

Minutes of the HRSA Annual General Meeting 2023 -2024

Saturday November 16, 2024 Melbourne. Video conference by Zoom.

Meeting commenced 7.35 PM.

Apologies: Mike Hall, Richard Wood, Alby Thomas, Ian Batty, Red MacKay.

1. **Minutes** from Sat. November 18th 2023 were distributed by national email prior to the meeting. There was no business arising.

AGM minutes 2022-23 accepted. Moved James Easson seconded Peter Schwegler.

2. **President's report** as previously distributed.

This period is Graham's final term as President, as defined by the HRSA constitution.

Graham reported that the HRSA remains healthy after 4 years. Membership has held up relatively well considering our demographic. The many items being donated to HRSA were commented on. John Pratt added that he has made similar observations in Sydney. Desirable literature collections such as RTV&H magazines appear to be unplaceable in the current saturated market.

Graham reported the ill health of our webmaster, Andrew Renault, and noted that some sharing of webmaster duties will be needed. Graham particularly thanked Kevin Poulter, Stan Snyders, Ian Batty, and Mike Justin for outstanding efforts in their fields. The report concluded with appreciation for one and all who contributed to the HRSA.

President's report accepted. Moved Kevin Poulter seconded Robert Hart.

3. **Treasurer's report for the financial year 2023 – 2024** (July to June). Attached.

Manfred records start of year federal balance \$133,977.66. Final balance \$134,467.66.

Negligible difference across the year.

Financial year transactions have been monitored by Kevin Poulter and found to be in good order.

Manfred mentioned that the \$12,869 to stage the Radiofest event was a special benefit to members in this period.

Questions: Manfred was asked whether the HRSA is liable for taxation returns? Manfred advised, that it was very hard to find out what information the ATO required. In the end, an online form had to be filled out. This was not downloadable. Manfred has completed the online form, and hopes that this is the end of the issue.

The HRSA is incorporated in Victoria. Having confirmed the statements give an accurate view of the association's financial affairs, 2 committee members are required to certify the financial report, as required by Victorian Consumer Affairs. These signatories will be Kevin Poulter and Jim Greig. This will be included in the minutes of the AGM

Jim Greig was asked to add anything and replied that Manfred had covered the issues.

Graham gave a vote of thanks to Manfred and Jim for outstanding service.

The treasurer's report was accepted. Moved Graham Parslow seconded Peter Schwegler.

4. **Membership Report** October 2024 from Jim Greig.

Jim advises this report is from Oct 23 to June 30, 2024, a shorter time period. The previous report was from Oct 22 to Oct 23. Accordingly, the results not exactly comparable

Start of the year (July 1, 2023)	1189
New members	77
Resigned	45
Not Paid for this year	50
End June 2024	1171 including 20 Second members

Members lost are 18 so far but 23 new or rejoining members have been gained. On an annual basis there is a nett loss of total membership because the number of members leaving has increased. Significantly we are still attracting new members, a positive result for the Society.

Motion: That the membership secretary's report be accepted. Moved : Graham Parslow.
Seconded: John Pratt

5. Valve Bank report from Stan Snyders.

It was noted that Stan manages this activity very well. Receipts are a significant part of HRSA income.

This is a summary only of the full report that is available on request to Stan Snyders or the President. Most debits are transfers to federal HRSA funds. Stan only retains an operating balance in his account.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2023 – 2024

Started financial year 2023	\$132.54
Credits for financial year	\$14,434.00
CREDIT TOTAL	\$14,566.54
DEBIT TOTAL	\$13,824.19
HRSA VALVE BANK FUNDS AT 30/06/2024	\$742.35

Motion: That the valve bank report be accepted. Moved: Jim Easson. Seconded: Alan Case

6 Election of officers and committee for the year 2023-2024. The following nominations, duly proposed and seconded, have been received by the secretary Laurie Harris seven days before the AGM.

