



**Agenda for Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 23rd June 2009
Sussex Hotel
6.30pm**

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Presentation of President's Report
4. Presentation of Finance / Treasurer's Report / Statement
5. Election of and appointment of Auditor
6. Strategic Direction / Determination of Annual Membership Fee / Future Activities
7. Notice/s of Motion
8. Urgent General Business
9. Closure

WAT are you waiting for?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Minutes of the WAT Annual General Meeting of participating members held at the Sussex Hotel, WalkervilleTce Tuesday 23rd June 2009, 6.30pm

1. OPENING:

The meeting was declared open by the President James Williams at 6.30pm with ten (10) members present including Otto, Jerry, Goran, David, Matthew, Silvana, Fio, Rob, Chris & James in addition to Kiki Magro, CEO of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville.

2. APOLOGIES:

Brian Hern, Tony Pederick and Peter Walker.

3. MINUTES:

No previous Annual General Meetings have been held so previous AGM minutes could not be read, distributed or accepted.

Confirmed as a true record on the motion of Otto Windler, *seconded* by Matthew Carberry; *carried*

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *(please refer to attached Report)*

The President reported on the activities and achievements of the Association over the past 12-18 months and thanked all those involved in making it a very successful year.

In particular -

- The Messenger Newspapers for continued promotion of our businesses.
- Heather Wright, Walkerville Councillor for her encouragement and continued support to the association.
- Petrea Stacey and Tony Pederick, for the ongoing changes to the Website – www.wat.org.au, frequently being uploaded on the same day of initial request.
- Brian Hern, Matthew Carberry and Kristy Wilmott of Hern Financial Services for providing us with the information we need, often at short notice.
- Otto Windler of Otto & Penny's Sewing Centre has not missed a committee meeting since day one, he has also provided constant feedback, and ensured our collective efforts are put into action. He also sourced the 'Clear Perspex DL Brochure Stands' for all traders.
- Walkerville Meats for providing meat for the Christmas BBQ 2008.
- All Businesses that have supported the Association during the year and provided donations for the Christmas Raffle in 2008.
- In particular, committee members that have attended regularly and contributed significantly including Otto, Brian, Matthew, Carly and the team at the Walkerville Newsagency.

Additional Comments:

- Thanks were also given to James Williams of Pegi Williams Bookshop with whom without his drive and determination the association may not have been formed. Additionally, Christine Williams for her secretarial duties for the association.
- Onus now on all traders to re-join and encourage others in the area to be involved with the association.
- Annual General Meeting required to be conducted every 12 months as part of our constitution.

Moved by Matthew Carberry, *seconded* by Fio that the President's Report was received and confirmed; *carried*.

5. FINANCE / TREASURERS REPORT / STATEMENT:

Matthew Carberry of Hern Financial Services presented a statement of financial transactions. The report showed we currently have 31 members, 8 of which have renewed their membership for 2009/10.

Bank SA Account Balance @ \$750

Additional Comments:

- Newly joined members from the recently distributed invoice and invitation to the AGM include Fassina Wine Merchants.

Moved by Rob Benger, *seconded* by Fio that the Financial Statement was received and confirmed; *carried*.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

The current WAT Auditors include Brian Hern and Mathew Carberry of Hern Financial Services. They were once again nominated as auditors for 2009/10; *moved* by James Williams, *seconded* by Fio; *carried*.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Chairman, James Williams appointed Otto Windler to act as Chairman during the Election proceedings.

Note, no nominations were received prior to the AGM, so verbal nominations were accepted during the election phase of the AGM.

All Committee Positions were then declared vacant and the meeting resumed for the 2009 - 2010 Election to be carried out.

James Williams - President/Chairman	nominated by Otto, seconded by Fio, ACCEPTED
Otto Windler - Vice President	nominated by Rob, seconded by James, ACCEPTED
Christine Williams - Secretary	nominated by Silvana, seconded by David, ACCEPTED
Hern Financial Services - Treasurer	nominated by James, seconded by Fio, ACCEPTED

The other GENERAL COMMITTEE members were nominated as follows:-

Rob Benger of Walkerville Physiotherapy	ACCEPTED
Jerry Reese of Walkerville Fruit & Veg	ACCEPTED
Goran Mladenovic of Walkerville Chiropractors	ACCEPTED
Roger of Walkerville Newsagency	ACCEPTED
Carly Palmer of Desert Pea Skin Care	ACCEPTED
Tony Pederick of Forerunner Computer Systems	ACCEPTED

Additional Comments:

- Thank you for all those committee members who have accepted their positions again this year and to newly joined members.
- Positions are held for the term of one financial year (July - June), members must run for re-election in June of the following year.

