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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 25 June 2020 MINUTES (E. & O. E)

1. OPENING of MEETING

The Chair opened the 2020 AGM of the Wireless Institute of Australia is being held as a virtual AGM at the WIA National Office at Unit 20 11-13 Havelock Road, Bayswater Victoria
Commencing at 10.15 am.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, members' attendance in person was not feasible. The Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC), based on a determination signed by the Federal Treasurer, has agreed that virtual meetings may be held. Accordingly, the directors were present by electronic means. The WIA is a Not-for-Profit public company, limited by member guarantee, and is subject to the Corporations Act.

Members needed to register to receive the online streamed broadcast or participate in the meeting via zoom. Voting was allowed on Proxy Voting forms distributed in the week leading up to the AGM. Voting also available on the day via poll for those that had not already voted.

The secretary advised that motions put to the meeting will be passed by a count of votes which were delivered to the national office with proxy plus those cast on the day by electronic means.
Voting scrutineers who will be counting the votes are Chris VK5CP and Mike VK8MA.

2. RECORD of DIRECTORS PRESENT

Greg Kelly	VK2GPK	President
Aidan Mountford	VK4APM	Vice President
Peter Clee	VK8ZZ	Director
Lee Moyle	VK3GK	Director
Philip Shields	VK2CPR	Director
Oscar Reyes	VK3TX	Director
Scott Williams	VK3KJ	Director

Peter Clee VK8ZZ is the WIA Secretary

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3. RECORD of MEMBERS PRESENT

Members were required to register to attend. There were 83 registrations to participate in the AGM. There were 42 who joined the Zoom conference and 47 watched the stream on YouTube. The following were the registered attendees.

Call Sign	First Name	Last Name
VK1DSH	Dale	Hughes
VK2AEA	David	Vaughan
VK2APA	Paul	Anslow
VK2ASD	Phil	Wait
VK2AZ	Hilary	Bridel
VK2CKP	Cameron	McKay
VK2CPR	Philip	Shields
VK2DQ	Ron	Bertrand
VK2GPK	Greg	Kelly
VK2GSB	Gregory	Bain
VK2GX	Paul	Howarth
VK2IO	Gerard	Hill
VK2KWY	David	Henderson
VK2LJ	John	Harper
VK2MTJ	Terrence	MacCabe
VK2PKD	Paul	Dixon
VK2VCG	Chris	Golding
VK2VE	Eric	van de Weyer
VK2YCJ	Jamie	Campbell
VK2YK	Adam	Gardiner
VK2ZRH	Roger	Harrison
VK3BDX	David	Burden
vk3bgs	Denis	Babore
VK3BNR	Anthony	Plumb
VK3BP	Richard	Main
VK3CJK	Christopher	Morley
VK3ERW	Erwin	Bejsta
VK3FGNT	Benjamin	Carthew
VK3FI	Ronald	Ferguson
VK3FJAG	Judith	Gordon
VK3FLEO	Leo	Wings
VK3FMLD	Chris	Nelson
VK3FN	Peter	Dernikos
VK3GK	Lee	Moyle
VK3GMH	Mike	Hammer
VK3IJB	Ian	BAKER
VK3IK/AWG	Chris	Bellmont
VK3KG	Craig	COOK
VK3KIX	Robert	Buchanan
vk3kj	Scott	Williams
vk3ktt	steve	Barr

Call Sign	First Name	Last Name
VK3MIT	Timothy	Mc Bain
VK3MSQ	Brian	Long
VK3MV	Peter	Young
Vk3ncc	Colin	Consiglio
VK3ND	Greg	Smith
VK3OHM	Marc	Hillman
VK3PF	Peter	Freeman
VK3PZ	John	Longayroux
VK3RV	Peter	Wolfenden
VK3TIN	Megan	Woods
VK3TX	Oscar	Reyes
VK3TZE	JAIMIE	HALL
VK3UV	Bruce	Bathols
VK3WL	Bruce	Kendall
VK3WQ	Jennifer	Wardrop
VK3WWW	John	Bramham
vk3ye	Peter	Parker
VK3ZKK	James	Gordon
VK3ZRF	Robert	Francis
VK4APM	Aidan	Mountford
VK4EA	Peter	SCHRADER
VK4FGTZ	Graham	Tiffany
VK4TB	Les	Hazeldine
VK4TS	Trent	Sampson
VK5AD	Phil	Dutschke
VK5APR	Peter	Reichelt
VK5BE	Peter	Becker
VK5BQ	Brian	Brock
VK5CP	Christopher	Platt
VK5FGRK	John	Athanasiadis
VK5NG	Nick	Gibbs
VK5XD	Neville	Thomas
VK5ZD	Iain	Crawford
vk6pop	Bob	Bristow
VK6RO	Graham	Rogers
VK6UU	Will	McGhie
VK6ZMS	Martin	Stretton
VK7ARN	Roger	Nichols
VK7TW	Justin	Giles-Clark
VK8MA	Mike	Alsop
VK8ZZ	Peter	Clee
VK1WIA	Bruce	Deefholts

