

Way Out West
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, October 17th 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Rob Rowe	Trish Hart	Ursula Ratten	Terry Smith
Wendy Rowe	Des Kuhar	Angela Smiley	Rob Smiley
Diane Forster	Jenni Chapman	Gary Williamson	Phoebe Giles
Judith Prigg	Jenny Brockman	James McFarlane	Judy Harris
Suzette Pedersen	Tony Bishop	Mick Newington	

APOLOGIES:

Ian Fraser	Bobby Bright	Suzanne G	Chris Cronin
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WELCOME:

President, Rob Rowe welcomed everyone. It was explained to members attending that due to this being our first inaugural incorporated Annual General Meeting there are no previous minutes to pass this year.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT – ROB ROWE:

See attached Report.

President, Rob Rowe spoke of how proud Way Out West should be in its progress in its 8 years. Thanks for the past year since we have been in incorporation to the committee and its volunteers. As President Way Out West is so well known for its name in the music industry that the club no longer has to ring the bands requesting them to play, bands continually contact WOW to request a vacancy and date to play. Also we no longer are required to give promisory amounts of door takings the bands are happy with our support of a great place for a gig, great atmosphere and audience and a deal that they take whatever door entry is taken on the day. Please refer to the report for notation of thanks to all involved in Way Out West and special thanks to the RSL, management and staff for their continued support. As an Incorporation now the RSL have very kindly supported us in allowing Way Out West be included as a sub-committee which means we are covered with insurance, etc. under the RSL banner.

SECRETARY REPORT – TRISH HART:

See attached Report.

Trish Hart explained that the report thanked all members and committee members for their support. Trish stated that there has been an excellent rise in the membership this year and now that Way Out West is an incorporation there are many legal requirements required and we are all on a learning curve striving to meet these matters.

TREASURERS REPORT – URSULA RATTEN:

See attached Report.

Ursula stated that if there were any queries with the attached report to feel free to ask any questions. As the report states Way Out West is financial enough to make some donations to some worthy causes. The club has a closing balance of \$4,477. An Asset list is defined on the table including; framed photographs, drum kit, base amplifier, t-shirts and stubbie holders.

Rob Rowe explained the various donation groups Way Out West has chosen to support in the past year. These being; the bushfire collection, Youth in Blues and Support Act Limited (this organisation helps musicians going through financially tough times). The balance is also a backstop when, unfortunately, bands do not get a satisfactorily good crowd for a decent door payment.

MATTERS ARISING:

Angel Smiley

Suggested that Way Out West website gig guide have a link to the band UTube or their website link that will give the reader more information regarding the next band playing at the RSL. RR stated that he would look into this and members supported the idea.

Phoebe Giles

Inquired whether the entry fee was a problem for any members. Trish Hart said no and Wendy Rowe stated that on the odd occasion where people queried the entry fee it was explained to them that we as a Club are all volunteers and all the door money goes to the band.

Tony Bishop

explained the price we have on the door is very low as in his line of work he was at an Andy Cowan gig that was \$75 a head that was BYO and a simple roast meal.

Trish Hart

asked the members whether as a club they wanted the New Years Eve Boat to go ahead this year. She also asked Jenny Brockman who has organised this great function for the past 6 years whether she was happy to continue the event. The members, especially JP, were keen to continue the event. JB stated she was happy to stand down from the event and give the job to a new member to organised. JP then volunteered to take on that duty. It was decided JB would hand over the folder of details to JP and she would contact the band this coming week to confirm Collards, Greens and Gravys availability.

Sue Pedersen

Inquired regarding the follow up to a specific Way Out West display board for outside the RSL. Preferably a waterproof display board where the relevant band posters can be slipped in behind a laminate clear cover. Tony Bishop had prior discussions with Robin Davies regarding such a board and Rob Rowe said he would follow this matter up. Ernie Poole also stated that the RSL may already have a suitable display board and he will look into the location of it if it was still on the premises.

Mick Newington

Inquired as to the position of the release of a Way Out West cd that had been previously discussed at meetings. Tony, Suzette and Bobby were working on the cd. Ian McCausland has graciously donated the artwork for the cover of the cd. Tony and Suzette had accumulated the music for the cd. Rob Rowe stated he had been in touch with approximately 6 of the music artists to ask permission for their music to be on the cd and they had given permission with the proviso they be forwarded the tracks that will be put onto the cd. Rob said this was very time consuming and had only been able to get the 6 permissions at this stage. Tony Bishop then suggested that we reduce the WOW cd to one disc and place 2 songs of each artist on the disc as an alternative. This was discussed favourably and work is to proceed with this format.

