

Minutes of Annual General Meeting for Financial Year 23-24

Gippsland Writers Network

Wednesday 14 May 2025, 7pm via Zoom

1. The meeting opened via Zoom at 7pm. Vicky Daddo, President Gippsland Writers Network, welcomed attendees, comprising the committee: Tash Agafanoff, Ben Langdon and Sally Anne Watson Kane (from 7.15pm to 7.25pm). One member of the GWN attended.

2. There were no apologies from committee members.

3. Vicky confirmed the minutes of the previous AGM and advised they were available on the GWN website at www.gippslandwritersnetwork.com.au

4. There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Vicky summarised the chairperson's report and advised it would be uploaded to the website.

6. Tash Agafanoff summarised the treasurer's report and presented the audited financial statement. Documents would be uploaded to the website.

7. Election of Office Bearers

7.1 President: Vicky Daddo was elected re-president.

7.2 Treasurer: Tash Agafanoff was re-elected treasurer.

7.3 Secretary: Ben Langdon will confirm his capacity to act as secretary for the upcoming year.

7.4 Other office bearers: Sally-Anne Watson Kane agreed to assist with general promotions such as social media.

8. General business

8.1 Program of events

Monthly Write With Me sessions will continue.

Vicky advised that the grant received from Delburn Wind Farm would be utilised to pay for two tutors to deliver workshops at the upcoming Regional Writers Rise Festival in June 2025.

Ben advised that GWN can be promoted as lead on a workshop at the upcoming Gippsland Writers Festival in August.

Sally-Anne will deliver an in person event at a date and venue to be confirmed.

8.2 Membership

Vicky advised that membership had remained steady but there would need to be a concerted membership drive to attract more numbers. Vicky will promote the network at upcoming festivals in June and August.

There was discussion around membership fees and it was agreed to lift the fee from \$10 to \$12.50 for the 25-26 year and to \$15 for the 26-27 year. There will also be an option for members to donate a sum of their choosing. This will enable GWN to purchase annual Public Liability Insurance.

Vicky will advise members of the increased fees in the next several newsletters.

Vicky will also reach out to members to see if there are more volunteers to assist with promotions and website maintenance/management.

8.3 Grants and funding applications

Writers Victoria will advise when regional grants are allocated. In person workshops will be organised with these funds.

Ben will look out for further opportunities.

9. Date of next meeting to be advised

10. The meeting closed at 7.30pm