

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
SUNDAY 9 March 2025 at 10:00 am in the Weymouth Hall**

**Meeting opened at:**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

**Apologies:** *Apologies received from 10 members; 48 present.*

*Proxy Votes have been received from: Nil*

**2. Minutes of the last AGM**

*The minutes of the AGM held on 9 March 2024 were circulated with the agenda for this meeting and printed copies are available.*

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the AGM held on 9 March 2024 are accepted as a true and correct record.*

**Moved:** *Sally Sauer*      **Seconded:** *Graeme Bowkett*      **Carried**

**3. To receive the Annual Report**

**2024 President's Report**

Copies provided. Gary spoke to the key points of his Report and thanked the Committee, volunteers, members and Secretary for their ongoing support.

**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 25**

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting for the period 24 -25

1. Welcome to all of you who attend today, including the new members who have taken residence (full or part time) in our wonderful community.
2. Your Progress Association continues to pro-actively pursue the aims of our charter which includes:
  - a. The application of good governance.
  - b. The setting of a friendly and cohesive community
  - c. The sound management of the Associations finances.
  - d. Maintaining strong relations with the George Town Council
  - e. Maintaining and respecting our associations with relevant State Government bodies.
3. The past twelve months have proven to be very successful, with the usual main activities successfully conducted. These include:
  - a. The Easter Market. This event grows each year and this coming event is going gangbusters.
  - b. The Anzac Service was well attended and will remain as an annual event

- c. The Winter Solstice celebration. It is interesting to note that our Council have taken this initiative on as well.
- d. Christmas in Winter. Another highly successful celebration with the usual power interruption not dampening the night, The power problem has been attended to and should not occur again.
- e. The Weymouth Anniversary again very popular, The “band” were hugely popular and we hope to have them return for this year’s event.
- f. This season saw the introduction of a community meet and greet. The hall was made available for those able to attend on a BYO basis with attendees providing a share plate of food. A roaring success and will be an annual event. The picture show generated a great deal of interest. If anyone has “historical photos” they can share, please advise me to allow for copies to be made.
- g. And finally, the Australia Day, Sandcastles Competition. Very well attended and a success. It is worth pointing out there were several comments re the overall conduct and these have been taken on board for the 2026 event.

#### 4. New initiatives

- a. The quarterly meeting with the George Town Council Mayor and General Manager with Associations Presidents and Secretaries has been productive. Following the major power outage in September 2024 discussion centered on mitigation of any future event. A representative from the Premier’s Office advised of grants being available for local power generation. The Associations with halls are to have diesel generators installed to assist with providing local centers for charging of batteries, local comfort stations and power for the hall toilet facilities.
- b. There is some movement from the Township Character plans, with the provision of a defined walking track from the Trevor carpark to the beach side Toilet facility. Preparations for the painting of that block are underway. The second phase of the upgrade will be the provisions of clean water, with the Iron oxide source being disconnected.
- c. The Hall has had major electrical work carried out with the Transend feeder line being upgraded, and the circuit breakers replaced with higher capacity units.
- d. The installation of a reverse cycle heat pump will be a boon in the colder months.
- e. Additional power (15 amp) outlets have been installed which will ease the demand during the Easter market, and other activities

#### 5. Expenditure

- a. The committee, following a motion from the June General Meeting, have purchased a big (100 inch) Smart TV and suitable sound bar.
- b. This has been put to good use (Christmas in Winter, Committee meetings, and general use during the holiday season).

6. News.

- a. For those who may not have received the advice, the General Manger has advised a review of the suitability and safety of the bridge across the Back Creek (Weymouth Road) and deemed in need of replacement. A grant (Federal) has been applied for (\$2.5M which will allow for a realignment and replace with a suitable two-lane structure.

7. Governance

Your committee have worked extremely hard to ensure the administration of the Association does not fall on the shoulders of the usual one or two.

This has been achieved by the various functions being "owned" by two committee members, who have taken the roles with gusto.

That being said, I will conclude with my gratitude to the committee members, who have been a boon to work with. I also thank the many other volunteers who assist in making sure the functions, and the maintenance of our wonderful village is of a high standard.