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4. ACCEPTANCE of APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from 57 members:

Member Name	Callsign	Member Name	Callsign
Patrick Novak	VK2PN	Robert Garland	VK4LHD
Mak Wayne Hutchinson	VK5MK	Leigh Aanensen	VK2KAL
Phillip Fraser	VK4VBM	Geoffrey Combes	VK4GWC
Roger Henwood	VK5HEN	Ray Mullins	VK2JU
Henry Prunckun	VK5XB	Eric van de Weyer	VK2VE
Simon Kendall	VK3FAAX	Gerard Knott	VK4FABQ
Bob Geeves	VK7KZ	Albert Gnaccarini	VK3TU
Michael Barrett	VK3FLMV	Douglas Sappiatzer	VK5ZDJ
Graham Lange	VK2GJL	L Shirley	VK3AQJ
James Burnell-Jones	VK4YMP	Joseph Csoma	VK2CSZ
Mark Phillips	VK4AW	Allen Dunn	VK5FD
Alan McKendrick	VK5MAK	Lawrence Reyne	VK6FLER
Robert Young	VK4QX	John Forrest	VK3JNF
Steven Krahe	VK4HAG	G Beauchamp	
Geoff Atkinson	VK3AFA	Harry Edgar	VK6YBZ
Hans J Smit	VK5YX	Andrew Rawlins	VK3NAR
Bruce Window	VK4LI	Andrew DeWater	VK7DW
John Collins	VK4IAA	William Main	VK4ZD
Colin Carpenter	VK1ARK	Diane Main	VK4DI
James Forse	VK3II	Graeme McDiarmid	VK3NE
Tim Robinson	VK3YBP	David McLachlan	VK3BW
Stewart Mair	VK3PR	Christopher Bellmont	VK3AWG
Clive Wallis	VK6CSW	David Box	VK5DB
Glenn Woodrow	VK4FARR	Eildon Bryant	VK4FNQA
Ewan McLeod	VK4ERM	Peter Austin	VK2KIB
David Burden	VK3BDX	John McCormack	VK4ZRU
Phillip Hartwell	VK6GX	Ean Gilham	VK2UAA
Gilbert Hughes	VK1GH	Lindsay Herbert	VK3XLH
Rod Chisholm			

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

Resolution That the apologies received as noted be accepted

Moved Bob Bristow VK6POP
 Second Jennifer Wardrop VK3WQ
 Carried (Aye 87 / Nay 1)

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5. RECOGNITION of SILENT KEYS

Name	Surname	Callsign
Valentine	Harbort	VK4FCMI
BD	Woods	VK2AZI
Bruce	Plowman	VK3QC
Karl	Leines	VK2BPE
Robert	Bellamy	VK2YV
Geoff	Linthorne	VK2GL
Peter	Drury	VK3JN
William (Bill)	Thaw	VK4FGN
Fred	Overvliet	VK2AFO
Donald	Watson	VK3DPI
Duncan	Eales	VK3LQ
Peter	Walton	VK6QK
Mary	Adams	VK4PZ
Phillip	Tomson	VK7SS
Peter	Raffan	VK5FPLR
Joseph	Gelston	VK7JG
Peter	Grave	VK4APE
Bruce	McCann	VK2FBMC
Eric	Hogan	VK5EH
Graham	Heller	VK8GR
Desmond (Des)	Hackney	VK2III
CV	Rohrlach	VK5NA
William	Gwynne	VK7KGB
Neil	Imrie	
Kaye	Wright	VK3KDW
Les	Lockie	VK3FLES
Tim	Mills	VK2ZTM
Colin	Moore	VK5RO

Name	Surname	Callsign
John	Goda	VK8HF
David	Lee	VK2DL
Max	Carpenter	VK3AUA
Ian	Cousins	VK2AIK
Jeffrey	Churcher	VK5LT
Brian	Atkins	VK6FBDA
Denis	McBryde	VK4MAK
Bob	Sutherland	VK6ABS
Rex	Foorde	VK3ARG
Gordon	Adams	VK4GM
William	Catchpoole	VK5AU
Ross	Fraser	VK2WN
Frank	Beech	VK7BC
David	Stacpoole	VK5MS
Donald	Creighton	VK5ADF
Bruce	McCann	VK2FBMC
Donald	Bradbury	VK3YV
Barry	Fraser	VK7FR
John	Coulston	VK2TUV
Max	Brown	VK3KCV
J V	Kennedy	VK3AIG

