



# Central Australian Show Society

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## Annual General Meeting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Blatherskite Park

**MEETING COMMENCED 6:06PM**

**Andrew Barrett President as Chair**

1. **PRESENT:** Andrew Barrett (President), Craig Whan (Vice President), Harry Cook (Public Officer), Rachel Jericho (Vice Patron), Joan O'Reilly (Committee Member), Sarah McKenzie (Committee Member) Mette Spilsbury (Committee Member), Glenn Marshall (Committee Member), Holly Russell (Event Manager), Rachael Mashford (CASS Admin/ Events), Amanda Kimpton, Sue Ride, Marli Banks, Jenny Ashenden, and Leisa Wallace. Megan Deans also attended via ZOOM.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Wayne Kraft, Robyn Lambley
3. **PROXY VOTES:** Nil proxy votes were received
4. **MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022:**  
Andrew Barrett accepted the minutes from the AGM pursuant to the constitution.

**Proposed:** Andrew Barrett

**Seconded:** Sue Ride

**Carried**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2022 MINUTES: NIL**
6. **AUDITORS REPORT: Full financial copy provided to all attendees**  
Andrew Barrett received the financial statements for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 from the Auditor Ryan Armes

**Proposed:** Andrew Barrett

**Seconded:** Joan O'Reilly

**Carried**

### 7. **Presidents Report (Presented by Andrew Barrett)**

I dawned on my whilst writing my report that at the last AGM I prepared my report as the Acting President of the Central Australian Show Society, due to the resignation of Murray McLeod.

I would firstly like to thank the entire show council for your ongoing support of CASS and the many hours that you volunteer to ensure we are able to put on the best event in Central Australia and a special thank you to our Administration Team Holly Russell and Rachael Mashford who work day after day preparing for our events.

During the last year, we embarked on several projects to benefit our show events, the biggest of these was an Audio Upgrade, this project was completed just before the 2023 Show and now enables us to use wireless microphones around the grounds as well as provide background music. We did receive feedback from

showgoers this year that we needed more announcements during the event, we hope to find an Emcee for the 2 days to ensure patrons are informed about all the goings on at the show.

The 2023 Show saw volunteer hours rocket to over 700! This is an amazing effort, and I would like to thank those volunteers who participated in the show as well as section stewards and judges, without our volunteers we wouldn't be able to put on such a great show!

I also took over the volunteer coordinators role for the 2023 Show due to Melissa Adamson not being able to come down from Darwin to assist. We utilised new technologies in the form of Online Rosters which made it a lot easier for people to volunteer as they could choose their own shifts, change shifts if needed and also sign up friends to help! We also created our first Volunteer Handbook and Volunteer Agreements, these documents are required for our duty of care to our volunteers and these were well received. We also held our first volunteer information nights, whilst these weren't hugely supported it was great to see those come along, also sign up to volunteer at the show. Over the next few months with the assistance of the NT Show Council, we will have a new volunteer portal where volunteers will be able to complete online induction, receive safety information.

During the year CASS received funding through the Community Benefit Fund which is part of a Three-Year funding agreement for the amount of \$50,000.00 as well we received amounts from the Yeperenye Shopping Centre, Connellan Airways Trust, Hastings Dearing, Alice Springs Lions Club and EASA.

Next month we have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Show coming up on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of November and I encourage you to spread the word amongst your contacts, last year saw over 3500 people attend. It was a fantastic event and of course couldn't be done without our council and volunteers!

Our July Show will be our 65<sup>th</sup> year! And planning is well and truly underway, we look forward to celebrating with you all next year!