I thank the members of our Association for your interest and support and look forward to the next twelve months.

**Gary Byard RFD JP**  
**President**

**MOTION: That the President's Report is accepted.**

**Moved: Zich Woinarski**

**Seconded: Sam Gannon Carried**

**4. To receive a financial statement for the preceding year**

A copy of the financial statement was available on the website and Auditor's Report for 2024 was available.

Thanks to Stuart Cox for reviewing the Financial Report. His Report contained some suggestions relating to Governance which Gary undertook to address.

The figure of \$3,600 against the Cricket Club was rectified and did not appear in the latest version of the Report available on the website. Meg Anstie confirmed that the version available on the website is the correct version.

Lynn van Emmerik asked which spreadsheet is correct. This was answered previously. Lynn insisted that the Report is incorrect. Gary assured the meeting that the Report, specifically final balance details are correct. Lynn continued to dispute the accuracy of the report.

Gary suggested that a phone call prior to the meeting could enable him to rectify and anomalies, rather than raise them as an issue at the AGM.

Stuart Cox indicated that he had an opportunity to review the financial report and that everything was completed according to Statutory requirements. Lynn continued to dispute the accuracy of the Report.

Meg Anstie thanked the Committee and Treasurer for their commitment as volunteers and that the AGM was not a witch hunt. She pointed out that the report presented was a summary of a much broader report. This was greeted by enthusiastic applause from members present.

**MOTION: That the Financial Statement and Audit Report are accepted.**  
**Moved: Ralph Berry** **Seconded: Sally Sauer**  
**Carried with 2 members opposed (Lynn van Emmerik and Lola Murfet)**

**5. To elect office bearers and committee members**

As provided for in our constitution, the positions of Vice President and Secretary and committee positions are now declared vacant.

Nominations received to date were circulated by email. As per the Constitution, nominations from the floor will be accepted for any vacant positions where no nominations have been received.

Nomination for Vice President:  
A nomination has been received for Sally Sauer.  
Sally Sauer was declared elected unopposed.

No Nominations for the position of Secretary were received. Craig Tyeson was nominated from the floor.

**Nominated: Sally Sauer   Seconded Kim Dean   Carried**

No further nominations were received. Craig was declared elected unopposed. As per the Constitution, there are 12 positions on the Committee. Nominations were received for:

- Nicola Cox (Public Officer)
- Maureen Berry
- Mark Johnson
- Nick Shaw
- Graeme Bowkett
- Adam Spooner
- Deb Quon
- Brett Glanville
- Kerry Kelb
- Brian Roe

Thanks to our outgoing committee members, and congratulations to our new committee members.

**6. To decide the amount of the annual subscription**

***Resolved: That the annual subscription remains as \$5.00.***

## 7. Appointment of Auditor

Stuart Cox was nominated as Auditor.

**Nominated: Gary Byard      Seconded: Lindal Byard      Carried**

Stan van Emmerik suggested that the Committee rework and simplify the Financial Workbooks. Kylie Clare suggested investigating an accounting package such as Xero. Resolved to review the accounts structure. Meg Anstie and Stan van Emmerik volunteered to help. Linda Gannon also indicated her willingness to contribute.

### **8. Life Membership Nomination**

As per our Constitution and the Life Membership Guidelines approved at the November 2024 General Meeting, a nomination for Life Membership for Graeme Bowkett was received by on November 16, 2024 and considered by the Committee at the December 7, 2024 Committee meeting. Graeme was nominated by Phillip Mancey and seconded by Craig Tyeson. The Committee considered the nomination against the approved criteria and unanimously endorsed the nomination. Consequently, the following motion is put to this meeting:

**Motion: That Graeme Bowkett be awarded Life Membership of the Weymouth Progress Association Inc. for outstanding service to the Weymouth community.**

**Moved: Craig Tyeson      Seconded: Luke Miller      Carried Unanimously**

Gary presented Graeme with a Life Membership Certificate and plaque.

Graeme thanked the WPA and said that he began his involvement 30 years before at the encouragement of Mary Bonnily (Life Member; dec).

He said that the Community needs to get behind the Committee.

**The Meeting Closed at: 10:35 am**