The number of candidates matches the number of vacancies, so the following are declared elected for an annual term.

- President – Michael Justin
- Vice President – Graham Parslow
- Treasurer – Manfred Nagel
- Secretary – Laurie Harris

- Kevin Poulter
- Alby Thomas
- Red MacKay
- Andrew Renaut
- Stan Snyders
- Peter Schwegler
- Jim Easson
- Ian Batty

The following appointed officers will continue to serve, subject to review by the elected committee. Appointed officers are not subject to election at a general meeting.

- Jim Greig - membership secretary,
- Bruce Wilkie - Circuit Service
- Andrew Renaut Webmaster
- Ian Batty - Editor, Radio Waves
- Stan Snyders - Valve Bank Manager
- James Easson - Petty Cash officer
- Kevin Poulter –Publicity

Graham passed the meeting to Michael Justin as newly elected President.

Motion: That the outgoing committee be thanked for all their contributions to HRSA activities through 2024. Moved Michael Justin, seconded George Nearchou

Michael thanked the outgoing President Graham, particularly for managing HRSA through Covid. Michael commented on Graham's administrative skills, and how these were combined with being a passionate collector and restorer.

Motion: That the outgoing president Graham Parslow be thanked for his four-year term in office. Moved: Michael Justin. Seconded: Peter Schwegler.

7. Motion: That the annual subscription for Australian Members continue at \$50 and Overseas Members at \$70 . Moved Michael Justin, seconded John Pratt

The major reason for setting these fees is to cover current and rising printing and postage costs for Radio Waves. Publication costs for 4 issues are close to \$50 per Australian member.

Motion passed. Moved Michael Justin, seconded John Pratt.

Nomination of a state branch to act as the executive management group for the federal body. This has so far only been Melbourne. If another group wishes to take over, please give notice.

Motion: That the Victorian Branch of the HRSA continue to manage federal affairs. Proposed Michael Justin, seconded Stephen Kandilotis Approved.

Motion. That Ian Batty be awarded honorary life membership of the HRSA.

Moved: Michael Justin. Seconded: John McIlwaine.

Motion. That Kevin Chant be awarded honorary life membership of the HRSA.

Moved: Michael Justin. Seconded: George Nearchou.

Any other business.

No further issues were raised.

Meeting closed 8:08 pm

Supplementary report to the AGM from the Radio Waves Editor, Ian Batty

Comments about Radio Waves are overwhelmingly positive and encouraging.

I am most grateful to our contributors, who fit into one of five categories:

(1) Regulars – Dave Bartlett, Ray Robinson, Jim Greig, Geoff Trengove, Rod Humphris and Graham Parslow. (2) Invitations – John Hunter. (3) Cooperations – John McIlwaine. (4) Top Restorers – Robert McGregor, Alistair Craill, Philip Palmer. (5) Occasionals – too many to list!

Be assured that every submission is read carefully, and will make it into print.

I take modest pride in being able to herd an amazing assortment of cats into the confines of sixty pages of print. In doing so I am reminded of some wisdom passed on by a former work-mate "all jobs are hard, but the good ones are fun."

I'm also lucky as editor to learn from our contributors about radio from the days of Marconi and Fessenden, right up to the latest silicon show-pieces implemented as Software Defined Radios.

I am also most grateful to the HRSA for my Life Membership. Thank you all.

President's Report from Graham Parslow

I am pleased to see that the HRSA has remained a healthy Society during my four years as President. Radio Waves continues to be the back-bone of HRSA activities and has flourished under Ian Batty as editor with high quality covers created by Kevin Poulter. Our initiative of establishing a transistor bank is now being managed efficiently with dedication by Peter Schwegler. The transistor bank has built an excellent stock from paid and gifted sources. General members of the public have also been generous in donating heritage items to the HRSA rather than see them languish in land fill.