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

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

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6. REGISTRATION of PROXIES

Proxy forms were accepted up to 24 hours prior to the commencement of the AGM. As per the constitution. The following 56 proxies were received

Member Name	Callsign	Votes assigned to?	Member Name	Callsign	Votes assigned to?
Patrick Novak	VK2PN	Chairman	Robert Garland	VK4LHD	Chairman
Mak Hutchinson	VK5MK	Chairman	Leigh Aanensen	VK2KAL	Chairman
Phillip Fraser	VK4VBM	Chairman	Geoffrey Combes	VK4GWC	Chairman
Roger Henwood	VK5HEN	Chairman	Ray Mullins	VK2JU	Chairman
Henry Prunckun	VK5XB	Chairman	Eric van de Weyer	VK2VE	Chairman
Simon Kendall	VK3FAAX	Chairman	Gerard Knott	VK4FABQ	Chairman
Bob Geeves	VK7KZ	Chairman	Albert Gnaccarini	VK3TU	Chairman
Michael Barrett	VK3FLMV	Lee Moyle	Douglas Sappiatzer	VK5ZDJ	Chairman
Graham Lange	VK2GJL	Chairman	L Shirley	VK3AQJ	Chairman
James Burnell-Jones	VK4YMP	Chairman	Joseph Csoma	VK2CSZ	Chairman
Mark Phillips	VK4AW	Chairman	Allen Dunn	VK5FD	Chairman
Alan McKendrick	VK5MAK	Chairman	Lawrence Reyne	VK6FLER	Chairman
Robert Young	VK4QX	Chairman	John Forrest	VK3JNF	Chairman
Steven Krahe	VK4HAG	Chairman	G Beauchamp		Chairman
Geoff Atkinson	VK3AFA	Chairman	Harry Edgar	VK6YBZ	Peter Clee
Hans J Smit	VK5YX	Chairman	Andrew Rawlins	VK3NAR	Chairman
Bruce Window	VK4LI	Chairman	Andrew DeWater	VK7DW	Chairman
John Collins	VK4IAA	Chairman	William Main	VK4ZD	Lee Moyle
Colin Carpenter	VK1ARK	Chairman	Diane Main	VK4DI	Lee Moyle
James Forse	VK3II	Chairman	Graeme McDiarmid	VK3NE	Chairman
Tim Robinson	VK3YBP	Chairman	David McLachlan	VK3BW	Chairman
Stewart Mair	VK3PR	Chairman	Christopher Belmont	VK3AWG	Oscar Reyes
Clive Wallis	VK6CSW	Chairman	David Box	VK5DB	Chairman
Glenn Woodrow	VK4FARR	Chairman	Eildon Bryant	VK4FNQA	Chairman
Ewan McLeod	VK4ERM	Lee Moyle	Peter Austin	VK2KIB	Chairman
David Burden	VK3BDX	Lee Moyle	John McCormack	VK4ZRU	Chairman
Phillip Hartwell	VK6GX	Chairman	Ean Gilham	VK2UAA	Chairman
Gilbert Hughes	VK1GH	Chairman			
Rod Chisholm		Chairman			

Resolution That the proxies as recorded be accepted
 Moved Megan Wood VK3TIN
 Second Graham Rogers VK6RO
 Carried (Aye 87 / Nay 1)

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7. ACCEPTANCE of PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution That the minutes for the 2019 Annual General Meeting held in SYDNEY and published on the WIA Web site be accepted

Moved Gerard Hill VK2IO
Second John Harper VK2LJ
Carried (Aye 85 / Nay 1 / Abstain 1)

8. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President addressed the meeting and covered many significant items that impacted - both positively and negatively - the WIA and its members during FY2019.

