

**THE TRIPE CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.
Incorporated Association - No A0060014J**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting to be held at the RACV Club(Lvl. 2), 501 Bourke St., Melbourne at 2.00pm, Thursday, 21 November 2024

COMMITTEE

President: Jerry de la Harpe
Vice President: David Thomson
Treasurer: Ian Parkes
Secretary: Luisa Savio
Member: Gaylene Duncan

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of Last Meeting (Previously circulated to Members)
3. President's Report
4. Re-Election of Office Bearers
5. Annual Financial Report
6. Business Arising

1. WELCOME by Jerry de la Harpe, President:

We now have a quorum of 25% of members present and this allows me to proceed in calling the AGM due this year, covering the financial year 2023/24.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to confirm the Club's Financial Year Report 2023/24 and the other Reports and declarations, were prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act(Victoria) 2012 and will be made available to all members on the Club's website (www.tripeclubvictoria.org.au), following this meeting. I believe that the Minutes of the November 2023 AGM and the Financial Statements for 2023/24 accompanied the circulation of this Agenda and I now ask for a motion to be moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the 2023 AGM.

Moved by: and Seconded by:.....

Could you please indicate by a show of hands, that you are in favour of this Motion.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my second year as President, as it is for most of our Committee and I am very pleased to report that we were able to have a full, uninterrupted luncheon program over the financial year ended 30 June 2024. As a Committee, we believe that we have now fully recovered financially, after the ravages of the Covid pandemic of 2020-21. Our attendances at luncheons have averaged nearly 100 over the five lunches we held in the last financial year-this is the first time that we have held an extra lunch for the period. We remain confident that we will be able to build on these achievements in 2025/26.

(i).Governance

As a Club we are unique in that we do not charge a subscription fee or any other levy. Our register of members currently stands at 340 and has been gradually growing since the end of the pandemic. I should emphasize that we include all those who attend our lunches as "members". To that extent, all those on our register could probably be termed "virtual members" as they have no obligation whatsoever to the Club. We maintain a register under the terms of our Privacy Policy, primarily to provide previous attendees with information on upcoming luncheons.

Essentially, the Club is a not-for-profit entity and our real focus is ensuring people have a great luncheon experience. As will be highlighted by our Treasurer, the monies we generate are mainly directed to meeting all the costs associated with maintaining our website, catering for the lunches and paying the necessary regulatory costs.

(ii). Guest Speaker Program

We had an impressive array of Guest Speakers from diverse backgrounds this last financial year and in 2024.

In the second half of 2023 the Club welcomed two top class speakers:

* Laureate Prof. Cheryl Saunders, a Constitutional Lawyer(The University of Melbourne) of international standing, addressed a number of issues in respect of the then proposed "Voice Referendum" AND

* David and Liam Anderson of Wild Duck Creek Estate Vineyard and winery (Heathcote).

In 2024 the Committee decided, allowing for the range of high level of speakers identified, that we should add a fifth speaker to our programme in June. This is the first time in the Club's recent history that we departed from our four luncheons annually. We were most grateful to the following speakers, who took time out from their busy schedules to address our members on some compelling topics:

* Dr Pradeep Philip, Head of Deloitte Access Economics

* Mr Bernard Salt, Pre-eminent demographer

* Mr Nick Gadd, Prize-winning Author

* Mr Paul Dore, Juries Commissioner of Victoria, AND of course, to-day,

* Jodie Marsh(CEO) and Mark Hunter of Sanguine Vineyard Estate(Heathcote)

I am pleased to say that as a result of our early planning for the 2025 Speaker Program we have now secured well-known and high profile speakers for our lunches in March, June and August. Full details will be posted on our website in the coming week and I strongly encourage you to look at the Tripe Club of Victoria website. The Committee is confident that these speakers will provide some compelling narratives and continue to maintain the high standard of oration that has become a feature of the Club's lunches in the last few years.

(iii). Communication & Website

In terms of our website, I am most grateful to our Committee Member, Gaylene Duncan and her husband, Ray, who were instrumental in kick-starting a complete revamp and update of our rather aged website. Our new website went live on the 4th July 2024 and I would like to record the Committee's appreciation and thanks to Debbie Benefield of Maloo Creative, for her excellent work in producing a great web-site that better profiles the Club and its membership.