Some bulky treasures we are gifted (radiograms and TVs in poor condition) cannot be accommodated, but there are far more happy stories than sad ones. A down side to this is that as ever more items are made available to redistribute, our members are reaching the limits of taking on more items. A particularly sad victim of this is complete sets of vintage magazines like Radio, Television and Hobbies that cannot be found new homes because of saturation of the market. At least within the HRSA, bargains have never been more plentiful.

We continue to see continued maturation of our website *hrsa.org.au*. Our webmaster Andrew Renault has been a valuable contributor to a range of HRSA activities since he joined the HRSA in 2021. We may soon need to share the load of Andrew's tasks with other web managers. More generally it is fair to say that all of our appointed officers have large loads that they diligently make time to carry out.

Kevin Poulter as Vice President has been invaluable. An outstanding effort was running the 2023 Radiofest in Melbourne. Kevin's knowledge of people and places remains a key resource. He continues to create the excellent cover art for Radio Waves. Additional thanks to Kevin for the back-room task of reviewing and approving regular items of expenditure.

Stan Snyders deserves our highest appreciation for his contributions over more than a decade. The valve bank is run with the professionalism that Stan brings to everything. Stan now also hosts a regular Melbourne festive season Hill Billy sausage sizzle and swap-meet for HRSA members.

Ian Batty merits accolades both as Radio Waves editor and for his contributions to the activities of Melbourne meetings. Ian relinquished the secretarial role and created an opportunity for Laurie Harris to return to committee and take up his former role as secretary. It is good to see Laurie recovered from a medically challenging period of some years.

Best wishes to Michael Justin who will call upon his strong personality, and long experience with HRSA affairs, to become HRSA President and serve you for the coming year.

The remaining list of deserving people is rather long. Thank you one and all.

Submission to Victorian Consumer Affairs of financial statements to an annual general meeting

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

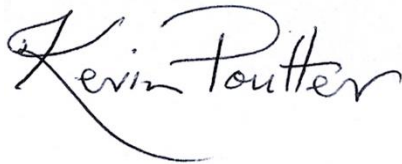
Sections 94(3), 97(3) and 100(3)

We being members of the committee of the **Historical Radio Society of Australia** Inc. (HRSA) certify that we attended the annual general meeting of the Historical Radio Association of Australia Inc. (HRSA) held on the 16th November 2024 and the financial statements of the association for the financial year ending on 30/06/2024 were submitted to the members of the association at that general meeting. We further certify the financial reports to be in good order

Signed: Jim Greig



Signed: Kevin Poulter



Date: 18/11/2024

Treasurer's report from Manfred Nagel.

HRSA Detailed Conventional Report 2023-24

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TREASURERS REPORT TO MEMBERS FOR THE 2023/24 YEAR

Cash assets 30/06/2023

FED Petty Cash	115.00	
FED general account BB 162540991	25,714.02	
FED membership account BB 162540967	24,737.87	
FED member cheque account BB 167039585	0.00	
FED Term Deposit (TD) BB 196330831	71,263.93	
FED RadioFest account BB 204812101	12,014.30	
FED Valve Bank account, CBA 10317396	132.54	
<u>Total cash assets</u>		\$133,977.66

Revenue

Interest

FED general account BB 162540991	\$653.88	
FED membership account BB 162540967	\$120.79	
FED member cheque account BB 167039585	\$0.07	
FED Term Deposit (TD) BB 196330831	\$3,390.26	
FED RadioFest account BB 204812101	\$51.82	
FED Valve Bank account, CBA 10317396	\$0.00	\$4,216.82

other revenue

member subscriptions, cash/ cheque	\$5,890.00	
member subscriptions, EFT	\$51,796.98	
Auction sale income	\$0.00	
Auction commissions / surplus	\$0.00	
valve bank sales transfer	\$12,000.00	
transistor bank sales	\$58.80	
EFTPOS transfer	\$2,450.00	
advertising in RW	\$400.00	
donation / sales	\$111.39	
other minor sales/backissues	\$96.70	
table/dinner deposits for RadioFest	\$3,395.00	
deposit return	\$340.00	\$76,538.87