These included :

The natural disaster impacts of unprecedented bushfires, which personally impacted the President, followed by flooding then COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns and restrictions; the awarding of the spectrum regulator's (ACMA) examination and callsign processing outsourcing deed to the Australian Marine College early in the year; the major impact of the delayed takeover of the deed functions from the WIA on examinations which were unavailable for many months, the retrograde nature of the AMC examination process especially the delays in getting results; the extreme examination and callsign process delays attributed, without substantiation to the amateur cohort by either AMC or AMCA, to pandemic impacts despite lockdowns being lifted; the greatly increased demand for Foundation Manuals as many used the time to study for a foundation licence - as well as those who studied to upgrade to standard or advanced; the greatly increased sales of amateur equipment by the Australian retails - some more than 100% versus last year sales; the stalemate with the ACMA on future WIA Callbooks precipitated by the ill-advised actions of the splinter group publishing a PDF extract of the ACMA licence database on the internet which they were forced to withdraw; and the introduction of a 1 year free concessional membership to newly qualified amateurs.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT including Audit and Directors report

Resolution That the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year Ending 31 December 2019, the DIRECTORS REPORT and the AUDIT REPORT as published on the WIA web site be noted

Moved Les Hazeldine VK4TB
Second Trent Sampson VK4TS
Carried (Aye 85 / Nay 2)

10. GENERAL BUSINESS – Notices of Motions

Nil

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11. ELECTION DECLARATION

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

Aidan Mountford	VK4APM
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: -

Lee Moyle	VK3GK
Philip Shields	VK2CPR
Oscar Reyes	VK3TX

These directors will hold office until the completion of the AGM in 2022.

Directors previously elected or appointed and continuing on until 2021 AGM are; -

Greg Kelly	VK2GPK
Peter Clee	VK8ZZ

There are currently 7 Board positions. Accordingly, there will now be two casual vacancies on the Board. Expressions of Interest to fill the board vacancies have been called for. The Board has received a number of expressions of interest and all expressions of interest will be considered by the board. The board hopes to fill these positions within 3 months, but as per the constitution, it may extend this period as necessary.

12. RETURNING OFFICER

Resolution: That the appointment of John Henry MARSHALL as returning Officer for 2020 -21 be confirmed

Moved	Bruce Bathols	VK3UV
Second	Neville Thomas	VK5XD
Carried	(Aye 85 / Nay 2)	

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13. WIA MERIT AWARDS

The Chair announced recipients of the WIA Merit Awards

Ron Wilkinson Achievement award

Kaye Wright VK3FKDW (sk) for outstanding service to the WI as the secretary of the AR Publications Committee.

WIA Technical Excellence Award

Rubens Fernandes VK5FE for the publication of a 3GHz Spectrum analyser for which he also received the RSGB Ostermeyer Trophy

President's Commendations

David Dufty for his literary contributions about Florence McKenzie involvement in Amateur Radio in his book "Radio Girl"

Anthony Monger VK2KZ for leading the Organising Committee for the 2019 AGM and Conference.

Tony Hutchison VK5ZAI for contribution to the ARISS program

14. WIA PUBLICATIONS AWARDS

The Chair announced the recipients of the WIA PUBLICATIONS Awards

Al Shawsmith Award Michael Charteris VK4QS,

Higginbotham Award Dr Harry Edgar VK6YBZ

15. OTHER BUSINESS

Questions by email and from the floor from the floor were answered.
Members are directed to the video of the WIA AGM for the Q&A session.

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

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Spectrum and Regulatory Committees

- Spectrum Strategy Group
 - Peter Young VK3MV
 - Dale Hughes VK1DSH
 - Roger Harrison VK2ZRH
 - Brian Miller VK3MI
 - Noel Higgins VK3NH
 - Grant Willis VK5GR
 - Justin Giles-Clark VK7TW

- Regulatory Liaison Group
 - Peter Young VK3MV
 - Dale Hughes VK1DSH
 - Justin Giles-Clark VK7TW
 - Aidan Mountford VK4APM
 - Greg Kelly VK2GPK
 - Peter Clee VK8ZZ

- 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

- IARU Monitoring service Sub-Committee
 - Peter Young VK3MV

- Technical Advisory Sub-Committee
 - Co-ordinator John Martin VK3KM

 - Regional Advisors
 - CRARC President (ex officio VK1 advisor);
 - Tim Mills VK2ZTM; (sk)
 - Peter Mill VK3APO;
 - Paul Bell VK5BX;
 - Eddie Saunders VK6ZSE;
 - Rex Moncur VK7MO.

 - Technical Advisors
 - Walter Howse VK6KZ (VHF-UHF);
 - Peter Freeman VK3PF (microwaves);
 - Peter Mill VK3APO (repeaters);
 - John Martin VK3KM (band plans, beacons);
 - Paul Paradigm VK2TXT (satellites);

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Charlie Kahwagi	VK3NX (EME);
Peter Cossins	VK3BFG (ATV);
Rex Moncur	VK7MO (Digital DX Modes);
Barry White	VK2AAB (packet radio)
Richard Hoskin	VK3JFK (APRS and D-Star)

Administrative Tasks	Peter Mill	VK3APO
	(repeater and beacon licensing);	
	Steve Ireland	VK2MD
	(repeater data base);	
	John Martin	VK3KM
	(beacon data base, VHF-UHF records).	

