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AGM MINUTES - Tuesday 16th November 2021

Meeting opened: 6:03pm

Attendees: Will Renton, Margaret Royds, Gordon Waters, Peter Diskon, Bente Jensen, Fulvio Fabresci, Vera Sapov. Rob Davidson, Martin Gilby and Yolande Norris attended via Google online.

Apologies: Barbara Gilby

1. Welcome by Rob Davidson.
2. Acceptance of Minutes of last AGM held on 3rd February 2021.
3. Report by President Rob Davidson (see attached). Report was read by Rob.
4. Report by Station Manager Gordon Waters (see attached). Report was read by Gordon.
5. Report by Treasurer Rob Davidson (see attached). Report was read by Rob.
6. Positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and the 3 Ordinary members were appointed at the 3rd February AGM for a period of 3 years under the Braidwood FM Constitution, and remain as they are.
7. Appointment of new Secretary Yolande Norris. Previous Secretary Bente Jensen retired and nominations were called for weeks before the AGM. Only nomination received was from Yolande who has some experience on committees. Yolande's nomination was accepted by all in attendance.

Meeting closed: 6:35pm



President's Report for AGM of November 16th 2021

Since becoming President in February 2021, I must say it was a case of 'hitting the ground running'. The last 9 months have been a roller-coaster ride as we entered our second year of dealing with Covid-19 and the changes to our operations and our lives. On top of that we had some issues with our lease arrangements which took some months to sort out, plus a few other issues which made me think 'what on earth have I done taking on the role of President'. Anyway, we worked our way through all the issues that were thrown at us and are still travelling well, and it has all been worth it.

We still managed to hold meetings when we needed to hold them, and technology has come to our aid by enabling us to hold online meetings when physical meetings due to Covid restrictions were not possible.

Again, my sincere thanks go to our Station Manager, Gordon Waters, who kept the station operating efficiently while continuing to juggle his work and home life. Without Gordon's dedication and skills Braidwood FM may not have been able to continue to operate as efficiently as it did.

Despite Covid and the regional lockdowns our volunteers continued to support Braidwood FM by adapting their programs to allow for social distancing and stay-at-home directives, thus keeping the station on air, and providing the community with the high standard of programs they have become used to hearing, with the exception of outside broadcasts which have been severely curtailed.

Overall, our sponsors have remained loyal to Braidwood FM, continuing to support the station despite going through some extremely tough times themselves and we are immensely grateful to our sponsors for their dedicated support of the station. New sponsors have also come on board during the last 9 months despite the many issues due to Covid.

Financially, Braidwood FM is still in a strong financial position with regards to its income and its funds in accounts.

Finally, my thanks go to all Board members for their dedication and support during the past 9 months. The current Board work well together. They contribute to discussions and make suggestions or suggest alternatives, whilst listening to all points of view. I am proud to be working with this team.

However, I must now say farewell to Bente Jensen who is stepping down from the role of Secretary. Bente is going to finally enjoy retirement, and I wish to say thank you to you Bente for all your work and support during your term as Secretary. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

Regards

Rob

Rob Davidson
President, Braidwood FM
16 November 2021

Braidwood FM Annual General Meeting for 2020-2021 Financial Year: 16th November 2021 - Treasurer Report

Braidwood FM Inc. remains in a healthy financial position finishing the 2020-2021 financial year with total funds in accounts of \$64,358.16, down 5.63% on last financial year's total of \$68,194.50.

Despite the Covid 19 pandemic our income for 2020-21 was relatively good at \$38,613.16. The pandemic did however, affect our sponsorship income in two ways. Firstly, we did lose a couple of sponsors who dropped their sponsorship, and we assisted our sponsors by giving them either 1, 2 or 3 months of free sponsorship, depending on the type of plan they had, to help them through the pandemic. This pushed out their renewal dates so not all sponsors renewed in the 2020-2021 financial year as they normally would have, and instead will renew in early 2021-2022.

Some of our larger expense items increased in 2020-2021, for instance electricity costs went from \$1,631.22 in 2019-20 to \$2,530.39 in 2020-21, an increase of 55%. This could be partially because of an additional quarter making it into the 2020-21 payment cycle, but we may also have to look at our billing and check around for a better deal with our current, or another, electricity supplier.

