

Magpies Sporting Club Ltd

Minutes of the forty-fourth Annual General Meeting held on Monday 25th November 2024
At Sky's Function Venue Glenella Road, Glenella

Meeting Opened: 7.02pm by the Chairman, Jason Egan

Present: As per attendance book

Apologies: Michael Langton, Teresa and Phil Dreghorn.

Welcome: Jason Egan Chairman welcomed all attending.

Silence: Jason Egan asked all to stand for a minute's silence for all members who have passed on during the year

Minutes of Previous AGM:

The Chairman asked if someone would move the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Moved that the minutes of the previous AGM as read, be accepted

John Talbot / Janice Thiele – All in favour - Carried

Business Arising:

None.

Chairman's Report: Tabled as per the Annual Report and spoken to by Jason Egan

Moved that the Chairman's Report be accepted as tabled

Ray Golding / Paul O'Brien - All in favour – Carried

Comments from the floor:

None.

General Manager's Report: Tabled as per the Annual Report and spoken to by Mitch Milanovic

Moved that the General Manager's report be accepted as tabled

Graham Perry / Sandi Egan - All in favour – Carried

Comments from the floor:

None.

Financial Statements: Christiane Christoffel presented the report and the audited statements for the period as outlined in the Annual Report.

Moved that the Financial Report be accepted as tabled

Charles Ogilvie / Paul O'Brien - All in favour – Carried

Comments from the floor:

None.

Election of Office Bearers:

The Chairman advised that there were three positions available. Two x 3-year terms and One x two-year term.

Nominees are:

- Emma Nicholson
- Becky O'Brien
- Michael Langton

Result of Election:

- All nominees accepted positions unopposed
- Existing Directors Becky O'Brien and Emma Nicholson in the three-year terms
- Michael Langton in the two-year term

Appointment of Auditors

Moved that Brown & Bird be reappointed as auditors for the 2024 financial year.

Keith Carroll / Ray Golding- All in favour – Carried

Acknowledgement of exiting Director and Club Secretary Ian Quinn:

Chairman Jason Egan acknowledged the dedicated service of Director and Club Secretary Ian Quinn. He has contributed many years of knowledge and experience to the benefit of our Club and his contribution on the Board will be missed.

Election of Life Members – Jason Egan

No nominations received.

General Business

No notice of general business has been received.

Jason Egan called the floor open for questions & suggestions

Discussion from the floor

Paul O'Brien expressed his appreciation to Magpies for the love and support shown to Maud. It meant a lot to Maudie and Paul and their family. The Magpies family is alive and well.

John Talbot

- Thank you to the new General Manager, the Board of Directors and Staff, for an excellent year. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of our previous General Manager, Darren Smith.
- I would like to see a membership drive to increase members. We have 1500 junior sports participants, are their parents members?
- When someone becomes a member, I would like them to receive a letter thanking them for joining, outlining the charity donation component of their membership and detailing the food and drink discounts

Jason Egan thanked John Talbot for the suggestion and said the Board will take it into consideration.

Paul O'Brien asked if we had a confirmed timeframe on the Club Redevelopment.

GM Mitch Milanovic outlined that we will first do our car park renovation, and this will commence in February 2025. It is anticipated that it will be an 8-week project. We expect to move to the Club Redevelopment around June/July 2025.

Paul O'Brien asked if we have gone out to Tender yet. Mitch Milanovic explained that Tenders have not gone out, that should happen around April 2025. We have entered an ECI (Early Contractor Involvement) arrangement with Woolams Construction. This means that Woolams can have input into the design phase in order to achieve better outcomes for project costs and delivery. Jason Egan explained that while Woolams will get the first opportunity to quote the job, we can still choose to go to tender and receive quotes from other companies.

Paul O'Brien asked if we were still working with Brand & Slater as our architects and Jason Egan confirmed that we were. Paul O'Brien said that members were looking forward to seeing the renovations commence.

Heath Thiele said thank you to the Magpies Board, especially Quinny and Brian, on behalf of the AFL Club. They really appreciated the support during a difficult time in their Club.

Kevin Brown asked why is that he travels to Burketown and South Australia and the XXXX is cheaper there than it is here at Magpies for a foundation member?

