



EXHIBITION POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC

Minutes of the annual general meeting via Zoom Sunday August 24, 2025

Present: Gerald Farrugia, Peter Gooch, Danny Benn, Heidi Fagan, Elisha Bannerman, Kirri Parkes, Brodie Petty, Caleb Thomas, Josh Taylor, Keith Stewart, Guy Wailes, Torie Heymans, Brod Vallance, Sam Pulis, Elle Brown, Rachel Condon, Johanna Martin, Noelle Buckley, William Bates, Kollah Cannon, Jason Brookes.

Meeting opened 7.05pm:

1. Welcome and Apologies.

President Danny Benn welcomed all present and apologies were noted.

Apologies: Jamie Nordstrom, Bradley O'Leary

2. Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held **August 17, 2024**, were tabled by the secretary, having previously been circulated and placed on the association web page.

Moved: Heidi Fagan, seconded Rachel Condon the minutes be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Business arising

i. Bruce Raines Perpetual Trophy.

The following motion was presented at the previous AGM of the EPANSW

Motion: *EPA to initiate discussions with the RAS for a Bruce Raines Perpetual Trophy for the Young Judges Competition in recognition of his service.*

This motion was undertaken and the Bruce Raines Memorial Annual trophy for the Champion of the RAS Poultry Young Judges Competition was established.

This trophy was presented to the Winner of the 2025 competition Bryson Lee at the SRES.

ii. EPANSW Logo and Name TM application Update.

Previous minutes noted:

An application for Trademark of the EPANSW Logo and Name has been submitted to IP Australia, and has been accepted, the finalisation of the TM should be late September.

Approval was granted in late September and is now a legally bound trademark and IP protected.

4. President's report

The President, Danny Benn read his report a copy will be provided with the minutes and on the web site.

Moved: Heidi Fagan moved its acceptance and was seconded: Gerald Farrugia

CARRIED.

5. Secretary's report

The secretary, Heidi Fagan read her report to the meeting and was moved to be accepted to be tabled by Guy Wailes and seconded by Peter Gooch.

A copy will be provided with the minutes and on the web Site.

CARRIED

6. Judges Registrar report.

The Judges Registrar Mr Guy Wailes read his report to the meeting, and it was moved that it be accepted as tabled. A copy will be provided with the minutes and on the Web site.

Moved: Gerald Farrugia. Seconded: Heidi Fagan.

CARRIED

7. Treasurers report – 2024/2025

The treasurer read her interim report and tabled the profit and loss statement for the 2024/25 year.

The Association recorded a net trading loss of \$2,223.44 for the 2024/2025 financial year. While this result is disappointing when compared to our usual break-even or surplus position, it can be attributed to two main factors:

- **Increased insurance costs**, which rose significantly compared to the prior financial year, policy increase of \$800.00
- **Delayed payment of club memberships and insurances.** A number of clubs had not finalised their payments before 30 June 2025, with **\$2,590 in outstanding membership and insurance payments** carried forward after balance date, as well as some outstanding calendar purchase invoices.

Had all club contributions been received on time, the Association's results would have been materially stronger.

Income for the year was supported again through calendar sales, merchandise and APS Sales.

Calendar sales remained steady and continue to provide a strong supplementary revenue stream. Insurance is now one of our single largest costs, impacting the overall result.

As at the date of this report, the Association holds:

- **\$39,800.03 in the Commonwealth Bank cheque account**, and
- **\$17,708.25 in the Macquarie Bank investment account**,

bringing total available funds to **\$57,508.28**

These reserves place the Association in a solid financial position for the year ahead, ensuring that we can continue to meet our commitments, support our affiliated clubs, and run events without disruption.

While the year closed with a modest net loss, this was largely the result of circumstances outside the Association's immediate control. With outstanding club payments expected to be resolved, and strong reserves carried forward, the Association remains on firm financial footing moving into the 2025/2026 year.

Acceptance of the report was moved by Guy Wailes and was seconded by Torie Heymans.