There was a 338% increase in expenditure this year on Repairs and Maintenance (\$9,016.88) up from \$2,056.50 in 2019-20, and much of this cost was due to the new generator for Mt.Gillamatong. The purchase of the generator, \$9,990 was covered by a grant, but the transport of the generator to Mt.Gillamatong, the construction of a concrete slab, a protective cover, and a cage cost an additional \$5,695 which came from Braidwood FM's own funds.

Total expenditure was \$42,449.50, resulting in a deficit for the 2020-2021 Financial Year of \$3,836.34.

On page 2 is a breakdown of income and on page 3 expenditure for 2020-2021.

Please note that Radio Nambucca Inc. is not required by law to have an audit carried out as it is classed as a Tier 2 Incorporated Association earning less than \$250,000 a year.

Rob

Rob Davidson
Treasurer, Braidwood FM Inc.
16th November 2021

Braidwood FM AGM 16th November 2021

Station Manager Report

Since our 2020 AGM was delayed until February 2021, we haven't quite had a full year this time around.

But this year has certainly had its challenges and really we picked up where we left off in February 2021. Dealing with Covid-19.

During the following months we were ever aware of the need to be reactive to the changing situation we were facing, keeping the Station clean and ourselves protected from what was unfolding to be a worldwide pandemic. So we did what we could to keep the lights on and the station running. This meant the station in general took a step back and just went in to cruise mode for the following months. We ended up having minimal disruption to the operation of the station, and generally it was business as normal for the on air broadcasts.

This year we saw Violet leave us due to work commitments. She is surely missed, as she brought an energy and vibe to the station and her broadcasts.

We however picked up Yolande Norris, Kelly Sturgis, Lilly Morris and Frank Eagan. Whom I all warmly welcome to the station, Yolande is presenting Radio Jilly each Thursday night from 6pm, and from all accounts and feedback has a great following.

Kelly has joined the rouge operators from the Greenhorns and like violet before her brings an air of sensibility to the team and has fitted right in with them, The Greenhorns is still a favourite among our online listeners.

Frank has joined us with his own half hour of "Our Farm" at this stage just once a month, following Fulvio on a Tuesday. It's a grass root look at farming and how frank does it.

We see the return of Lily Morris who last year did some guest shows and now has her own show, which is geared for the under 30's, something we welcome and encourage.

We also saw the last Chat with the QPRC Mayor Tim Overall, who has decided not to run for mayor again, Tim has been on air with Gavin since 2017, keeping us informed of council matters. We hope to continue this with whoever is elected the next mayor come December.

We have been quiet on the Outside Broadcast front, mainly due to Covid. We broadcast from Bungendore for the Country Rocks Festival on Saturday 27 March and then From Nerriga on the Sunday for a Thanks day for the RFS. Both Broadcasts went to plan and I thank Will and Disko for their help with these, We then did the Council Meet the Candidate from the Servicemen's club last week. During this Time we had the OB van spray-painted and thanks to a recent grant from Dargues Gold Mine we now will get the van Sign written ready for the coming months and hopefully many more OB's.

We finally had our Diesel Generator installed at the Transmitter site and hope to have it in full operation very soon, This will enable the Transmitter to automatically switch over to the generator when we lose mains power.

We have also replaced all the lights in the studio with LED in an effort to reduce our power consumption, and in another recent grant that we are waiting for final approval will get to install Solar panels on to the studio, further reducing our running costs.

The coming months will see the launch of Matt Thanos film "A community Under Fire" in which the Radio Station features quite a bit, we are privileged to be part of this local production, so keep an eye out for that. And later next year we will see the launch of the Audio Podcasts series being produced locally, we

were there at Nerriga for the launch and broadcast of “The good people of Nerriga” and this will be the culmination of 6 episode that once again the Radio features in, So another event to look out for.

I continue to keep updating our music schedules and looking for new and interesting programs, to keep the sound of the station fresh and relevant. This is one of the time consuming but enjoyable aspect of running a radio station.

We are seeing a demand from Music artists for Interviews and to play their latest single and Disko has been attending to these.

Over the coming year we will look at updating the studio with better equipment and continue the process of trying to expand our signal.

We will also continue to seek new presenters and new sponsors whilst continuing our efforts to produce locally made shows and air locally produced Music.

I would like to thank the current board members for their support in the running of 88.9 and thanks to the 17 presenters who all volunteer and give up their time to keep the airwaves going.

Gordon Waters
Station Manager

16 November 2021