



**Manly Warringah Football Referees Association**  
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**Minutes of MWFRA Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 19 November 2018**

<b>Venue</b>	Cromer Clubhouse, 101 South Creek Rd, Cromer
<b>Time</b>	7.30 pm
<b>Committee Members</b>	Robert Brennan, Trevor Croal, Wayne Plant, Jack Morales, Frank Maiuolo, Nick Beaugeard, Josh Courts, Ethan Ryan, Richard Socratous
<b>Members</b>	Peter Robson, Kevin Martin (OAM), Don Gale, Chris Senior, Lucas Simonsen, Finnigan Mitchell, Jackson Mackie, Bec Mackie, Damien Bury, Mark Pryke, Phil Watson, Carl Watson, Jorge Martins, Gerry Lenihan, Stephen Logue, Ken Lewis, Harry Armstrong, Frank Best, Alessandro Llana, Craig McBurnie, Toby Williams, Brendan Giuffrida, Lucianne Lauffer, Paul Franklin, Jacob Gallagher, Harlem Miller, Jeremy Denham, Sebastian Brennan, Terry Gatward, Laurel Voss, Jasmin Hill, Keith Stewart, John Barnes, Anthony Keeler, James Raphael
<b>Others</b>	Sigrid Mulherin (SM)
<b>Apologies</b>	Sam Kelly, Ivica Covic, John Powrie, Hannah Lovlin, Anthony Lo Surdo, Malcolm Olsen, Chris Paul, Paul Markarian, Michael Ashbridge, Hugh Hooghuis, Amelie Letchford, Ben Michell, John Haslam, Oscar Priestman, Ben Last, Lea Hartley, Alex Pate, Steve Smit, Jayden Hazell, James MacDonald, Naomi Peterson, Mariano Llana, Andrew Best, Simon Burchett, Jonathon Taylor

<b>No.</b>	<b>Minute</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Opening, welcome and apologies</b>
	The President opened meeting at 7:33pm and welcomed attendees, acknowledged Life Members in attendance (Trevor Croal, Peter Robson, Kevin Martin OAM) and called for apologies.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Confirmation of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting</b>
	Moved that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 20 November 2017 be accepted. Moved Peter Robson / Seconded Wayne Plant – CARRIED.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Business arising</b>
	None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Consideration of nominations for Life Membership of the Association</b>
	Wayne Plant spoke to the nomination and provided information on Rob's service to the Association. Moved that Rob Brennan be elected to Life Membership of the Association. Moved Peter Robson / Seconded Wayne Plant – CARRIED.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Receipt of committee reports upon the activities of the Association</b>
	Rob Brennan noted all committee reports were included in the Annual Report. Moved that the 2018 Annual Report be accepted. Moved Mark Pryke / Seconded Rob Brennan – CARRIED.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Receipt of the financial statement of the Association</b>
	Nick Beaugeard provided an overview of the financials and advised the Association recorded a surplus in the 2017/18 financial year.

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	<p>Moved that the financial statement of the Association be accepted.  Moved Mark Pryke / Seconded Toby Williams – CARRIED.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Consideration of Special Resolutions</b>
	None
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Election of office-bearers</b>
	<p>RB commenced the election process in reverse order to the above listed office bearer positions. Prior to the election, RB referenced non-committee position that the committee had previously discussed of “Association Historian” to record and catalogue a history of the association. RB called for volunteers. Trevor Croal nominated Kevin Martin which was seconded by Peter Robson. Kevin said a few words and accepted the position. RB commenced the elections, commencing with:</p> <p>Reviews Panel Chair – Mark Pryke was nominated by Toby Williams and seconded by Nick Beugeard. There being no other nominations, Mark was declared elected.</p> <p>Assessors Convener - Luciane Lauffer was nominated Wayne Plant and seconded by Ethan Ryan. There being no other nominations, Luiane was declared elected.</p> <p>Gear Steward – Trevor Croal was nominated by Gerry Lenihan and seconded by Peter Robson. There being no other nominations, Trevor was declared elected.</p> <p>Assistant Secretary - Josh Courts nominated himself and was seconded by Jackson Mackie. There being no other nominations, Josh was declared elected.</p> <p>Treasurer - Nick Beugeard was nominated by Toby Williams and seconded by Wayne Plant. There being no other nominations, Nick was declared elected.</p> <p>Vice President-Juniors – Jack Morales was nominated by Mark Pryke and seconded by Toby Williams. There being no other nominations, Jack was declared elected.</p> <p>Jack Morales announced his resignation as Floor Member, creating a casual vacancy.</p> <p>Mark Pryke thanked Rob Brennan for his service to the Association.</p> <p>Rob Brennan advised nominations for the position of President had been received by Craig McBurnie and Toby Williams and that a secret ballot would be held to determine the result.</p> <p>Moved that two returning officers be appointed to oversee the secret ballot and that the ballot papers be destroyed once the outcome had been determined.  Moved Nick Beugeard / Seconded Frank Maiuolo – CARRIED.</p> <p>Rob Brennan invited both candidates to address the floor and both accepted.</p> <p>Peter Robson and Sigrid Mulherin were appointed as the returning officers and Peter Robson announced that Toby Williams had been elected President for 2019/20.</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>General business</b>
	<p>Jack Morales provided an overview of the send-off report for the 2018 season. JM did a quiz on the statistics for send-offs (including reasons) by clubs and divisions. Also for citation reports. Winner of the quiz was Finn Mitchell.</p> <p>Craig McBurnie compiled reporting for referee coverage statistics during the 2018 season and compared to previous years. Craig presented the key highlights to the floor and handed out copies of the reports. RB thanked Craig for his efforts and commented that we have had a good year from a coverage perspective.</p>