Bruce Davies

asked what advertising was organised for the gigs. Rob Rowe explained that a system was in place for the following:

Radio outlets PBS, RRR, Beat & In Press magazines, The Age EG, Helen Jennings, Gary Young, Derek Guile, Brian Wise, Lina Mesiti, Billy Pinnell, MBAS newsletter. WOW email data base over 400 members, WOW website and link to RSL website also Janet Dawes from the Hobson's Bay Tourism Committee. Band posters placed locally around the town and surrounding suburbs. And hopefully the relevant band places it on their own website and mailing list. Encouragement for members to attend is also given via the members once financial being given \$5 off door entry.

Voting

Rob Rowe explained that discussions were held at a pre-agm meeting that we look at reducing the committee to allow it to be more manageable. This means the following positions are up for nomination:

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Public Liaison Officer	Social Coordinator	Executive Assistant	

And 3 General Committee members

Terry Smith stated that initially WOW didn't want to lose great people which is why there was no limit on the first years committee however it has proved to be difficult to manage such a vast committee number.

Members were told that although they may not be on the committee the meetings were open for all members to attend. Assistance may also be and was highly encouraged to come from all members not just those committee members voted on today.

A short discussion was taken for any queries regarding this alteration to the amount of committee members. No objections were made.

CLUB POSITION VOTING:

The current president called on advice from the RSL President, Ernie Poole, in the voting procedure. He stated that normally half the committee runs for a 2 year term and the other half runs for a 1 year term so that there are always people who have past experience on the committee each year.

Ernie Poole, RSL President, stated the RSL is proud of the Way Out West Clubs continued work in partnership with the RSL. It is an important leg of the RSL and its support is greatly appreciated in keeping the RSL alive and growing the face of the RSL in the surrounding suburbs.

VOTING:

The current president, Rob Rowe, stepped down from the chair and Ernie Poole, RSL President took the chair for the start of the voting procedure.

Position:	Person Nominated	No. Nominations	Accepted	Term
President	Rob Rowe	2 nominations	Yes	2 yrs
Secretary	Trish Hart	1 nomination	Yes	2 yrs
Vice President	Terry Smith	1 nomination	Yes	1 yr
Treasurer	Ursula Ratten	1 nomination	Yes	1 yr
Exec. Assistant	Wendy Rowe	1 nomination	Yes	1 yr
Public Liaison	Mick Newington	1 nomination	Yes	2 yrs
Social Coord.	Ian Fraser	1 nomination	Yes	2 yrs
Gen. Comm.	Judith Prigg	1 nomination	Yes	2 yrs
Gen. Comm.	Jenny Brockman	1 nomination	Yes	1 yr
Gen. Comm.	Rob Smiley	1 nomination	Yes	1 yr

This means at the 2010 Annual General Meeting there will be 5 positions voted on; Vice President, Treasurer, Exc. Assistant and 2 General Committee members.

CLOSURE OF MEETING:

Meeting closed at 3pm with thanks to everyone who attended and support Way Out West.

Way Out West Roots Music Club

AGM - President's Report 17th Oct 2009

We have come a long way since our humble beginnings and it is with much pleasure that I table the first President's Report at our inaugural A.G.M.

This last year has had many high lights and we continue to attract quality and dedicated people to the club to help us bring the very best of roots music to the Willy RSL. I see the following as things we can be very proud of:

- ✓ The incorporation of the club
- ✓ The formation of our first committee
- ✓ The purchase of an In-house P.A. (with many thanks to the R.S.L. for their fore-sight)
- ✓ Our own in house professional photographer (Bruce Davis)
- ✓ The New Years Eve Blues Cruise (many thanks Jenny Brockman)
- ✓ Our first council grant to facilitate youth in blues workshops (again thanks Jenny and VP Terry Smith for helping run the workshops)
- ✓ The Queenscliff Blues Train field trip (many thanks Ian Fraser for organising, Trish Hart and Ursula Ratten for co-ordinating payments)
- ✓ A new range of club t shirts and our first WOW stubby holder (again thanks Fras)
- ✓ And of course the years roster of fabulous musos and bands – Howlin' Time, Steve Bowtell, Geoff Achison & the Soul Diggers, Tommy Blank's shop closing party, the return of Eugene 'Hideaway' Bridges, Black Sorrows, Steve Romig Band, Lil' Fi, Matt Finish, Kelly Auty Wild Women Show, Ska Vendors last gig, Andy Cowan, the Hornets, Kevin Borich, the GoSet, Ashleigh Mannix, Chain, Collard Greens and Gravy, Madder Lake, Stringybark McDowell, Kerri Simpson, Bobby Bright, Jaimi Falkner, Hamilton Loomis, Dave Hogan's Meltdown (60th b'day bash). The Backsliders, Loius King, Chris Wilson & Luke Watt any venue in Melbourne would be extremely proud to have such talented line-up
- ✓ We went passed 100 paid up members a mighty achievement thanks largely to our dedicated 'door bitches'

