

VFMC AGM Sunday, 14th June 2026

Minutes

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced at 2.35pm. The president, Peter Kernebone opened the meeting with a welcome to attendees and traditional owners' acknowledgement.

2. Attendance

(in person) Peter Kernebone, Michael Hassett, Don Fraser, Steve Bullock, Jane Bullock, Brian Ellwood, Colin McLaren, Maree Buttler, Ray Mundy, Joan Mundy, Maggie Somerville, Denis O'Leary, Beth Duffy, (via Zoom) Bill Buttler, Stephen Whiteside, Kass Mulvaney, Katy Cottrill.

Attendance 17 - meeting quorate.

3. Apologies

Trevor Voake, Wal and Julie Tiedemann, Stan Alexander.

4. Proxy holders.

Maree Buttler for Bette and Dominic Martin.

5. Minutes of the 2025 annual general meeting.

(a) Confirmation of minutes as officially promulgated on VFMC website:

Moved Joan Mundy, seconded Colin McLaren, **Carried**.

(b) Matters arising or questions.

No questions or matters arising.

6. Receive and consider the following reports:

(a) the annual report of the President and sub-committees on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year

The president delivered a comprehensive report on the activities of the club, including regular and special events and acknowledged the contributions of individual members and committees.

Concerts, Dance and Sessions convenors gave brief verbal reports. The remaining written reports were taken as read.

Moved that all reports be accepted Colin McLaren, seconded Brian Ellwood. **Carried**.

(b) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;

The treasurer presented a report on the club's financial situation as endorsed by the auditor, Dainbridge Taxation. In summary:

Current assets and members funds: \$63,746.31

Income for year: \$26,105.75

Expenses for year: \$27,007.74

Net result - profit, (loss): (\$901.99)

The club's financial position remains strong despite a small deficit, due in part to overlap of public liability insurance in changing to a new insurer.

Moved Don Fraser seconded Steve Bullock, that financial statements and treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried**.

7. Elect the members of the Committee:-

Colin McLaren assumed the chair for the election of office bearers. He first acknowledged the work of the outgoing office bearers, and committee. Nominations were made and decided as follows:

(a) Office Bearers

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Result
President	Peter Kernebone	M Hassett	S Bullock	Elected
Vice president	Brian Ellwood	M Somerville	J Mundy	Elected
Secretary	Michael Hassett	P Kernebone	R Mundy	Elected
Treasurer	Don Fraser	P Kernebone	M Buttler	Elected

(b) General Committee

Re-elected president Peter Kernebone resumed the chair for election of the general committee. The following members were invited and accepted nomination:

- Bill Buttler,
- Maree Buttler,
- Colin McLaren,
- Maggie Somerville,
- Beth Duffy,
- Kass Mulvaney.

Moved Peter Kernebone, seconded Brian Ellwood that the above members are elected to the general committee. **Carried**.

8. Allocate Committee and other roles

The following committee and other roles were agreed by consensus.

Role	Member appointed	Comment
Concert Convenor	Brian Ellwood	
Dance Convenor	Bill Buttler	Will need an assistant
Sessions Convenor	Don Fraser	Requests an assistant to familiarise
Membership Officer	T Voake*	M Hassett to liaise
Publicity Officer	Don Fraser	Don will coordinate for now but seeks replacement. Bill B will help. Also Rick Lowen?
Newsletter Editor	Maggie Somerville	Requires training with Canva. Peter K to assist.
Billabong Band Convenor	T Voake*	
Website Support	Steve Bullock* Michael Hassett, Peter Kernebone	
Wattle Day team	Maree Buttler	Additional team members required

Youth Outreach		Role to be filled when possible. Publicise role in Newsletter.
Highland Games Liaison	Bill Buttler	Suggests T Voake as assistant/backup
VFMC Library Manager	Wal Teidemann*	
	* not on general committee	

9. Special resolutions

(1) Amend clause 76 of the VFMC constitution as follows:-

add the following to clause 76;

'(3) Subject to the Act and any court order made under section 133 of the Act, the surplus assets must be given to a body that has similar purposes to the Association and which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members and which prohibits the distribution of its assets to members.'

and to renumber the current rule 76 (3) as rule 76(4).

Explanation:

The VFMC's application for registration as a charity is currently being considered by the ACNC. The initial response from the ACNC included the following:-

“To satisfy the ACNC's requirements, the Applicant's winding up clause must include that surplus assets will go to another organisation that prohibits distribution of its assets to members.

It appears the Applicant is using the model rules for an incorporated association in Victoria, however, a relevant subclause within the winding up clause of the model rules that addresses the above concern has not been included in the Applicant's governing document (clause 76(3) of the model rules).”

To address this requirement, the clause above is proposed to be added to our constitution.

Moved Michael Hassett, seconded Steve Bullock. **Carried**

(2) Create new membership grade ..

That the Club introduce a new category of Associate Membership entitled Group Membership.

Explanation:

It is believed that the introduction of a new category of Associate Membership entitled Group Membership would encourage and enable groups whose members have a common interest in folk music or dance to become members of the Club and consequently be kept informed of the Club's activities and encouraged to participate in same. Whilst groups and their members would not have voting rights (Constitution Rule 14 (2)), groups would receive the Club's monthly newsletter and other notices of Club activities. The cost of Group Membership would be determined by the Club's Committee.

Moved Colin McLaren, seconded Peter Kernebone.

Discussion ensued leading to an amendment proposing that the resolution be reworded as follows:

'The VFMC introduce a new category of Associate Membership entitled 'Performance Membership' to enable individual or group performers to be covered by our Public Liability Insurance. The cost of membership and benefits would be determined by the committee.'

Moved Steve Bullock, seconded Peter Kernebone **Carried**

The substantive motion as amended was then put.

Moved Steve Bullock, seconded Peter Kernebone **Carried**

10. **Confirm or vary the amounts** (if any) of the annual subscription and joining fee.

Moved Don Fraser, seconded Peter Kernebone, that there be no change in membership fees,
Carried

11. **Set the date** for payment of the annual subscriptions [constitution Rule 12]

Moved Colin McLaren, seconded Steve Bullock, that the due date remain as 31st March. **Carried**

Meeting concluded approximately 4.15pm