

**WAT - Walkerville Associated Traders
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT**

**Minutes of the WAT Annual General Meeting of participating members
held at the Sussex Hotel
Tuesday 20th July 2010, 6.30pm**

1. OPENING:

The meeting was declared open by the President James Williams at 6.40pm with 11 members present including Otto, David, Matthew, Brian, Rob, Heather, Olwyn, John, Jamie, Chris & James.

Other attendees included John, Rod, Sue and Margaret, in addition to Wade Matheson, Community Events Officer for the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville.

2. APOLOGIES:

Petrea Stacey, Goran Mladenovic, Silvana / Roger

3. MINUTES:

The minutes of the 2009 AGM held on the 23rd of July 2009 had been read, distributed and accepted.

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

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

Additional Comments:

- Thanks to Hern Financial Services including Brian Hern, Matthew Carberry and Kristy Wilmott for their involvement, sorry to see them leave the Walkerville Trading Precinct yet wish them well in their new premises at Greenhill Rd, Eastwood.
- Onus now on all traders to join and encourage others in the area to be involved with the Association.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Matthew Carberry presented a statement of financial transactions of the Association to the meeting for the financial year that ended 30 June 2010 to the members present.

The report showed that the Association had a few minor expenses during this period including Forerunner Computing for the maintenance of the website and printing of DL flyers.

Bank SA Account Balance \$1533

Additional Comments:

Moved Tony Pederick, *seconded* by Brian Hern that the Financial Statement was received and accepted; *carried*.

Additional Comments:

- Margaret King Lawyers (Margaret King), Food Especially For You (Rod & Sue) and FITT Principle (John Morris) expressed an interest in joining the Association from the recently distributed invitation to the AGM.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman, James Williams appointed Brian Hern 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 2010 – 2011 Election to be carried out.

James Williams - President/Chairman
Otto Windler - Vice President / Marketing
Christine Williams - Secretary

nominated by Tony, seconded by Brian, ACCEPTED
nominated by Rob, seconded by James, ACCEPTED
nominated by Tony, seconded by Heather, ACCEPTED

Otto Windler - Treasurer

nominated by Heather, seconded by John ACCEPTED

The other GENERAL COMMITTEE members were nominated as follows:-

Rob Benger of Walkerville Physiotherapy	ACCEPTED
Silvana / Roger of Walkerville Newsagency	ACCEPTED
Tony Pederick of Forerunner Computer Systems	ACCEPTED
Olwyn Freeman of Crown Mint Porcelain	ACCEPTED
Margaret King	ACCEPTED
John Lawrence of National Risk Solutions	ACCEPTED

Additional Comments:

- Goran Mladenovic of Walkerville Chiropractors expressed a continued interest in the committee however due to work commitments is unable to make the current meeting time of 6.30pm. He has proposed a later time to the committee for further discussion.
- 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 July of the following year.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The current WAT Auditors Brian Hern and Mathew Carberry of Hern Financial Services have resigned from their position.

Brian Hern was nominated and accepted the position of auditors for 2010/11; moved Tony Pederick, seconded by Otto Windler; carried

8. STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The President, James Williams provided an overview of the vision for the Walkerville Associated Traders leading up to the year 2010/11. The emphasis was on attracting other traders to obtain membership with an enhanced focus on membership services and encourage all to be involved.

- Potential to participate in Walkerville Fair/Fete for 2010 ie. Balloons/Showbag/Stand. – Joint stand of all WAT members and cooperation with Walkerville Council and its services and events in the future.
- Future collective advertising in the Messenger Press when the Walkerville Council advertises on a bimonthly basis has been suggested.
- 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?
- Annual Membership fees were agreed to be established at a set fee of \$50.
- Illuminated signage of our businesses to improve lighting and security.
- Promoting each others businesses including the possibility of an incentive scheme.
- Improvement in the appearance of our individual premises now that the streetscape is being revitalised.

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

9. CLOSE

The meeting was declared closed at 7.45 pm



Secretary – Christine Williams

Prepared - 27/07/10

WAT Chairpersons Report 2009-2010

I'm pleased to present the Chairpersons Report for WAT (Walkerville Associated Traders) to this 2010 AGM of WAT.

Over the past 12 months WAT has found that a couple of key objectives have surfaced.

WAT has focused on co-operation and joint advertising efforts between its members. This is an area I think should be explored further incorporating the following:

- Advertising in line with the Walkerville Council newsletter in the Messenger (bi-monthly)
- Spend more time on, and advertising our website at www.wat.org.au
- Promoting each others businesses including the possibility of an incentive scheme
- Co-operation with Walkerville Council and its services and events
- Improvement in the appearance of our individual premises

The council is currently undertaking a revitalisation of Walkerville Tce which will give all businesses the opportunity to utilise the space on Walkerville Tce to their benefit. Hopefully this will also lower the speed on Walkerville Tce to help passing motorists see what we have to offer.

Below are some points that have been raised at meetings during 2010:

- Discussion regarding WAT becoming Walkerville Tce Traders
- Encourage on-street trading opportunities once the streetscape is complete
- Setting of membership fee and entitlements (suggest \$50 flat fee)
- Participation in Walkerville Fair and the possibility of a 'street fair' on Walkerville Tce

There are a couple of points I would like to raise in general business including:

- Community Events report
- Illuminated signage, possibly a joint cost-saving exercise for improved lighting and business exposure.
- Report on a drive-around of other trading areas conducted.

Every business owner is busy so it's difficult to commit time to WAT, as mentioned previously WAT is a collective group of traders working together for the improvement and economic development of all trading areas within the Walkerville Council area. I am appreciative of any time that any trader can contribute towards WAT.

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 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 (and wish Kristy well for the arrival of her first child) 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, giving birth to Jonah and personal support.

There are approximately 25 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