



## **2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday 22 May 2024**

**Attendance:** See separate attendance register

**Apologies:** Mr. David Luchetti - An apology from David Luchetti was received prior to the start of the meeting, but Ms Williams wasn't informed, so it was not mentioned directly during the meeting.

The President, Ms. Jacqui Williams, commenced the meeting at 6:00 pm

### **ITEM 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Ms. Williams opened the meeting, introducing herself as the President of the Board and she thanked everyone for taking the time to attend.

Ms. Williams provided an acknowledgement of country on behalf of ANU Sport.

**NOTED**

### **ITEM 2 MINUTES FROM THE 2023 AGM**

Ms. Williams asked for the minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting to be moved.

The minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting were approved.

**AGREED BY CONSENSUS  
MOVED BY: Mr. Neil Parsons  
SECONDED BY: Mr. Lachlan Bayliss**

### **ITEM 3 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

#### **a. President's Report**

The President, Ms. Williams, presented her report – a full copy of which is provided in the annual report.

Ms. Williams thanked all the members and volunteers for their ongoing support, highlighting that 2023 was a successful year, marked by high participation rates and achievements across various programs and competition, noting that the total Club membership reached over 3,600, with 66%



being student members, and their outstanding accomplishments are documented in the annual report.

Ms. Williams emphasised the launch of three upgraded systems in 2023, which included a membership and facility booking system, a website, and a membership portal. These efforts were made to improve facilities despite ongoing challenges. The physical improvements covered the North Oval Pavilion, repairs to Willows Oval, upgrades to the Building 19 foyer, completion of hail remediation work, and acquisition of new equipment for the Strength & Conditioning gym room.

Ms. Williams gave a brief update on the finances, highlighting the achievement by ANU Sport with the surplus of over \$185,000 in 2023. Acknowledgement was given to the management team, the Board, the Finance Committee, and the university for their valuable contributions and support.

Ms. Williams expressed gratitude, on behalf of the Board, to all ANU Sport staff, and she particularly recognized the leadership of Ms. Katrina O'Mahony (CEO), Ms. Kathleen McCaskie (General Manager) and Mr. Jonathon Painting (Business and Finance Manager).

Ms. Williams acknowledged that this year marks the last AGM for Ms. Katrina O'Mahony as CEO, recognizing her significant contributions to ANU Sport since 2017.

Following this acknowledgement, Ms. Williams asked for a round of applause.

Ms. Williams provided an update on the finalisation of the recruitment process for the new CEO, scheduled for July, ensuring a smooth transition. A formal announcement was made at the closure of the AGM.

Concluding her speech, Ms. Williams expressed optimism about ANU Sport's future in 2024, as the organization aims to build on its success and strengthen its relationship with the university.

Ms. Williams asked if there were any questions from the floor.

There were no questions from the floor.

Round of applause.

#### b. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Mr. Parsons, presented his report – a full copy of which is provided in the annual report.



Mr. Parsons noted the surplus of \$186,900 in 2023, observing the continuation of good financial performance over the past six years. Despite a few challenges posed by COVID and hailstorm during this period, ANU Sport has consistently managed positive results.

Mr. Parsons highlighted that facility hire income was down this year due to temporary closures for hail remediation. However, this was offset by an increased income from the fitness centre. Overall, 2023 positioned the association in a strong financial state, boasting a healthy balance sheet with over \$4.5m dollars in the bank and minimal debt. A portion of these funds is earmarked for capital projects, including the South Oval pavilion.

Mr. Parsons noted that the campus wide freeze on new capital projects is still in place. Consequently, some of the larger projects are yet to progress. However, ANU Sport has undertaken various repairs and upgrades to enhance services. Notably, there has been the implementation of membership and facility software, making facility bookings and membership management easier.

Additionally, ANU Sport has made specific improvements:

- The Studio 1 floor received an upgrade, complete with refreshed paint and new mirrors
- Willows Oval has a new carpet
- A pickleball court has been added to the association's diverse range of sport offerings
- The fitness centre equipment continues to undergo upgrades
- A new Pilates studio is currently in progress

Mr. Parsons expressed gratitude to the club community for their enormous time and commitment to the association, noting that their dedication enables sports and activities to continue seamlessly. He noted that the association provided \$211,263 for club grants and \$15,000 in Elite Athlete Grants, supporting interhall sports, social sports, UniSport Nationals and IV and GO8 games.

