3KM
Strategy Advisory Committee	Phil Hutchings (Chair Peter Schrader Ewan McLeod David Ford Aidan Mountford	r VK4PG VK4EA VK4ERM VK4MZ VK4APM
Finance Working Group	Greg Kelly Peter Clee	VK2GPK VK8ZZ
Affilliated Clubs Committee		
Clubs Co-ordinator YOTA Co-ordinator	Ted Thrift Mike Alsop	VK2ARA VK8MA
Marketing and Promotion	Lindsay Harvey Terry McCabe	VK2AMD/VK2FD VK2MJ
Media and Publications Committee		
Editor in Chief	Roger Harrison	VK2ZRH
Media and Publications Secretary	Peter Rentsch	VK3FPSR

AR Publications Group	Greg Kelly Peter Gibson Peter Hartfield John Morrissey Ewen Templeton Jim Tregellas Carmel Morris David Burden Peter Fitzherbert Ian Godsil Eric van de Weyer	VK2GPK VK3AZL VK3PH VK3ZRX VK3OW VK5JST VK2CAR VK3BDX VK3FF VK3JS VK2VE
	Brian Clarke	VK2GCE

#### WIA News Broadcast Team

0	Team Leader	Graham Kemp VK4BB		
0	Anchors	Graham Kemp	VK4BB	
0	Reg Contributors	Geoff Emery John Knox	VK4ZPP VK4FJRK	
0	Presenters	Jason Daniels Col Herbert Felix Scerri John Williams Bruce Lees	VK2LAW VK3LED VK4FUQ VK4JJW VK3FFF	
0	Callbacks	Gordon Taylor VK4VP Peter Fauth VK4NBL And an army of volunteers		
Education Co	ommittee	Steve Beveridge Elizabeth Billiau Sue Evans Phil Hutchings Ron Bertrand David Uzzell Joseph Mullins Dr Harry Edgar	VK2LW VK2XSE VK4PG VK2DQ VK4QM VK5FJDE VK6YBZ	
Radio Activities Committee				
• Contex	sts Sub-Committee	Alan Shannon Dennis Johnson John Martin Tony Burt Kevin Johnston Colin Hutchesson	VK4SN VK4AE VK3KM VK3TZ VK4UH VK5DK	

• Awards SubCommittee	Graham Alston Marc Hillman Alek Petkovic David Mcauley Brian MCauley Steve Salva	VK3GA (Co-ordinator) VK3OHM VK6APK VK3EW VK5BC VK7CW
• ARDF Sub-Committee	Jack Brabham	VK3WWW
ARISS Sub-Committee	Shane Lynd Tony Hutchison	VK4KHZ VK5ZAI
QSL Committee		
Team Leader Outward QSL Manager	John Seamons Alex Efimov John Clare Max Chadwick June Sim Chris Platt Herman Westerhof Alek Petkovic Greg Winterflood	VK2JLS VK2ZM VK1CJ VK3WT VK4SJ VK5CP VK7HW VK6AP VK8NRX
Inward Ops Manager	Mike Adams	V3KMA
Historical QSL Collection Sub-	Committee Fred Swainston Peter Wolfenden John Seamons	VK3DAC/4FE VK3RV VK3JLS
Historical and Archives Committee	Peter Wolfenden Linda Luther Martin Luther Jenny Wardrop Will McGhie Ian Morris Drew Diamond David Wardlaw Terry Mowles	VK3RV VK7QP VK7GN VK3WQ VK6UU VK3IFM VK3XU VK3ADW VK5TM
IT Services Committee	David Ford Robert Broomhead Marc Hillman Joseph Mullins Siri Padmanabhan Gabriel Young	VK4MZ VK3DN VK3OHM VK5FJDE VK4GAB

The Chair acknowledged and thanked those who assisted with the AGM leading up to and on the day

Bruce Deefholts WIA Executive Officer Robert Broomhead VK3DN

The Chair Thanks all for attending

The next AGM is tentatively planned to be held in HOBART on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021.

### 17 CLOSE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @ 12.15pm