

BUSINESS HUNTER

HUNTER BUSINESS CHAMBER LTD
ABN 96 083 977 459

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2025
at MacDonald Jones Stadium

Meeting Opened at 9.00am

Present:

Glenn Thornton (chair), Richard Anicich, Tim Browne, Seamus Burke, Pat Cooper, Rob Dawson, Ben Dewson, Sara Early, Lauren Eyles, Judith Field, Sebastian Hoppe, Michael Huggett, Daniel Hunter, Brian Jones, Holly Martin, Andrew Monger, Catherine Raftos, Ross Taggart, Steve Wait.

Aaron Johansen – online

In attendance:

Bob Hawes, Amy De Lore, Ellie Bright, Adam Luker

Item	Minute
1. Opening and Welcome	The President Glenn Thornton chaired and opened the 2025 Annual General meeting at 9.00am and welcomed attendees both in person and on line to the meeting. The Chair confirmed the attendance of Judith Field as representative of the Special member and noted eighteen (18) eligible proxies were received.
2. Call for Apologies	Apologies were received and noted from the following: Yasmin Catley MP, Tim Crakanthorp MP, Lyndall Robertshaw, Tracey McCosker, Sally Bartley, Jon Cleary, Rod Dibley, Tony Rhodes, Jenny Roberts, Skye Harvey, Jeff Phillips, Scott Brooks, Karen McKie, Paul Murphy, Brad Webb, Marissa diMarco, David Hutchinson, Izzy Hazell, Marty Adnum, Linden Denholm.
3. Confirmation of 2024 Minutes	The Minutes from the 2024 annual general meeting, circulated prior to the meeting were adopted on a motion moved by Lauren Eyles and seconded by Holly Martin. The chair noted there were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting.
4. Presidents Report	The President addressed the meeting and noted Business Hunter's membership growth, program of networking events, collaboration on regional advocacy priorities and the consolidation of the financial position bolstering reserves of the company. The forthcoming 140th anniversary year in 2026 was also noted and the President welcomed the participation of members in the celebration being planned. The President's report is attached. The President thanked the directors for their service and the Business Hunter and Business NSW staff for their assistance and support.
5. Annual Review, Financial Statements and Auditors Report	The chair noted the Financial Statements incorporating the audit statement and annual review had been circulated prior to the meeting. The chair noted

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	the achievement of a net operating surplus of \$225,409 generated mainly from savings in expenses and improved margins. The chair called for the adoption of the Financial Statements. The annual report incorporating the Financial Statements was endorsed on the motion of Holly Martin, seconded by Pat Cooper. The chair noted acknowledged the support from the Business NSW team in preparation of the accounts and thanked the work of the Audit and Governance committee and David Hutchinson from PKF, the independent representative on the Audit and Governance committee.
6. Special Resolution: Proposed Amendment of the Constitution	The chair noted the special resolution that the constitution of the Company, being the document titled "<i>Constitution – Hunter Business Chamber Limited ACN 083 977 459</i>", be amended and adopted in the version of the constitution set out in Appendix B to the Notice of Meeting for this Annual General Meeting, with effect on and from the passing of this special resolution. The chair highlighted the motivation to consider amending the constitution, driven by concerns of the lack of ability for the HBC board through elections to address shortcomings in corporate continuity, the skills mix or director representation reflective of the diversification of the membership. The chair put the resolution to the vote on the motion of Holly Martin, seconded by Lauren Eyles. There was unanimous support for the resolution. The chair thanked Sparke Helmore (Izzy Hazel), the Honorary and Life membership committee, Business Hunter and Business NSW teams for the work over the last two years to formulate the revised constitution.
7. Other Business	There was no other business for which due notice had been given or from the floor.
Close of meeting	The chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.20am