Mitch Milanovic explained that different venues have different agreements with alcohol suppliers. At Magpies we do our very best to keep prices down for our members. Mitch said that upon his arrival at Magpies in August, there had been no increases to beer prices for 12 months, despite increases in CPI and government excises.

Kevin Brown said that he attended a function at Magpies on the 6th June and afterwards he was kicked out of the venue and not allowed to enter the Club downstairs to have a drink or go into gaming. As a foundation member it is a kick in the guts.

Mitch Milanovic explained that he was not here in June, but he would speak with Shorty about this incident and look into further.

Rob Sinn asked why there were not more affiliate clubs in attendance at this AGM, are they disillusioned with the Club?

Jason Egan said that most of the affiliate clubs did have a representative at this AGM. Brian McCall responded that the Club has continual open communication with affiliates all year round, including monthly sports council meetings. He suggested that any low attendance at the AGM suggests that they are satisfied and that all their needs are being met.

Paul O'Brien asked if we could have a display downstairs for the Magpie of the Year? It is a prestigious award and although it is promoted on social media, it would be good to have the winner on display in the Club for the year to celebrate the achievement. Paul acknowledged that space in the venue is an issue.

Jason thanked Paul for the suggestion and said that it will be taken into consideration.

John Talbot said that he would like to see the Gar Houston Plaque that used to be in the Sportsbar put back up.

Jason Egan said that he will look into it.

Paul O'Brien asked if there are any plans for changes or development to the outside of the Club for our sporting affiliates.

Jason Egan said that there is not because we are focused and committed to the Club Redevelopment. We would have liked to develop Lot 168 (John Talbot Park), however the infrastructure costs of power, water, and sewage services alone are millions of dollars, before we build anything. Jason outlined that we do have an external masterplan that includes working with the Government for funding for external projects.

Kevin Brown said that he attended a big wake at Magpies earlier this year and he could not get a beer. The family of the deceased wanted to hold the wake over the road and that's what should have happened, why wasn't it?

Jason Egan said he is not aware of the event that Shorty was referring to.

Brian McCall responded and said that it is not as easy as just holding large events over the road. We have junior training sessions running over there several times a week that cannot be cancelled.

Kevin responded that if it is going to be held upstairs then it should be done properly.

Kel Ogilvie asked whether there would be live music in the venue after the renovations? Many other clubs have live music and it adds to the atmosphere. Recently he attended Wynnum Leagues Club, and they had someone playing a piano. Why can't Magpies have something like that?

Mitch Milanovic responded that after the renovation we would have the space and opportunity to explore live music as it does create a great atmosphere. Right now, we are just very restricted for space.

John Talbot commented that lack of space is a real issue, everywhere we look. Down in the Sportsbar there is only one till.

Jason Egan responded that yes space is an issue, we have a plan, but it won't happen overnight. Ian Quinn responded that we have 21,000 members in this Club, we are bursting at the seams. We have been working on the Redevelopment Plans for the past 5 years and have spent \$230,000 on planning alone to make sure we get them right. We need to be patient. We are doing the car park first to make sure that everything happens in the correct order so that the construction period is smooth.

Brian McCall said that although we do have plenty of challenges with a lack of space, we have achieved \$30 million in revenue for the year so we are doing plenty of things right too.

Paul O'Brien asked about the impact to our Dog Obedience Club with the carpark renovation. Jason Egan responded that the Dog Obedience Club will be relocating to the Touch Football Fields on Norris Road. Magpies is assisting them with the move together with a grant from Council. We would have loved to have them down at John Talbot Park, but it was not feasible. Paul O'Brien said that it would be important to still support them, and Jason Egan confirmed that they remain an affiliate club and nothing has changed in terms of the support they will receive from Magpies.

Paul O'Brien asked whether a multi-story carpark has been explored. Jason Egan responded that they are just too expensive but down the track we might not have a choice as after this expansion we will be virtually land locked. Paul asked what the duration of the Masterplan is and Jason said it is approximately 5 years but we are engaging consultants to assist with the review of the Plan and help with sourcing funding opportunities.

Paul O'Brien asked how many Gaming Machines we will have after the renovation is completed. Mitch Milanovic said that we expect to use all our entitlements which will take us to 229 (increased from 210).

Members and guests were invited to take part in light refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.46pm.