Mr. Parsons concluded his speech expressing gratitude to the CEO, Ms. Katrina O'Mahony, acknowledging her departure after seven years with the association. Mr. Parsons thanked her for being an exceptional CEO and her positive transformative effect across the organization and the improved relationship made with the ANU.

Mr. Parsons also thanked the rest of the management team, Ms. Kathleen McCaskie and Mr. Jonathon Painting for their contribution over the years.

Mr. Parsons asked if there were any questions from the floor.

No further questions.



c. CEO's Report

The CEO, Ms. O'Mahony, presented her report - a full copy of which is provided in the annual report.

Ms. O'Mahony thanked Ms. Williams and Mr. Parsons for their reports and their kind words. Ms. O'Mahony also thanked Ms. Caitlin Roy, the Returning Officer, for her continued support and contribution as a volunteer to the association since 2020, considering the imminent changes in her life.

Ms. O'Mahony gave a gift of appreciation to Ms. Caitlin Roy and asked for a round of applause.

Ms. O'Mahony noted the growth and diversity of the work and achievements made by ANU Sport, underlining the importance of the role ANU Sport plays in the well-being of the community.

Ms. O'Mahony referred to a recent university sport conference presented by Dr. David Hughes, Chief Medical Officer from the Australian Institute of sport, who provided a keynote speech about the importance of sport and exercise to well-being, and the role that universities can play - specifically addressing the cliff in participation that exists after individuals leave school.

Ms. O'Mahony continued her speech commenting on the pride of this community, which continues to provide opportunities for students, staff, alumni, and community members to remain active.

Ms. O'Mahony reflected on some of the many achievements from the last 12 months among the Clubs, congratulating the cheerleading team for being crowned national champions, the men's football under 23 team, for being the CPL champions, and the Unisport Nationals students for achieving some fantastic results.

Ms. O'Mahony highlighted that 2023 was a year of investments in a lot of internal processes and upgrades, with new website membership software which has helped increase the usability of programs and services.

Ms. O'Mahony expressed her gratitude to the numerous individuals who contributed to the success of ANU Sport, and officially announced the end of her role as CEO of ANU Sport would be in July - and this AGM being her last one after almost 7 years. Ms. O'Mahony mentioned how incredibly enjoyable and rewarding it was to be part of this community and thanked all the club members, gym members, and program volunteers who have contributed, as well as the Board members who have provided guidance and support over the years.

Ms. O'Mahony specifically highlighted the contributions of the management team and how great it was working in such a positive environment.



Round of applause.

Ms. O'Mahony asked if there were any questions from the floor.

*Q. Mr. Lachlan Knoke asked if there is any more work to be done on the website.*

*A. Ms. O'Mahony responded that the team regularly works on the website, and if there was any specific feedback, it would be gratefully received by the ANU Sport team.*

The President called for the reports to be accepted.

**AGREED BY CONSENSUS  
MOVED BY: Mr. Ben James  
SECONDED BY: Mr. Lachlan Bayliss**

#### **ITEM 4      RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Returning Officer, Ms. Roy, presented her report relating to the nominations and elections of the 2024 ANU Sport Board.

Ms. Roy's report highlighted the election process undertaken, and that this year three ANU Sport Board general member positions were up for election. Nominations were open from Monday 15 April and closed on Sunday 21 April 2024. At the close of the nomination period, four nominations were received for the three general board member positions. These nominations were from:

Mr. Ian Miller  
Mr. Riley Hawke  
Ms. Monique Manning  
Mr. Jonathan Saunders

In accordance with 6.1 of the Electoral Regulations, it was determined through the nomination verification process that Jonathan Saunders was ineligible to stand for election to the ANU Sport Board.

The remaining three nominees were verified and eligible to stand for election. In accordance with 3.3 of the Electoral Regulations:

Pursuant to clause 19.7 of the Constitution, if the number of nominations received is equal to the number of positions on the Board to be filled by election, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected, subject to ratification at the annual general meeting.

No election was required.



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Ms. Roy declared that she was wholly satisfied that the nomination and election processes were conducted in a fair and proper manner in accordance with the ANU Sport Election regulations. Ms. Roy recommended that these results were ratified by members.

The President called for the Returning Officer's Report and the election results to be accepted.

**AGREED BY CONSENSUS  
MOVED BY: Mr. Alex Kuzis  
SECONDED BY: Mr. Chris Manchester**

**ITEM 5      LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION**

No life membership nominations were received.

**ITEM 6      OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was received prior to the meeting.

**ITEM 7      CLOSE**

Ms. Williams closed the meeting at 6:19 pm.