Of course none of this could have been achieved without a lot of people putting in many hours of work. I very sincerely thank the following dedicated people who like me have a passion for music:

- ♥ Tony Bishop and Suzette Pederson our world class sound engineers who put in many, many hours of work for not a lot of payments. The club and musicians love you both
- ♥ RSL President Ernie Poole and Manager Mark Mitchell their committee and hard working bar staff and Chef Bernie and her staff whose faith and support is invaluable.
- ♥ Of course my fabulous executive and committee who are making my life a lot easier by volunteering to take on tasks as required.
- ♥ The various press and radio outlets who support and advertise our gigs – PBS, RRR, Beat & In Press, Age EG, Helen Jennings, Gary Young, Derek Guile, Brian Wise, Lina Mesiti, Billy Pinnell and the crew of the MBAS
- ♥ The musicians themselves being prepared to showcase their wares Way Out West
- ♥ Finally and most importantly our loyal and supportive members and punters for without you we have no club

In finishing I quote Andy Cowan 'No Music, No Life'. It is indeed a privilege to in a small way be able to help create a venue in the West in which to help showcase the fabulous and world class Roots performers of Australia. How fortunate are we to be able to enjoy music in our own Town in a safe and friendly environment where we are not being screwed for the price of a drink and a meal. We need never lose sight of the fact that we do this for the pure pleasure of listening to music and not for any political or private agendas. A strong and effective committee can only achieve its goals as long as it works together and for this I am thankful to our brilliant WOW personnel. Please take the time to read our mission statement.

Rock On

Rob Rowe – President Way Out West Roots Music Club Inc.

WAY OUT WEST ROOTS MUSIC CLUB INC.

Secretary's Report

This year has seen WOW become a non-profit incorporated body and a sub-committee of the Williamstown RSL. It has been challenging, exciting and a little daunting all in one. We have strived to meet expectations of both members and the RSL. The year has been a learning curve for the new committee and even though we have probably made a few mistakes along the way we have also succeeded in achieving some of our goals.

Memberships has doubled and for this we would like to thank all members for their continued support. We have been able to donate to various community appeals and through Jenny Brockman's efforts we secured a government grant which allowed us to run a music workshop for youth in the area.

The response from bands playing at Williamstown RSL has been fantastic with many asking to return.

There are a few people who deserve a special thankyou and these include Robbie Rowe for the endless hours he puts in organising gigs, his wife Wendy who is always the backstop for whatever needs doing, Tony and Suzette our sound specialists and all those who gave up their time to help work on the door.

We hope the next twelve months will see us grow and improve along the way, and with the support of members we can only become bigger and stronger.

I would personally like to thank everyone involved and you should all feel proud of what we have achieved in the first year of this new venture.

Trish Hart
Secretary
WOW - 2009

WOW Treasury Report

Balance Sheet

30/09/08 **STARTING BALANCE** 1514.29

INCOME

Trivia	150.00
Raffles	463.40
Bank S/slip	200.00
Hobson's Bay Grant	2712.05
Interest	123.33
Bands (Donations)	1540.00
New Year Eve Cruise	370.00
T-Shirts	20.00
Blues Train	6970.00
Memberships	1720.00

TOTAL INCOME 14,268.78

EXPENSES

Bank Fees	37.90
Stationary	60.00
T-Shirts	1023.00
Stubbie Holders	451.00
Jimi Hocking Photo	150.00
Advertising	552.11
Band Expenses	2705.00
Door and P.A.	
Blues Train	
<i>Donations:</i>	4776.50
Bush Fire Donation	200.00
Youth in Blues	100.00
Support Act Ltd	450.00
Workshops	800.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 11,305.51

30/09/09 **CLOSING BALANCE** **\$ 4,477.56**