CARRIED

8. 2025/2026 Membership fees.

It was resolved that the membership fees for the 2025/2026 period remain unchanged, being:

- \$30.00 for clubs/affiliates
- \$5.00 for individual members

A detailed discussion was held regarding the financial liability associated with the insurance policy.

It was noted that the total cost of the insurance policy for the 2025/2026 period amounted to \$6,785.99, representing a cost of \$81.76 per club. This figure is currently subsidised by EPANSW at a rate of \$41.76 per club.

Following extensive discussion, it was agreed in principle to increase the insurance contribution by \$10.00 per club in anticipation of an expected rise in the 2026/2027 policy, which is due for renewal in March 2026, and to review the situation at the next AGM when any policy cost increase will be known.

Motion: *"That the insurance premium payable by clubs be set at \$50.00 for the 2026/27 policy year, and that the membership fee remain unchanged at \$30.00."*

Moved : Jason Brookes second Sam Pulis

CARRIED

9. 2025 Sponsorship:

The ongoing sponsorship of the Sydney Royal Poultry and Pigeon Competition was reviewed. It was determined that the sponsorship for the 2026 SRES will continue for the forthcoming period, as previously mentioned the inclusion of the Bruce Raines Memorial Trophy and the funds allocated to the Pigeon Competition, resulting in a total sponsorship of \$925.00.

Further discussion addressed the sponsorship provided to the NSW Young Judges Competition (SRES winner) for travel expenses, which will be maintained at \$200.00.

Motion: *To continue with the \$925.00 sponsorship for the SRES Poultry and Pigeon Competition, inclusive of the Bruce Raines Memorial trophy, and \$200.00 for the winner of the Young Judges Competition to assist with travel expenses for the 2025 period, total \$1125.00.*

Moved by Jason Brookes, **Seconded by** Elisha Bannerman

CARRIED

10. Correspondence

The secretary reported that the throughout the year, the Association has received and dealt with regular correspondence relating to club activities, membership, and insurance matters. Of particular significance was correspondence concerning new club memberships. The EPANSW is pleased to formally welcome the **Picton Poultry Club**, **The Australian Call Duck Club** and the **Cessnock All Breeds Club** into the Association. Their affiliation not only strengthens our network but also broadens representation of poultry fanciers within our community.

The committee are also delighted to note and record the **renewal of membership of the Indian Game Club of NSW**. Their ongoing support and active participation remain greatly valued, and their return is a welcome confirmation of the Association's positive direction.

Correspondence was received from Mr Dylan Summerell, resigning his position as Judges Registrar.

The Secretary wished to place on record the Association's appreciation and thanks to Dylan for the time, energy, and dedication he gave in fulfilling this important role. His contribution has been valued by the committee and members.

Moved: Peter Gooch seconded by Elle Brown that the correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

11. Election of office bearers

The executive vacated their positions and Peter Gooch (Life Member) took the chair for the election of office bearers for 2025/26. The results of the elections are based on the formal nominations received from EPANSW member clubs, as per the constitution.

The EPANSW received no other valid nominations.

As only one individual was nominated for each position by member clubs, the nominations were **accepted and carried by the members present, as per the constitution.**

President:	Mr. Danny Benn
Vice President (North):	Mrs Elisha Bannerman
Vice President (South):	Mr. Sam Pulis
Secretary:	Mrs. Heidi Fagan
Treasurer: (Public Officer)	Mrs. Heidi Fagan
Judges Registrar:	Mr. Guy Wailes
Assistant Secretary:	Mr. Gerald Farrugia
Committee:	Mr. Bradley O’Leary
Committee:	Mr. Guy Wailes
Committee:	Mr Jamie Nordstrom

9. Other Business:

No other business was raised

10. Next Annual General Meeting

The next annual general Meeting of the EPANSW will be held on **August 23rd, 2026, or an alternate date offered as August 30, 2026, via Zoom**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.57pm

DANNY BENN

President

HEIDI FAGAN

Secretary