

# Chair Report – AGM 2022

2022 has proven the one constant in life is change. Last year our activity was almost completely virtual. That allowed us to continue interacting and sharing experiences with one another. This year we are now seeing face to face activities occurring again across Australia including the first Rowany Festival event since 2019.

I've arrived at the end of my term on the Board and have completed my second year as Chair. I'm really hoping that whoever steps up into the seat behind me doesn't have 2 years of locked-down activity and will be able to help guide our society back, safely, to where we were headed in 2019 - before everything decided to go "pear shaped" thanks to coronavirus.

At the AGM we will also farewell Lara Mucha and Cat Colwell from the Board as they have completed their full terms of service. I would like to thank Lara and Cat for their service and the significant contribution they have both made to our society.

The Board continues with members Jeremy Gregson (ACT), Paul Adams (Qld) and Katherine Rowell (NSW). During the year Tam Hovenga (Vic) stepped up into the position vacated by Ben Smith. Her ongoing appointment to the Board for a full term will be put to members at the AGM. Two other nominations to join the Board at the AGM have been received at the time of writing this message for members to vote on: Tegan Brinkman (SA) and Anthony Swallow (NSW).

Vacancies remain open for Board membership. Please speak with any Board member if you would like to know more about the opportunity, whether you are considering it for now or at some point in the future.

As I noted in last year's Chair's report, our standard activities over the year included:

- providing advice and information to members;
- reviewing policies and processes;
- implementing new policies and processes; and
- investigating new ideas to streamline processes.

We held eleven scheduled Board meetings. Additional meetings were held throughout the year to discuss urgent matters as they arose. Some of the matters required a great deal of time and energy from the Board.

I would like to finish this report by specifically thanking the Board for their ongoing professionalism and willingness to step up during these novel times. This willingness to volunteer and assist has ensured that we have managed to come through such an incredibly difficult and complex period and are in a relatively good position to carry on playing the game that we all love.

Yours in service,

Rob Aked  
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