8. STRATEGIC DIRECTION:

The President, James Williams provided an overview of the vision for the Walkerville Associated Traders leading up to the year 2010. The emphasis was on attracting other traders to obtain membership with an enhanced focus on membership services and encourage all to be involved.

Kiki Magro, CEO for the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville also provided an overview on the vision for the streetscape of Walkerville Tce and Urban Master Plan. Traders want to try and inject some vibrancy back into the area and change its look and feel so that potential customers don't just drive through to get somewhere else and encourage other traders to smarten up their act!

Additional Discussion items:

- Potential to participate in Walkerville Fair/Fete for 2009 ie. Balloons/Showbag/Stand.
- Seek information regarding Community Grants available through the Walkerville Council to use the existing Banner poles to elevate the trader's appearance and the entire Walkerville Tce Street presence (whole of Township approach) if we aren't able to have big entry signage similar to that at the start of Goodwood / Unley Road precincts.
- Use of signage and banners (in particular Goran from Walkerville Chiropractic) in the interests of public safety is the main reasoning behind current permissions and restrictions.
- Current WAT DL Flyer is already out of date as 'Styles by Lisa' is now under new management and Fassina has recently joined as a member. Collectively, we could ask again 'we are about to do a reprint, do you want to be part of it?'
- Future collective advertising in the Messenger press or other to determine which traders want to be part of it.
- What other items should the WAT membership funds be geared towards?
- Colourbond fencing around the Dept of Transport hole in the ground site – is this something Council can put pressure on the construction company for? All queries can be directed to [Kiki Magro, CEO](#), or [Mark Draper, General Manager Infrastructure & Environment](#).
- Annual Membership fees – should these remain the same or increased?

The meeting prompted an enthusiastic exchange of ideas for a more integrated group.

9. CLOSE

The meeting was declared closed at 7:45pm



Secretary – Christine Williams

Prepared - 7/07/09

I'm proud to present the first Chairpersons Report for WAT (Walkerville Associated Traders) to this first AGM of WAT.

Discussions on forming a Traders Association go back to August 2007 when a number of interested traders met at The Sussex. From this original meeting of 12 people, it was decided WAT should focus on the following points:

- Opportunity for cost effective group advertising
- Improve the appearance of shops and surrounds to enhance trading
- Open communication channels with Walkerville and neighbour Councils
- Creation of a WAT website and links to other sites
- Formation of a committee, association, register a business name and constitution
- Involvement with other community groups and the Walkerville Fair
- Setting of membership fee and entitlements

Since then, all of these objectives have been achieved along with others including:

- Support for the Womens an Childrens Hospital Foundation by conducting a Christmas Raffle raising in excess of \$1000
- Group advertising in the Messenger by the majority of WAT members
- Establishment of WAT website at www.wat.org.au featuring all financial WAT members
- Features in the Messenger and Walkerville Voice on business activity in Walkerville
- Combined DL brochure displayed in all participating WAT member shops advertising other businesses that are members of WAT
- A3 laminated poster displayed in shop windows promoting WAT members

All of these features have been achieved with a base membership of \$50 (membership scaled depending on what features individual businesses require with the maximum fee of \$100) which has lasted for 18 months, but it's time to kick in again!

There are a number of issues that are 'works in progress' that will hopefully be a focus for the next committee, however I would like to personally thank the following people for their support and encouragement:

WAT Financial Members: Councillor Heather Wright for her encouragement and Walkerville Meat Store for providing meat for our Christmas BBQ. Also all WAT members that contributed to our Christmas Raffle Prizes.

WAT Committee Members: Fio, Silvana and Roger from Walkerville Newsagency for their support in particular of the Christmas Raffle, and Carly from Desert Pea Skin Care.

WAT Website: Tony and Petrea Pederick for their exceptional and efficient management of www.wat.org.au and other IT related issues.

WAT Finance: Brian Hern, Matthew Carberry and Kristy Willmott for their financial guidance, reporting, assistance with incorporation and willingness to participate.

WAT Advertising: Otto Winkler for his continued support at meetings and encouragement and implementation of new ideas.

WAT Secretary: Christine Williams for her support with initiatives, minute taking and distribution, advertising creation, delivery of brochures, new membership drives and personal support.

There are currently 30 financial members and we're on the hunt for more!! This can only help the exposure Walkerville receives towards economic development so I'd encourage every trader to be involved. WAT more do you want for \$50?

James Williams
WAT Chairperson