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Chair's report

AGM 2023

The past year has been a period of restoration. Events are now running in full swing and it has been a fantastic to see members heading out to enjoy the society again.

This is my last AGM as a board member and with the completion of my tenure on the board I also complete a year as Chair. My time in the seat has been well supported by an excellent team.

At the AGM we will also farewell Jeremy Gregson who has served as Secretary for his last year of tenure. Jeremy has been an excellent sounding board, collaborator, leader and supporter during his time on the board and we have been blessed to have him in that role. Thank you Jeremy!

The board continues with members Katherine Rowell (NSW), Tam Hovenga (Vic), and Tegan Brinkman (SA). Tam has continued serving in the role of Treasurer, Katherine and has been serving as Deputy Chair and Tegan has been an excellent addition as a General member.

At the time of writing we have received four nominations for board members to step up at the AGM. In a rare situation, although we have two nominees from NSW, with Katherine Rowell (NSW) continuing, only one can be voted in due to the constitution requirement of a maximum of two members from any state in Australia. Thank you all for offering your expertise and experience to support the Kingdom through this service.

The last 12 months has seen a continuation of the standard activities noted by previous Chair, Rob Aked:

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

There has been a strong focus put on reviewing policy and process to bring us back in line with our compliance review timeline. As well as reviewing current policy, new potential policies have been discussed and their development will continue beyond my tenure.

I have been pleased to have a monthly(ish) catch up with the Chair of the NZ Board. Given that so much of what we do must be collectively advantageous it has been of great benefit to ensure we are all on the same page.

The last few years have been some of the most interesting and challenging social impact periods we have had for some time. With the last year or so being focussed on heading back to a more normal event and activity experience, I cannot be more thankful for the contribution the current Board members and our Kingdom Seneschals have given to our Kingdom. The collective drive for continuous improvement of process and policy in practice has been [paradisiacal](#) (and yep, I searched for a word to finish that alliteration – I just had to).

In service

Paul Adams,
Chair SCA Ltd.