

RIVER HEADS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 28th AUGUST 2025 – 6PM

The Annual General Meeting of the River Head Progress Association was declared open at 6pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Coral Albrecht, Doug Albrecht, Barry Barwick, Mark Hensel, Karen Hensel, Ian Marsden, Barbara Marsden, Edward Martin, Geoff Mealing, Keith Morrison, Cheryl Morrison, Richard Morton, Tracey Morton, Neil Shardlow, Liz Stewart, Desma Coombes, Ross Coombes, Trevor Gordon, Alan Baxter, John Weiland, Barry Goode, Suzanne Taylor, Paul Taylor, Susan Walsh, Alison McGarry, Huxley Althaus, Ben Flanders

NON MEMBERS PRESENT: Celena Lloyd, Kylie Brown

APOLOGIES: Margaret Horlock, Brett Drysdale

The minutes from the AGM 2024 were read by Keith Morrison

These were accepted as a true record.

Moved: Ian Marsden **Seconded:** Barbara Marsden

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Keith Morrison tabled his Presidents Report.

Welcome all and thank you for your attendance.

Today's AGM is the opportunity for everyone to peruse the audited financials and for you to be part of forming the next chapter in this wonderful association.

I'd like to quickly thank councilor John Weiland, who works tirelessly for our division 7 residents, for being in attendance to facilitate the election of a new committee tonight.

This small team sitting on the table with me has worked tirelessly on various projects. Some which became fruitful, and others unfortunately were unsuccessful. And they can't be thanked enough for their efforts. Nor can the volunteers who help out each Friday night in the kitchen cooking, prepping and washing up, those on the front desk and taking your orders, and in the bar and of course to those who stay behind to help stack the table and chairs. And we need also to thank those who helped out on our Bunnings BBQ days. Remember, they are all volunteering their time to provide the rest of the community a great evening.

So what have we achieved in the last 12 months? Firstly the obvious:

- The painting of the walls,
- With the help of the fishing club, the wall of fame,
- From funds donated by John, new fans on the back deck,
- A more organized and easier to use library thanks to David & Sheree.
- Making Friday nights more interesting with music on the first bistro night of the month with regular BBQ's and exciting Theme nights.
- A fantastic booked out Christmas function
- A memorable ANZAC day dawn service.

And the not so obvious;

- An upgraded liquor license to enable us to trade more regularly when required and to be able to invite more of the community into the hall.
- A negotiated better insurance policy to cover areas of concern that left us vulnerable in the past.
- Easier and more cost effective use of the hall to our financial members within their groups for their social activities.

BUT most importantly, the increase of membership and attendances to our Friday night Bistro bringing our community together which is the reward we all seek for our efforts.

May I also advise that our Fraser radio is continuing to grow and that the sub-committee was re-elected to continue on for the next year.

But back to our current committee.

Firstly, to Sheree, who unfortunately couldn't be here today, for bringing our web page up to date and assisting with our social media and some of our compliance issues.

To Geoff who ruled with an iron fist over our financials making sure there was a receipt for every expense, but more importantly, itemizing all of our income and expenditures so we could clearly see what was working and what needed improvement. Also making sure we were compliant with the governing bodies.

To Tracey who continues to collate all the stories and photos and put the pages together for our monthly Review.

To Coral for creating our Facebook posts advising all about all the good things that are happening at the hall.

To Cheryl who had the unenviable task of putting the Friday night rosters together, looking after our membership register and just helping out where she could.

To Karen who jumped through so many hoops to get our updated liquor license that Barnum & Baily contemplated signing her up for their featured act. The process took close to 6 months with an uncountable number of phone calls, numerous toing & froing of documents, and numerous visits to the regulators offices. All of that whilst she continued to perform the day to day tasks of being the Association's secretary.

To Mark, who actually does nothing more than what is expected of him. The problem being is that everyone just expects Mark to do so much. Mark is always there when needed, he is always the first to put up his hand to help out, he is always there to fix whatever is broken if he can, he makes sure that your favorite drink is in the bar & chilled, he is there when the doors are opened and is usually one of the last to leave.

And finally, to Liz who for over 10 years has poured so much into this association. From the early days as a kitchen hand through the days of organizing the River Head markets and to taking on the main role in the kitchen along with a few other just as important roles. It's with great sadness that I advise tonight that Liz has decided to take a well-earned break away from the association to concentrate on more personal aspects of her & Rob's lives. She has though given us a commitment to make special guest appearances behind the kitchen servery from time to time until we can fill the void she leaves

behind. We wish you well Liz & hope that you can enjoy being part of the community sitting down with us enjoying Friday night bistros whilst someone prepares your meals for a change.

So ladies & gentlemen, we move towards the next chapter of the Progress association. The singer Pink has a song that says 'The world's been spinning since the beginning and everything will be alright"

This association will continue on as it has in the past, through good times and some not so good. All it needs is people.

TREASURER REPORT

The audit report for 2024/2025 is available to view at the RHPA.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

John Weiland thanked the committee and declared all positions vacant and called for nominations. The following positions were duly elected.

President	Keith Morrison
Vice President	Ian Marsden
Treasurer	Jenny Gordon
Secretary	Karen Hensel
Assistant Secretary	Alison McGarry
Assistant Treasurer	Geoff Mealing
Registrar (Membership)	Cheryl Morrison
Registrar (Keys)	Cheryl Morrison
Events Coordinator	Suzanne Taylor
Bistro Manager	Karen Hensel (Interim)
Bar Coordinator	Mark Hensel
Roster Coordinator	Cheryl Morrison (Interim)
Emergency Coordinator	Mark Hensel
Webmaster	Sheree Henley
Social Media Coordinator	Coral Albrecht
Review Editor	Tracey Morton
Fraser Radio Delegate	Ed Martin

These members were duly accepted.

Meeting closed at 6:25pm.