

Pirie Community Radio Broadcasters Inc (Trax FM)
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 7pm
In the station Meeting Room

Present: Graham Johnston, Rhonda Johnston, Rose Marschall, Tony Adriaanse, Christine Kent, Liz Gould, Wayne McKinnon, Amanda Dickens, Zara McKinnon, Adam Penhull, David Carwana, John Rohde, Mark Piggott, Delmar Allen, Peter Allen, Maxine Dienhoff, Kyah Dienhoff, Virginia Maude, Brenda Edwards, Chris Maude, Vicki Walters, Ray Walters, Bluey Gurr.

Apologies: Greg Kerr, Teresita Chivell, Dean Adams, Maggie Davies, Kirk D, Melany Castle, Shannon Castle.

Minutes: the minutes of the 2023 Annual general Meeting were read and confirmed on a motion put by Christine Kent, and seconde by Ray Walters. Carried.

Business Arising: The Code of Practice mentioned has now been registered this week by the ACMA and comes into force on 1st July 2025. Updated print versions together with information for implementation will be supplied by the CBAA in due course.

Reports:

Station Report: was given by Chairman John Rohde (See separate document).

Financial Report: was presented by Treasurer Christine Kent. (See separate document). It was moved by David Carwana and seconded by Vicki Walters that the report be accepted. Carried.

Technical Report: was presented by Graham Johnston (See separate document).

Election of members of the Board:

The following members of the Board have a further twelve months to go to complete their two year term. Rose Marschall, Christine Kent (Treasurer) and John Rohde (Chairman).

We have received the following nominations Graham Johnston (Secretary) and members Brenda Edwards, Virginia Maude, Kyah Dienhoff, Maxine Dienhoff, Tony Adriaanse and Margaret Davies. As there were sufficient vacancies as nominees for positions on the Board an election was not required and the nominees were declared elected. John Rohde thanked the new members for nominating and looked forward to a successful year at Pirie Community Radio Broadcasters Inc (Trax FM).

General Business:

Graham Johnston presented the background information on the changes to the constitution discussed and proposed by the Board to enable us to apply to become a Charity under the rules of the Australian Charities and Not for profit Commission.

David Carwana moved and Ray Walters seconded that we adopt the new constitution as put forward and recommended by the Board. The motion was passed by a show of hands and was unanimous.

Meeting closed at 7.52pm

Trax FM 2024 AGM

Chairpersons Report

I write my report for presentation at this AGM with thanks to all who are involved with the Station for your continued work and commitment, and to our loyal listeners and supporters for still being there with us, particularly this year as we asked some very difficult questions of ourselves and our Station's future.

The beginning of 2024 was a watershed moment in the history of Trax FM. We found ourselves in a difficult position, scraping through paying our bills often only by way of some clever work of Graham's in finding ways to save money and by some generous donations from individuals allowing us to stay afloat. Enthusiasm was down and the Board had to ask the question, did we want to keep going!

Of course now, the rest is history, we held a meeting in March that attracted a good turn out from Station Members, our friends from other Community Stations and community members who wanted to see Trax continue and we reinvigorated our desire.

What has followed has been new members coming onto the Board, some fantastically successful fundraisers with bingo and a country music concert and raffles, increased support from our local representative, Geoff Brock (thank you) and going to local bodies like the Port Pirie Regional Council and the Port Pirie Health Advisory Committee and seeking their support which has raised also significant funding.

What this all means of course is that at the moment we are in a much better position now than we were than this time last year. But we cannot rest and say "job done". We have to maintain our enthusiasm and build upon what has been started if we are to continue being relevant and available to our community. When you leave here tonight, please think about what else we can do to raise money, what can we do to attract more members, especially the younger generation and how can we share why radio is such a great media and **why we love this little community of people we have.**

Apart from this significant part of our year we have also broadcast away from our studios on a number of occasions this year with the most recent being at the Smelters Picnic. Thank you to those presenters who were involved in the

day, it is just another great opportunity for listeners to have the opportunity to catch up with the people they love to listen too.

Graham also set up a number of times at the Sporting Precinct this year to broadcast local soccer games with the Savoy Soccer club involved and I know our sporting audience enjoyed listening in to these over the year.

I want to thank our Radio Reading people for their contribution to the Station and for Graham and Christine who produce their efforts ready for radio broadcast, it is much appreciated.

We now move into a new year of Station operations and I feel much more confident about our future now than I did this time last year. We are in better position now because of **you**, our members, friends and listeners all of you have contributed to keeping us on air.

Thank you for all of your efforts in keeping this wonderful station on air.

Thank you all for your attendance,

Station Chairperson
John Rohde

Profit and Loss (Cash)

Report Period: 01/07/23 - 30/06/24

Files in this report:

Trax FM

A.B.N.: 62 763 780 505

Income	\$	\$
ATO - BAS refund	920.00	
Donation	21265.26	
Grants	54.55	
Membership	1218.18	
Membership - Friends of Trax FM	40.00	
Membership - Groups	200.00	
Retail Sales	9.09	
Sponsorship	5389.20	
Travel Expenses/Conferences	200.00	
Total Income		29296.28
Expenses		
Advertising & Promotion	45.00	
Electricity - Bluff	2564.48	
Electricity - Studio	2472.06	
Insurance	4278.72	
Internet charges	1586.12	
License Fees	870.48	
License Fees - GST free	149.00	
Postage	158.18	
Subscriptions	5137.27	
Total Expenses		17261.32
NET Profit (Loss)		12034.96

Please Note: This is a 'cash' Profit and Loss Statement and may require adjustment for items such as depreciation, or 'accrual' items such as accounts receivable or accounts payable depending on your tax or accounting requirements

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Technical Report 2023-24

This year has been one of working within a very tight financial position with only necessary expenditure for repairs to keep the station operational. A highlight was the station winning a Rodecaster Pro 2 digital audio desk in a national competition where stations promoted the Community Radio Plus app on air. Stations were monitored and apparently we came out tops, so thanks to all our presenters who promoted this app on air.

After some hesitation the desk was used on air for a few soccer matches and also the Smelters Picnic OB. It has some exciting facilities and can be used for telephone interviews with a bluetoothed mobile phone and for podcasting.

After 2 years our electricity meter at the Bluff has been changed to a smart meter with remote reading, so gone are the days of a person visiting the site to read the meter. We can also get some very useful information from the downloaded meter data.

We are looking at replacing our transmitter for a more efficient type to save electricity and are planning to apply for a grant in the new year for this project.

Microsoft are planning to stop supporting Windows 10 in October 2025. None of our computers are capable of running Windows 11 so we have 7 computers that need attention. Some may not be needing urgent attention (if they are not used on the internet). I will be exploring avenues to replace all 7 via a grant.

New Code of Practice adopted by ACMA

Graham Johnston