Expenses

Bank fees	-\$52.11	
auction sale payout	\$0.00	
auction aux. expenses	\$0.00	
membership / dinner refunds	-\$20.00	
meeting catering (tea/coffee/bisquits)	-\$37.00	
valve bank cost	\$0.00	
meeting aux. cost/hire	\$0.00	
special catering	-\$1,329.34	
venue / hall hire	\$0.00	
printing & mailout RW / handbooks	-\$54,648.00	
other postage, packing,	-\$789.92	
Insurances (PL and PI)	-\$3,067.00	
multimedia insurance	\$0.00	
Oakleigh storage minus VIC	-\$1,000.00	
2 x PO Boxes	-\$494.00	
website hosting	-\$206.98	

PC, IT, software, scanning	-2,459.33	
consumer affairs	-47.70	
1/2 committee dinner	\$0.00	
semiconductor tester	\$0.00	
PCB/parts for mini transmitter kits	-1,064.05	
pay valvebank/transistor bank	-90.00	
other minor expenses	-23.51	
deposit for RadioFest	\$0.00	
direct cost for RadioFest	-3,117.48	
RadioFest dinner at MCC	-4,212.50	
Monash Hall hire	-4,500.00	
Security, taxi, prizes	-3,445.00	
other minor expenses/transfers/stationary	-270.73	
adjustment	-1.15	-80,875.80

HRSA FED total Revenue		\$80,755.69
HRSA FED total expenses		-80,875.80
Revenue minus Expenses		<u>-120.11</u>
Valve bank surplus/deficit		\$609.81
Total revenue - expenses		<u>\$489.70</u>

Total HRSA FED Cash assets @ 30.06.2023 + surplus **\$134,467.36**

Total HRSA FED Cash assets @ 30.06.2024

Petty Cash	\$78.00	
FED general account BB 162540991	\$26,188.57	
FED membership account BB 162540967	\$28,862.75	
FED member cheque account BB 167039585	\$3,940.41	
FED Term Deposit (TD) BB 196330831	\$74,654.19	
FED RadioFest account BB 204812101	\$1.63	
FED Valve Bank account, CBA 10317396	\$742.36	
EFTPOS Vic and Fed trans. BB 20738407	\$0.00	
	<u>\$134,467.91</u>	-0.55

The seven affiliated groups recorded the following :

Canberra

cash assets 01.July 2023	\$7,341.64
cash assets 30.June 2024	<u>\$7,578.92</u>
Surplus/deficit	\$237.28

Victoria

cash assets 01.July 2023	\$109,840.79
cash assets 30.June 2024	<u>\$110,101.28</u>
Surplus/deficit	\$260.49

HRSA Sydney Group

cash assets 01.July 2023	\$7,222.00
cash assets 30.June 2024	<u>\$7,785.00</u>
Surplus/deficit	\$563.00

South Australia

cash assets 01.July 2023	\$14,344.79
cash assets 30.June 2024	<u>\$13,125.09</u>
Surplus/deficit	-\$1,219.70

NSW North Group

cash assets 01.July 2023	\$3,503.42
cash assets 30.June 2024	<u>\$3,848.00</u>
Surplus/deficit	\$344.58

La Trobe Group

\$0.00

NSW Central West Group

\$0.00

Overall HRSA Summary, including Affiliated groups

Cash assets and the end of the financial year 30.06.2024

FEDderal accounts (VIC management)	\$134,467.91
Sydney Group	\$7,785.00
Canberra Group	\$7,578.92
LaTrobe Group	\$0.00
Victorian Group	\$110,101.28
NSW Central West Group	\$0.00
NSW North Coast Group	\$3,848.00
South Australia Group	\$13,125.09

Total HRSA CASH assets 30.06.2024

\$276,906.20