Andrew Barrett  
President

*ANDREW:* I propose this report be accepted by the committee

**Proposed:** Andrew Barrett

**Seconded:** Craig Whan

## **8. PUBLIC OFFICERS REPORT (Read by Holly Russell for Harry Cook)**

The 2021 AGM Documents were lodged on 12 November 2021

*ANDREW:* I propose the Public Officers report to be accepted by the committee

**Proposed:** Andrew Barrett

**Seconded:** Joan O'Reilly

**Carried**

## **9. ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS REPORT (Read by Holly Russell)**

The 2023 Show had a great atmosphere and was a great Show. It felt like things were back to normal post Covid. Many traders were excited to be on the road with no restrictions and traveling around. Thanks to our dedicated CASS Council and sponsors for their support of the both the Alice Springs Show and Alice Springs Christmas Show.

Overall both Shows were a success, most traders reported having a great Show, and some there best ever in 9 years of trading. Despite the wet weather the week before, the two Show days were perfect sunny winter days.

## Christmas Show

The second Christmas Show was held in November 2022, and cars were lined up to the roundabout before opening. The event was very well attended, with Yellow Brick Road and cookie decorating selling out around 6pm.

CASS organised many free activities including: Bouncy castle and bungee run, cookie decorating, Letters to Santa, Photos with Santa, Kiddy car wash water play, Icy Poles (Apex Club of central Australia). And ran a Duck Cup race supporting McHappy Day.

Icy Poles handed out	2500
Cookies decorated	300
Santa photos taken	LOTS!
Money raised for McHappy Day	\$1000
Numbers through the gate (approx.)	3500
Yellow Brick Road bags sold	200
Competition Entries	524
Market Stalls	41

## Alice Springs Show

Thank you to the committee, Stewards and volunteers for giving up their time and making the 2023 Alice Springs Show a success. It was a beautiful sunny winters day across the Show Days, which made for more families attending and staying longer.

- Final numbers were 19736
- Competitions Entries – 2549
- Yellow Brick Road had 20 spots and 497 bags were sold
- Trade space total – 137
  - Indoor – 62
  - Outdoor – 45
  - Foodstall – 29
  - 38 FOC trade space in the Pavilions (majority of FOC sites were buy 1 site get 1 free)

## Volunteer Numbers

The Alice Springs Show is the largest community event in Alice Springs, and we simply could not do it without tremendous volunteer support. We had more than 75 volunteers who did more than 700 hours over the Show week.

## 2023 Sponsors

- Major Sponsor - NT Government
- Blue Ribbon sponsors:
  - Yeperenye Shopping Centre
  - Connellan Airways Trust
  - Hastings Deering
  - Kennards Hire Alice Springs
  - Alice Onsite IT
- Red Ribbon Sponsors
  - Territory Landscaping Supplies
  - Alic Springs Brewing co
  - Territory pest Control
  - Nutritional Feed supplies
  - McDonalds Alice Springs
  - Lions Club of Alice Springs
- White ribbon Sponsors

- EASA
- Alice Springs Cinema
- Woolworths Alice Springs
- Thank you to Blatherskite Park, St Johns and NT Police for their on-ground support.

### Funding Summary

Source of Funding	Amount
Community Benefit Fund (NT Government)	\$50,000
NT Show Council	\$40,000
Yeperenye Shopping Centre	\$3500
Connellan Airways Trust (Maurie Johns Pavilion upgrade)	\$3500
Hastings Deering	\$3000
Alice Springs Lions Club	\$1000
EASA	\$500

### Infrastructure Upgrades

In 2023 we committed to upgrading our sound system and audio equipment. This was an important step in our ensuring our Emergency Plans can be carried out if needed and improved the customer experience by ensuring that patrons can enjoy the events on the main oval with greater understanding.

Recently we also changed our website domain from alice-springs to alicespringsshow. Our website and emails more accurately represent the Central Australian Show Society.

### Awards & Recognition

We entered and won the Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award for Best Business/ Event Collaboration. We were also nominated in the Customer Service Awards category as well.