Strategy Advisory Committee

Phil Hutchings (Chair	VK4PG
Peter Schrader	VK4EA
Ewan McLeod	VK4ERM
David Ford	VK4MZ
Aidan Mountford	VK4APM

Finance Working Group

Greg Kelly	VK2GPK
Peter Clee	VK8ZZ

Affiliated Clubs Committee

Clubs Co-ordinator	Ted Thrift	VK2ARA
YOTA Co-ordinator	Mike Alsop	VK8MA

Marketing and Promotion

Lindsay Harvey	VK2AMD/VK2FD
Terry McCabe	VK2MJ

Media and Publications Committee

Editor in Chief	Roger Harrison	VK2ZRH
Media and Publications Secretary	Kaye Wright	VK3FKDW (sk)
	Peter Rentsch	VK3FPSR
AR Publications Group	Greg Kelly	VK2GPK
	Peter Gibson	VK3AZL
	Peter Hartfield	VK3PH
	John Morrissey	VK3ZRX
	Ewen Templeton	VK3OW
	Jim Tregellas	VK5JST
	Carmel Morris	VK2CAR
	David Burden	VK3BDX
	Peter Fitzherbert	VK3FF
	Ian Godsil	VK3JS
	Eric van de Weyer	VK2VE
Brian Clarke	VK2GCE	

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WIA News Broadcast Team

- Team Leader Graham Kemp VK4BB
- Anchors Graham Kemp VK4BB
- Reg Contributors Geoff Emery VK4ZPP
 John Knox VK4FJRK
- Presenters Jason Daniels VK2LAW
 Col Herbert VK3LED
 Felix Scerri VK4FUQ
 John Williams VK4JJW
 Bruce Lees VK3FFF
- Callbacks Gordon Taylor VK4VP
 Peter Fauth VK4NBL
 And an army of volunteers

Education Committee

Steve Beveridge	VK2LW
Elizabeth Billiau	VK2XSE
Sue Evans	
Phil Hutchings	VK4PG
Ron Bertrand	VK2DQ
David Uzzell	VK4QM
Joseph Mullins	VK5FJDE
Dr Harry Edgar	VK6YBZ

Radio Activities Committee

- Contests Sub-Committee Alan Shannon VK4SN
 Dennis Johnson VK4AE
 John Martin VK3KM
 Tony Burt VK3TZ
 Kevin Johnston VK4UH
 Colin Hutchesson VK5DK
- Awards SubCommittee Graham Alston VK3GA (Co-ordinator)
 Marc Hillman VK3OHM
 Alek Petkovic VK6APK
 David Mcauley VK3EW
 Brian Mcauley VK5BC
 Steve Salva VK7CW
- ARDF Sub-Committee Jack Brabham VK3WWW
- ARISS Sub-Committee Shane Lynd VK4KHZ
 Tony Hutchison VK5ZAI

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QSL Committee

Team Leader	John Seamons	VK2JLS
Outward QSL Manager	Alex Efimov	VK2ZM
	John Clare	VK1CJ
	Max Chadwick	VK3WT
	June Sim	VK4SJ
	Chris Platt	VK5CP
	Herman Westerhof	VK7HW
	Alek Petkovic	VK6AP
	Greg Winterflood	VK8NRX
Inward Ops Manager	Mike Adams	V3KMA

● Historical QSL Collection Sub-Committee

Fred Swainston	VK3DAC/4FE
Peter Wolfenden	VK3RV
John Seamons	VK3JLS

Historical and Archives Committee

Peter Wolfenden	VK3RV
Linda Luther	VK7QP
Martin Luther	VK7GN
Jenny Wardrop	VK3WQ
Will McGhie	VK6UU
Ian Morris	VK3IFM
Drew Diamond	VK3XU
David Wardlaw	VK3ADW
Terry Mowles	VK5TM

IT Services Committee

Aidan Mountford	VK4APM
Robert Broomhead	VK3DN
Marc Hillman	VK3OHM
Joseph Mullins	VK5FJDE
Siri Padmanabhan	
Gabriel Young	VK4GAB

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

Bruce Deefholts WIA ExO
Robert Broomhead VK3DN
Chris Platt VL5CP
Mike Alsop VK8MA

The Chair Thanks all for attending

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

Applications for the 2022 AGM are now open.

17 CLOSE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @ 12.35pm