(iv). Future Events

The final dates for the 2025 luncheon programme have now been agreed with RACV management and will be posted on the Club's website following this meeting.

(v). Thanks and Tributes

As President, I rely heavily on our Committee, and I take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their great efforts this year. To David Thomson, our new Vice-President and expert networker, to Luisa Savio our stalwart Secretary, who meticulously handles all the logistics/hospitality aspects of our luncheons, to Ian Parkes, our Treasurer, who ensures that we remain solvent, and to Gaylene Duncan, Member, whose corporate experience has proven to be invaluable.

I would also like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank the RACV team for their unstinting support and many contributions in making our luncheons such a resounding success and especially:

*Mr Rob Everett, General Manager;

*Rebecca Walsh, Luncheon Co-ordinator; and

*Jason and Craig, the RACV's Senior Chefs.

I now ask for a motion to accept and second this President's Report:

Moved by:.....and seconded by:.....

Could you please indicate by a show of hands, that you are in favour of accepting the President's Report

4. Re-election of Office Bearers

Under the terms of our Constitution all positions on the Committee must be declared vacant at each of our AGMs and I must ask whether any member present would like to nominate for one of these positions on the Committee? **PAUSE.....**

If not, then members are asked to re-elect the following office-bearers and Committee Member, who now offer themselves up for re-election to remain on the Committee until the 2025 AGM.

These are:

Myself, Jerry de la Harpe, President
David Thomson, Vice President
Ian Parkes, Hon. Treasurer
Luisa Savio, Secretary, AND
Gaylene Duncan, Member

I now ask for a motion for the re-appointment of the above-listed Committee Members:

Moved by: and seconded by:.....

Could you please indicate by a show of hands, that you are in favour of these Committee Members remaining in office for a further 12mths, effective from the date of this meeting.

Thank you!

I would now like to now ask Ian Parkes, our Treasurer, to present the Club's Financial Report to you.

5. Financial Report

Total income for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2024 year was **\$2,874.00** of which, **\$2,500.00** was sourced from our luncheon functions.

Outgoings for that year were **\$1,963.16**.

The only abnormal expense item incurred during the year was **\$756.60** to cover the re-design and revamp of the Club's website.

We are therefore reporting a surplus of **\$911.37** for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2024, the first surplus achieved since the commencement of the Covid pandemic in early 2020. As a result, our cash position improved and stood at **\$8,759.56** at that June date.

The following comparative Income and Expenditure Statement provides the full details for the financial years ended 30 June 2024 and 2023.

Comparative Income & Expenditure
Statements for 12 mths Ended 30 June 2023
and 2024

	<u>2022- 23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
RACV Luncheon	\$1,370.00	\$2,500.00
Bank interest	\$53.75	\$239.53
Bank fee refund	\$0.00	\$135.00
Total deposits	\$1,423.75	\$2,874.53
<u>Payments</u>		
Media Network. Technology	\$399.09	\$114.93
RACV/TCV Exec meetings	\$600.00	\$65.50
Web development	\$51.95	\$756.60
Speaker costs/ gifts	\$335.39	\$951.98
Donations	\$200.00	\$0.00
Consumer affairs	\$61.20	\$47.70
Bank fees	\$54.66	\$0.00
Postage/Stationery	\$59.96	\$26.45
Total outgoings	\$1,762.25	\$1,963.16
Surplus/(Loss)	-\$338.50	\$911.37
<u>Balance of funds in bank</u>		
General Funds	\$1,814.55	\$3,759.56
Investment account	\$6,033.64	\$5,000.00
Total Funds available	\$7,848.19	\$8,759.56

I now ask for a Motion to accept the Financial Report

Moved by.....and seconded by.....

Could you please indicate by a show of hands, that you are in favour of accepting the Financial Report and Accounts of the Tripe Club of Victoria.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

Membership Forms will be available on your tables.

Let me finish by saying that the Committee is very grateful for your attendance to-day and we look forward to greeting you all again on 20 March 2025.