



## **Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Draft**

held at Rydges Norwest Baulkham Hills

On Saturday, 3 May, 2024

Commencing at 5.30pm

### **Present:**

Mark Paterson (MP)	Independent Chair for the meeting
Tracy Lucas (TL)	Chair Person /Grants
Olwen Smith (OS)	Director/ MPIO/Communications
Jan Pike (JP)	Director/ /Company Secretary /Rider Rep. Assistant
Joe Orland (JO)	Director/EO/Finance Officer
Allan Burton (AB)	Director/ Rider Rep.
Lucy Pentony (LP)	Office Co-ordinator (OC) RDA (NSW) – Minute Taker
Life Members, Regional Representatives and others as per attendance list.	

### **Voting Centre & LM**

5 – Blue Mountains  
6 – Box Hill TT  
7 – Central Coast  
8 – Coffs Harbour  
9 – Coonabarabran  
10 – Cootamundra  
11 – Cowra  
12 – Goulburn  
13 – Griffith-Leeton  
14 – Gunnedah  
15 – Illawarra  
16 – Kempsey/Macleay  
17 – Kendall  
18 – MGL  
19 – Moss Vale  
20 – Mudgee  
22 – Orange  
23 – RT & LH  
24 – Richmond  
25 – Ryde  
26 – Tamworth & District  
27 – Tumut  
30 – Wagga  
31 – Wauchope/Port Macquarie  
32 – Wollondilly  
33 – Young  
34 – Jan Pike  
35 – Margaret Norman  
36 – Eileen Davis  
37 – Maureen Turner  
38 – Kerry Johnson

### **Delegate**

Barry Davis  
Greg Urand  
Ann Lawson  
Clarry Quirk  
Jenny Whiteford (Proxy)  
Olwen Smith  
Jenny Wright  
Jo Grove  
Julie Groat  
Jenny Wilkinson  
Denise Tozer  
Marie Purkis  
Judith Rattur  
Margaret Blain  
Ann Garard  
Diane Burnicle  
Allan Everett  
Anne Armitage  
Wendy Snider  
Ron Marton  
Sue Wilson  
Margot Bulger  
Michelle Eastwood  
Jan Pike (Proxy)  
James Van-Lane  
Helen Strasser (Proxy)  
Life Member  
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Life Member (Proxy) Jan Pike  
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## 1. Welcome and official opening

- 1.1. Chair (MP) independent chair declared the meeting opened at 5.40pm and on behalf of the board welcomed everyone in attendance to the 2024 RDA (NSW) AGM – noted that the attendees have been recorded on a list before entering the AGM for an accurate record of those in attendance

## 2. Apologies, Proxies

- 2.1. The following apologies were noted:  
Margaret Beazley The Governor of NSW and Mr Dennis Wilson  
Peter Carn  
Kerry Johnson  
Margurite Francis  
Maureen Turner  
Joan Edwards  
Angus Malcolm
- 2.2. Proxies received:  
Young, Coonabarabran, Wauchope/Port Macquarie Centres, Life Members Maureen Turner, Kerry Johnson

## 3. Minutes

- 3.1. Acceptance of Minutes from the May 2023 Annual General Meeting  
The Chair advised that the minutes of the May 2023 AGM have been circulated and called for a proposer and seconder to accept the minutes

**32 (Wollondilly) Moved and 35 (Margaret Norman) Seconded** “that the minutes of the May 23 meeting be accepted”

**For the motion 24**

**25 (Ryde) and 33 (Young) abstained** according to the belief that these meetings have been improperly convened

**Against** the motion - Nil

**Motion Carried**

## 4. Business Arising from the May 2023 Annual General Meeting- None

## 5. Reports

### 5.1. Chairperson’s Report (see Annual Report)

The Chair noted that the Chairperson’s report was circulated by email via the Annual Report

**27 (Tumut) Moved and 32 (Wollondilly) Seconded** “that the Chairpersons report be accepted”

**For the Motion 23**

**Against** the motion - Nil

**25 (Ryde Centre) and 33 (Young) abstained** according to the belief that these meetings have been improperly convened

**Motion Carried**

### 5.2. Finance Officer’s Report

Finance Officer’s Report



Chair advised that the finance report was circulated by email to all Centres

**32 (Wollondilly) Moved and 10 (Cootamundra) seconded** “that the Finance Officer’s Report be accepted”

**For the Motion 10**

**Against the Motion 11**

**Motion Failed**

**6. Acceptance of the Financial Report including the Auditors Report**

**32 (Wollondilly) Moved and 10 (Cootamundra) Seconded** “that the financial report including the Auditors Report for 2023 be adopted.

**For the motion 4**

**Against 21**

**Abstained 2** – 7 (Central Coast) and 27 (Tumut) did not have the opportunity to consider the accounts

**Motion Failed**

**7. Centre Affiliation fees for 2024**

Fees proposed by recommendation of the Board to be \$110 for the year

**32 (Wollondilly) Moved 23 (Raymond Terrace) Seconded** “that the Centre Affiliation Fees for 2024 be \$110 as recommended by the Board of Directors

**For the Motion 26**

**Against 1**

**Abstained Nil**

**Motion Carried**

**8. Elections**

8.1. **Announcement of Regional Reps.** – on the agenda in error

8.2. **Announcement of Board Directors** – TL announced that CQ is standing down as Director and welcomed the new board members Greg Urand and Linda Bower. To remain on the Board TL, JO, AB, OS and JP will end her term as Appointed Director in November 2024 then will go back to being a Board Consultant

Chair congratulated the directors and welcomed the new Directors and noted that the new directors and directors to remain on the board was carried by the members with acclamation

**9. Motions- none received.** Motion foreshadowed see item10.3 below

**10. Other Business**

10.1. Appointment of Auditor

**Moved 32 (Wollondilly) Seconded 19 (Moss Vale)** “that the current auditor Richard Rogers to be retained for the upcoming year”

**For the Motion 14**

**Against the Motion 12**

**Motion Carried**



- 10.2. Invitation for hosting of 2025 Annual General Meeting Venue – on the agenda in error RDA (NSW) to host the 2025 AGM and Administration Workshop
- 10.3. **23 (Raymond Terrace) Moved** a Motion “that JO step down as director of RDA (NSW)”  
Chair could not accept this motion at an AGM - Motion to be foreshadowed and put in writing by Centres and a call for a Special General Meeting to move a special resolution and also to accept the financial Report for 2023

Ron Marton on behalf of Ryde Centre addressed the meeting noting that although we need to have 45 days as per the constitution to call a Special General Meeting to move the motion, there is discontentment in the room with the operations of the person operating as FO and that has had other positions on the Board. Requested that the members go away from this meeting on how we want RDA to go ahead. Need new blood, RDA (NSW) is all about improving the lives of people with a disability.

Margot Bulger on behalf of Tumut Centre addressed the meeting and spoke in favour of having a Special General Meeting. Chair confirmed he cannot accept the call for the Special General meeting and reiterated that this will have to be in writing from the Centres.

Chair thanked all for their participation at the AGM and wished everyone well for all their endeavours for the year ahead

Ron Marton thanked the chair for chairing the AGM and operating under difficult circumstances.

## 11. Meeting Closed at 5.55pm

Signed. ....Date.....

Chairperson