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**ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**PERIOD  
1 JANUARY 2024  
TO  
31 DECEMBER 2024**

**2025 AGM - 30 NOVEMBER 2025**



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# 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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## 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at  
BANKSTOWN-AUBURN COMMUNITY RADIO  
SHOP 1, 78 CAHORS ROAD PADSTOW NSW 2212  
on SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2024

**PRESENT:** A. Bennetts (President), G. Sinnis (Treasurer), W. Lindsay (Secretary), J. Dearing (Publicity & Promotions), M. Brewer (Registrar)

Members: P. Merton, C. Climpson, J. Sinnis, G. Hudson, E. Hudson, M. Nagi, T. Chen, R. Le Bas, P. Burgess (AGM Returning Officer),

Guests: J. Tumeth (Technical), Jorge Lobos (Programming Sub-Committee), Walter Dearing, Alicia Aranda

**1. WELCOME:** Tony Bennetts, President welcomed members.

A quorum being present the Tony Bennetts, Chairman declared the meeting open at 12.05 PM.

**CHAIRMAN:** As provided by the Constitution, Paul Burgess was voted as the Returning Officer of the meeting. Tony asked Paul Burgess to read the apologies.

**2. APOLOGIES:** E. Alaalatoa (Board member), G. Munns, J. Munns (Administration), Jordan Sinnis, P. Nasari, R. Cutrie, I. Berro, A & C Mortimer, D & J Walther, E & P White, J. Grover, B. Selberg, V. Fenech & S. Farrugia

**3. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Minutes of the last AGM were read by members and were then unanimously adopted & accepted. **MOVED:** W. Lindsay **SECONDED:** R. Le Bas **MOTION:** CARRIED

**RETURNING OFFICER:** After confirmation of the minutes the Returning Officer Paul Burgess, handed the meeting back over to the President to give the Management Committee Reports

### 4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS.

#### **Anthony (Tony) Bennetts – President**

Tony thanked the MC Committee for the last 12 months of work and thanked Rob Cutrie for all of his work as well. He also thanked George and Wendy for their work on the grants. The successful Development & Operational grant that was received from the CBF will mean that the station can purchase the large TV to be used for training. Cupboards will also be built underneath it for storage.

We will also be purchasing a new air conditioning system for the station. It will have 2 zones, be a larger unit and more energy efficient.

The station has increased the number of outside broadcasts with ANZAC day, Bankstown Bites, Lunar New Year and we will need more volunteers to assist with future O.B.'s – like the upcoming Remembrance day. We need more people to volunteer for the sub-committees, programming, grant writing, publicity & promotions. Julie-Anne has contacted previous advertisers from the Torch Newspaper to try and engage

some sponsors for the station, now that the Torch is no longer printing. All the broadcasters need to seek sponsors for their shows to assist with the future financial capability of the station.

Peter Menton was welcomed as new board member. Peter has vast experience in the media from Print, to radio to television – from the bush to the city. He will be a welcome addition to the Connect FM team and his experience in media advertising will be invaluable.

**Wendy Lindsay – Secretary**, we received funding from the CBF to engage legal counsel to do some work on the constitution. It is now over a decade old and needs to be updated. There will need to be a special general meeting held next year for the members to accept the proposed changes.

She asked the members present that if they have any suggestions on how to improve the constitution and if anyone would like a copy of it, to please let her know.

#### **Marilyn Brewer – Management Committee Member**

Marilyn thanked all members of the board for their work in keeping the station running and particularly thanked George Sinnis for his contributions on the finance reports of the organisation. Presenters need to work with the Management committee to better improve our organisation and we ask for suggestions and help to facilitate this to occur.

#### **John Dearing – Management Committee Member**

Equipment has been upgraded and the panels are now basically brand new. John thanked Jim and Tim for their work on the panels. John thanked George and Wendy for their work on the finances and the grants. John also said that we need more engagement from the volunteers on the sub-committees.

#### **Jim Tumeth – Technical**

Jim & Jorge applied for a grant with club grants via Padstow RSL that we were successful in receiving. This funding will pay for an on-air phone system. It will make phone interviews easier to manage and the phones will have their own screens. The system will have touch screens and direct on-air systems to the panel. It will be a 3 line system with a direct number for the office.

A video intercom system will also be installed. It will have the ability to take photos of those entering and who has let people into the station via the current fob system.

The Play it system had it's first major test with John Dearing broadcasting from Qld from the Country music festival on the Gold Coast. Along with Ruth's OB from Revesby, both were successful and thanks goes to Jorge Lobos for the work he has done with the Play It system. Jim & Jorge have put together an OB kit.

Julie-Anne has helped a lot on the OB's and the back end of the grants.

Presenters had a nice time catching up with each other whilst undertaking Play It training.

**George Sinnis – Treasurer**, spoke about the station accounts for 2023 as per the Financial report.

Bank Balances as at 21.10.24 are as follows:

Bankstown Unity are \$220k and \$13k and the everyday working account at the CBA has \$39k.

George thanked Julie-Anne for all of her work in helping him get the finance reporting back under control. He said that we need to grow our airtime fees and sponsorship. As with the programming, and grant funding, 40% of sponsorship should be coming from the ethnic broadcasters.

We have spent \$12k facilitating seven outside broadcasts. It is important to ensure that we have the resources to continue to do this, as it is vital for our local community engagement. George's first two years on the board, he did not see money spent on station infrastructure and we have had to play catch up with maintenance and new equipment.

The majority of our funding comes from the CBF. Other funds we have received have come from State Govt Grants and Club Grants. These have paid for the display screens and the defibrillator.