**We are looking forward to the Alice Springs Christmas Show on the 18<sup>th</sup> November and planning is underway for a huge 65th year celebration!**

*Andrew:* I propose the Administration officers report be accepted by the committee

**Proposed:** Andrew Barrett

**Seconded:** Harry Cook

**Carried**

## 10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### a. Appointment of Ordinary Committee Members

All of the following committee members were elected for a 2 year term in 2022

1. Glenn Marshall
2. Sarah McKenzie
3. Mette Spilsbury
4. Harry Cook
5. Melissa Adamson (resigned May 2023)
6. Damien Ryan (resigned 2023)
7. Joan O'Reilly (resigned October 2023)
8. Janet Chisholm (resigned October 2023)

The above mentioned terms will end at the 2024 AGM, with the exception of Melissa Adamson, Damien Ryan, Joan O'Reilly, and Janet Chisholm who have advised they are stepping down.

*Andrew:* We currently have eight (5) vacant ordinary councillor positions and I advise that I now appoint the following persons to be elected to the Committee. As the number of nominations received do not exceed the number of vacancies on the committee, in accordance with Clause 30 (1) of our constitution a ballot is not required

1. Megan Deans
2. Leisa Wallace
3. Sarah Cook
4. Amanda Kimpton
5. Vacant

*Andrew:* Welcome to new members Megan, Leisa, Sarah, and Amanda!

**b. Election of Vice President**

1. Craig Whan
2. Rachel Jericho

*Andrew:* As the number of nominations do not exceed the number of vacancies on the committee in accordance with Clause 30 of our constitution a ballot is not required.

As the number of nominations received do not exceed the number of vacancies on the committee, I hereby declare these persons **duly elected**.

**c. Election of President**

1. Andrew Barrett

*Craig Whan:* As the number of nominations do not exceed the number of vacancies on the committee in accordance with Clause 30 of our constitution a ballot is not required.

As the number of nominations received do not exceed the number of vacancies on the committee, I hereby declare Andrew Barrett elected.

Craig welcomed new members and thanked continuing ones.

**d. Executive Committee**

*Andrew:* As per part 3 -Additional details, an executive committee must consist of President, Vice president and a maximum of 2 other committee members appointed as Executive Officers in accordance with clause (2)

We have not received any nominations from a member for an Executive Officer position, pursuant to Part 3 Clause (6) "If there are no Committee Members appointed as Executive Officers in accordance with clause (2) then the Executive may consist of the President and 2 Vice-Presidents."

**11. RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE PUBLIC OFFICER**

Harry Cook is reappointed pursuant to the constitution, Clause 38 (4) which states that the Public Officer shall hold office until such time as he or she resigns from that position or is otherwise replaced by the committee in accordance with the constitution.

*Andrew:* I confirm that Harry Cook remains duly elected as Public Officer

**Proposed:** Andrew Barrett

**Seconded:** Craig Whan

**12. APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORARY MEMBER**

1. Marli Banks

*Andrew:* In accordance with Clause 18, I propose Marli Banks as Honorary Member for the committee for the period 2023 – 2024.

**Proposed:** Rachel Jericho

**Seconded:** Glenn Marshall

**13. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Andrew: Any nominations to change from the current auditor

No further nominations received for the change of auditor. Perks to remain auditor for Central Australian Show Society for the next period.

**Proposed:** Andrew Barrett

**Seconded:** Harry Cook

**14. ATO BUSINESS**

Self -Assessment of Income Tax Exemption

Andrew Barrett provides an outline of the requirements for Self-Assessment of Income Tax Exemption:

- a. The Association must be located within Australia
- b. Our income can only be used for the achievement of our objectives
- c. We are not a commercial business, but a not-for-profit organisation
- d. Holly Russell to submit the Return Not Necessary Documents along with the Audit Report

**Proposed:** Andrew Barrett

**Vote:** Unanimous Yes

**Andrew Barrett:** We thank outgoing committee members Melissa, Damien, Joan and Janet. Thank you for your commitment to the Central Australian Show Society.

**Meeting closed 6.33pm**