

**THE CATHOLIC WALKING CLUB OF VICTORIA**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday 28th June 2025**  
**Held Outdoor Activity Hub, Westerfolds park**  
**At 1:00pm**

**Welcome:** Bernadette Madden welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Present:**

Bernadette Madden, Malcom Merrey, Marg Cosgrave, Peter Cosgrave, Tom Buykx, Roy Burns, Julian Conheady, Mary Conheady, Alan Cuthbertson, Margaret Cuthbertson, Carole Donnell, Rob Giebels, Joan Kenny, Corrie van den Bosch, Peter Naughtin, Bernie O'Shea, Maree Slater, Harry Twining, Peter Wilson, Shirley Wilson, Quintin Couthino, Rose Thomas, Doreen Tucker, Tony Tucker, Jan Wilkinson, Gillian Lang, Michael Carpinelli, Quentin Tibbals, Anne Fellows-Smith, Doug Fellows-Smith, Lorraine Kelly.

**Apologies:**

Clara Rizzi, Frances Mongan, Caroline Vaitkunas, Theresa Thomas, Dean and Jane Adams, Carmel Merrey, Jan and Kevin Delaney, Peter and Xuan Matheson, Barbara Piaskowska, Cathy Burman, Krystyna Derwinska, Brenda and Brian Coutinho.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** That these minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Corrie van den Bosch

**Seconded:** Tom Buykx

**Carried.**

**Financial report:**

The financial report for the year ended 31 May 2025, as reviewed by Julian Conheady, was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

There being no questions from the members present, Margaret Cuthbertson moved the motion that this financial report be adopted for the purposes of sub-section 92(2) of the Associations Incorporation Reforms Act 2012.

**Seconded:** Shirley Wilson

**Carried**

Margaret acknowledged the great contribution made by Julian Conheady to the review of the accounts and, on behalf of the Club, thanked him for his assistance.

**Office Bearer's Reports**

The reports from the President, Membership Secretary, Walks Secretary, Editor, Social Secretary and the Property Report were circulated prior to the meeting and are appended to these minutes.

The matter of the cost of postage for the club magazine was discussed. A suggestion to consider is listing the cost on the annual membership renewal form and giving the option of a voluntary payment in addition to the normal subscription.

With respect to the Property Report, it was noted that the Club's mugs are now with Carmel and Malcom Merrey.

**Following the presentation of all reports the following motion was put to the meeting:**

**Motion:** That the reports from President, Editor, Membership Secretary, Walks' Secretary, Social Secretary and Property officer be accepted.

**Moved:** Tony Tucker

**Seconded:** Doug Fellows-Smith

**Carried**

**Resolution on number of General Members to be elected:**

It was moved that in accordance with Rule 55 of the Club Rules, this meeting will elect up to seven ordinary (general) members of the committee in addition to the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Secretary.

From the seven ordinary members the roles of Editor, Walks Secretary, Social Secretary, Property officer and General Member(s) will be filled.

Following discussion as to the purpose of this resolution it was accepted by the meeting.

**Moved:** Bernadette Madden

**Seconded:** Margaret Cuthbertson

**Carried**

**Election of office bearers**

There being only one nomination for each of the available positions the following people were elected:

**President:** Malcom Merrey

**Vice President:** Carole Donnell

**Treasurer:** Margaret Cuthbertson

**Secretary:** Peter Wilson

**Membership Secretary:** Bernie O'Shea

**General Members:**

**Editor:** Joan Kenny / Jan Wilkinson

**Walks Secretary:** Peter Naughtin / Rose Thomas

**Social Secretary:** Peter and Margaret Cosgrave

**General Member:** Bernadette Madden

**Property officer:** to be filled by one of the general members.

Malcom (President) expressed thanks to those who have accepted positions on the new committee.

**Confirmation of Annual Subscriptions and visitors' fees:**

As per the Club constitution, the Committee presented a recommendation regarding annual subscription for membership for the coming 12 months.

The **recommendation** is that the annual subscriptions for the year 2025 - 2026 be as follows:

Joining fee	Nil
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**Annual Subscriptions**

Single members	\$55
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Married couples	\$85
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Members of Religious Orders	\$45
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Visitor's fees (per activity)	\$5
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Discount for members who nominate CWCV as their Secondary Club - \$20 (whether single or a married couple)

New members who join after the start of the financial year will pay pro rata based on the time of year they join.

Annual subscriptions are payable from the date of the AGM (28<sup>th</sup> June 2025) and for a period of 3 months thereafter.

The final due date for payment is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Those members whose subscriptions are not paid by the due date will have their membership rights suspended until their subscription is paid. (As per the Club Rules).

**Moved:** Malcom Merrey

**Seconded:** Mary Conheady

**Carried.**

**Other Business:****Appointment of reviewer of accounts (auditor) for the financial year 2025- 2026**

**Motion** That Julian Conheady be appointed as the person reviewing the club accounts for the coming financial year.

**Moved:** Malcom Merrey

**Seconded:** Margaret Cuthbertson

**Carried**

Julian Conheady accepted the request to review the club accounts for the coming financial year.

## **I T Developments / Club website**

Bernadette provided a brief resume of the investigation under way by a subcommittee of the prospects of building on the functionality of the Club website by adding the ability for members to access and update their own records, book for walks, etc.

More details will follow as we gain an understanding of the available functions, their suitability for the CWCV and the associated costs.

## **Life Membership**

Prior to the commencement of discussion of this item, Peter and Shirley Wilson were asked to step out of the meeting. The nomination of Shirley and Peter was made to the members present along with details of the contribution each has made to the life of the club over many years.

Motion: that Shirley Wilson be awarded life memberships in recognition of and appreciation for her contributions to CWCV.

**Moved:** Bernadette Madden

**Seconded:** Roy Burns

**Carried:** unanimously

Motion: that Peter Wilson be awarded life memberships in recognition of and appreciation for his contributions to CWCV.

**Moved:** Bernadette Madden

**Seconded:** Tom Buykx

**Carried:** unanimously

Shirley and Peter then rejoined the meeting and were presented with their life Memberships.

## **Thank you (1)**

Malcom thanked the outgoing committee for its work throughout the year as well as those others who contribute to the Club:

Corrie for her pastoral care role

Julian for his role in reviewing the financial statements

Paul Roberts for his work in maintaining the Club website

The Conheadys and Wilsons as search and rescue contacts

All members for their contributions to club life

And last but not least, Bernadette for her leadership as president during the past two years.

## **Thank you (2)**

Tom Buykx, on behalf of all members, offered a vote of thanks and appreciation to the outgoing committee and best wishes to new committee.

The formal business being completed the meeting closed and was followed by afternoon tea.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**President**