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	<p>FM asked to say a few words. He acknowledged the committee efforts in trying to improve the association. Frank provided his thoughts on the “culture of blame” and inappropriate behaviour towards referees. Applauded all the referees for their efforts throughout the season and thought the standard is very good.</p> <p>SM presented the 2018 award winners (from the August 2018 general meeting) with their trophies. Presented to them by the life members that were in attendance.</p> <p>SM announced and presented certificates for the Service Awards for members who have provide service for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 40 years Rob recognised David Hill for his 40 years of service. RB acknowledged and thanked Jeremy Denham for his photography throughout the 2018 season.</p> <p>RB reflected on his time on the committee (over the past decade). In 2018 we received \$50k from the MWFA towards initiatives for our association. A great achievement. One initiative is the communication kits and the benefit it provides our referees and the game. Rob asked for a member to be the caretaker of the communication kits in 2019.</p> <p>We have managed to have a stronger relationship with the MWFA. Many challenges over the years but RB believes the relationship is as strong as ever. RB discussed the proposed Y2 sin bin rule change and the support we have given to the MWFA to accept for all appointable games in 2019.</p> <p>The professionalism of appointing a paid administration officer which was brought in seven years ago. Another great initiative. RB wanted to thank SM for her dedication and professionalism.</p> <p>The exchange program (for premier league games) with the KDFRA has been running for 4 years and has been a useful initiative for external learning and we need to do more with other associations.</p> <p>RB thanked the judiciary, players and coaches for their full support. Appointment system is still not 100% right but we have spent a lot of time and money to be more efficient in the way we communicate with our members. Retention and promotion of junior referees. Very heartening to see the junior referees evolve into very good senior referees ‘Rebirth’ tension on how we push the juniors continues to be a focus point.</p> <p>On a sad but positive note. Ewan Donald lost his mother this year. The response by Chris Senior and his friends from this associations on how they rallied around him and the support network from Ivica, Josh, Alex has been great. Also great to see the culture (human spirit) and support from our referees to our fellow members and the community.</p> <p>In conclusion, RB wanted to thank everyone on the committee. It hasn’t always been easy but the support received has been fantastic. RB thanked his family for their support in allowing him to volunteer his time to the association.</p> <p>We need to be doing more for mental health for our referees who encounter issues (Referenced Chris Senior and Sigrid for their assistance in this area). WP and SM presented a gift of appreciation for his contribution to the association.</p> <p>WP presented Chris Senior (retiring Junior VP) and thanked her for her contributions, compassion and support to the association and the junior referees over the past 4 years. Chris said a few words. Chris thanked everyone and said it was hard work but she really enjoyed it. Chris said she has made some great friendships and acknowledged the work of the committee.</p> <p>WP advised that the Council of Clubs have determined that in 2019 the game of the rounds is now on Saturday night (Youth 1st division at 2pm, PL-R’s at 4pm and PL’s at 6pm) Jack Morales decided (as new Junior VP) that Mark Pryke will be the new MPIO. Mark accepted the position.</p> <p>Toby Williams addressed the floor as the newly elected President.</p>
10.0	<b>Close</b>
	The President closed the meeting at 7.55 pm and invited those present to stay for food and drink.

Signed (Chair): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_