Airtime fees and sponsorship need to be focused on moving forward.

George would like to eventually see the Financial reporting in-line with the CBF Financial year (July to June) instead of our current system of calendar year (January to December)

**5. ACCOUNTS.** The Financial Statements, Directors Report, Directors Statement and Accountant’s Compilation report for the Financial Year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023 were tabled. The Financial Statements were adopted by the meeting. **Moved:** John Dearing **Seconded** by : Paul Burgess **MOTION CARRIED**

It was also noted that the Annual Summary of Financial Affairs would be lodged at the Office of Fair Trading within two weeks of the meeting.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.** The meeting resolved by majority vote that an auditor be appointed for the following financial year. **MOVED:** George Sinnis **SECONDED:** Paul Burgess **MOTION CARRIED**

**7. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

In accordance with the rotational provisions of the Constitution, 4 Board positions were declared vacant. An additional position of Secretary, filled casually by W. Lindsay, after the resignation of R. Cutrie, earlier in 2024 was also declared vacant.

As there were no contests to Committee member nominations, the returning officer Paul Burgess confirmed with each nominee that they would accept the proposed roles. They were as follows:

Wendy Lindsay – Secretary (filling Casual vacancy for the period of 12 months or until the next AGM called.)

Marilyn Brewer, Emani Alaalatoa, John Dearing & Peter Menton - 4 Committee Member roles for the next two years.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS.**

**W. Lindsay** acknowledged Tracey Chen and advised the meeting that there are a couple of new broadcasters that have nearly completed their training and are about to go to air.

Wendy also acknowledged Ruth and said she was brave for undertaking as her first “live to air” broadcast as an “outside broadcast”.

**Ruth Le Bas** said she was grateful for the trainers that have worked with her, especially Rob Cutrie who did a lot of her initial training. After doing the “Play It’ training, she has gone from Zara to being a “Play It” fan.

Ruth also thanked the station for her and Rachel Donovan being able to attend the CBAA Conference on the Gold Coast. She said that they both learned a lot, the speakers were amazing and that it was a very worthwhile experience and she looks forward to presenting to the board about the experience.

Ruth said she is happy to co-ordinate some social get togethers of the volunteers. She also raised that she is unaware of some of the sub committees that are available that are needing people at the station.

Ruth also thanked Julie for all of her assistance and also Jorge and Jim for their help on the outside broadcast at Coffee with Toms at Revesby.

**9. CLOSE.** There being no further business, the chairman thanked all the members for their attendance at the meeting, and declared the meeting closed at 1.01pm. An invitation was extended for an informal catch up at Padstow Bowling Club at the conclusion of the meeting.



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Anthony Bennetts - Chairperson/President

26<sup>th</sup> October 2024

*(To be signed at the next Annual General Meeting in 2025)*



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FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024  
HELD AT RIVERHIGH CAFÉ AT BEAUTY POINT  
33 BERNARD ROAD | PADSTOW HTS NSW 2211  
SUNDAY 30 NOV AT 12PM**

## **AGENDA 2025**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting
4. Reports from President, Secretary or other Members of the Management Committee or Station Manager
5. To receive, consider and vote on acceptance of the Income and Expenditure Statement for the 12 months ended 31 December 2024 and the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024, together with the accompanying Report and Statement of the Management Committee, and the Accountant's Report in respect of the year ending 31 December 2024.
6. Current Bank Balance and Financial Report
7. Vote on changes to the Bankstown-Auburn Community Radio Inc. Constitution as distributed.
8. Election of Management Committee and Appointment of Auditor.  
  
Nomination and Appointment of Returning Officer. Chairman to vacate chair in favour of Returning Officer  
  
In accordance with Rule 10.2.2 of the Constitution the holders of the four non-executive Committee Members must retire  
  
In accordance with Rule 10.2 of the Constitution a Board Member role is to be filled due to a casual vacancy created by the resignation of R. Cutrie.
9. General Business (if any)
10. Closure



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## STATEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2025

The members of the Management Committee state that in their opinion-

1. The accompanying Financial Statements are special purpose financial reports that have been prepared solely to meet the legislative requirements for Associations incorporated in New South Wales.
2. The accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement is drawn up so as to present fairly the financial performance of Bankstown-Auburn Community Radio Inc for the 12 months period ended 31 December 2024.
3. The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2024.
4. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay the debts as and when they fall due.
5. The Financial Statements and financial accounts of the Association have been properly prepared by a competent person.

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee

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Anthony Bennetts  
**President**  
27 / 11 / 2025

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Wendy Lindsay  
**Secretary**  
27 / 11 / 2025



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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT DATE OF THIS REPORT

Anthony Bennetts	President
Wendy Lindsay	Secretary
George Sinnis	Treasurer
Emani Alaalatoa	Management Committee Member
Marilyn Brewer	Management Committee Member
John Dearing	Management Committee Member
Peter Menton	Management Committee Member

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Association is a not-for-profit Community Radio Service.

### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

None to report.

### FINANCIAL RESULT

The Net Profit/Loss (Deficit) from ordinary activities amounted to (\$?????????????)

At the date of this report Office Bearers are not aware of any circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the report of accounts which would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.

### MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

No matters or circumstances have arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report to effect significantly the operations of the enterprise or the state of affairs of the enterprise in future financial years.

### SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Anthony Bennetts  
**President**  
27 / 11 / 2025

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Wendy Lindsay  
**Secretary**  
27 / 11 / 2025