



Minutes of the 2024 Island Voice Inc. AGM

Conducted on Sept 26th at 5.00pm at the RSL, Cowes.

- 1. Welcome:** Peter Paul welcomed members.
- 2. Apologies:** Owen Bentley, Meg Edwards, Jo Dieth, Peter Jacobs, Dave Scrase, Cheryl Overton, Rochelle Halstead
- 3.** Attendees were recorded (see end of report)
- 4. Acceptance of last year's AGM minutes** - Moved –RD: Sec – PMc. Motion carried

5. Annual Reports

Presidents Report

I thank the Island Voice Committee and members for their support throughout what has been a most challenging year in addressing Bass Coast Shire Council and community issues. We need to seize the opportunity to work with our new CEO Greg Box, and next month, our new Mayor and Councillors. In 2025 we will have a Federal election, followed by a State election in 2026. This enables us to meet with new individuals and new directions. Much remains unresolved, to the community's dismay.

Island Voice clearly recognises that Phillip Island is at a tipping point. The Island is a unique environmental haven and tourist mecca? Our current town boundaries are sacrosanct and should be recognised by the Victorian Parliament. Such an action will greatly assist in maintaining our environment and harnessing development. We could go further and say that the Federal Government should also acknowledge the natural beauty of Phillip Island as an iconic island and protect our coastline by legislation. Island Voice believes its reach must exceed its grasp. That's a vision we need to implement now, and let's leave a legacy.

Island Voice will continue its advocacy to have 3 major artworks,

- the Bicentennial Historic Mural by Eric Juckert, commissioned by the Shire of Phillip Island and unveiled by the Governor General of Australia
- the John Adam mural
- and the ASPIR tapestry marking Phillip Island 100 years of settlement all of which hung in the old CCC, and which have not been returned to Berninnet, which is meant to bring together the cultural and social expectations of the community and showcase our history and culture. Let's

begin with Phillip Island. At the “meet the Council candidates” evening last week, there was overwhelming support by the audience and candidates to do so.

Island Voice will continue to pursue rezoning of the 80 acres. Recreational facilities for our youth need to be addressed now and not in 20 years. Council priorities for major projects need to be reassessed in line with community expectations. To have a Council plan stretching 20 years is simply beyond the pale. If the Council is to regain much needed respect, it needs to improve rapidly its transparency and accountability, and immediately commence meaningful discussion, reaching decisions to be implemented. We do not need to continue with a conga line of consultants to move forward.

Island Voice has also been active in the area of speed zones and the appalling number of roadkill. More needs to be done in this area. Our parking plan, or lack of it, in Cowes has possibly been the most talking point in our town for a long time. We need a peak parking plan, with appropriate compliance. A policy of park where you want, when you want, during peak times is no policy. The waiving of parking spaces by developers does not assist future parking issues, unless there is a compulsory contribution compensating the council. These funds would assist Council in providing parking alternatives.

We also totally agree with the CEO of Bass Coast Health and PIMHAG on the aligning of our new Community Hospital to Melbourne facilities, and not to Gippsland services. It is a commonsense decision, in the interests of Phillip Island.

Island Voice needs to thank The Advertiser for printing our articles and comments, and the Phillip Island RSL for their generous hospitality. Island Voice undertook the challenge of organising Carols by the Bay following COVID, with the support of many sponsors. A free family night would not have been possible without the community support. I strongly recommend to Island Voice members that we seek greater representation on the Committee from across the Island and hold quarterly meetings throughout the Island. This should improve one voice for all.

At the forthcoming Council election, please vote for Councillors who will work together and focus on the future of Phillip Island. This is your opportunity to make a difference.

I have been President and Vice President of Island Voice for the past 6 years, been involved in community issues and Carols by the Bay. I intend to take a break from IV mid-2025. Thank you for the journey.

Peter Paul (President)

Treasurer’s Report -

Phillip Island Progress Association Inc. - Island Voice

ABN: 30 671 578 914
AIN: A0061223D

Financial Statement

For the year ended 30th June 2024




Peter McMahon - Treasurer

Phillip Island Progress Association Inc - Island Voice

Detailed Profit and Loss Statement
For the year ended 30th June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Income		
Interest received	2.08	1.66
Sponsorships	18,100.00	19,560.00
Memberships	8.00	2.00
Donations	14,558.00	7,534.60
Total Income	<u>32,668.08</u>	<u>27,098.26</u>
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion		76.79
Bank fees and charges		
Computer expences	19.95	250.51
Donations/Transfers		40.00
Insurance	653.42	607.08
Postage		47.00
Office Expences		64.95
Zoom	82.1	76.96
Other		42.25
Consumer Affairs	63.60	61.20
Christmas Carols	19,072.40	17,297.54
Total expenses	<u>19,891.47</u>	<u>18,564.28</u>
Net Profit (Loss)	<u>12,776.61</u>	<u>8,533.98</u>

Phillip Island Progress Association Inc - Island Voice
Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2024

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Stand Alone A/C 151677754	5680.19	6498.65
Operating A/C 152127163	96.71	86.71
Christmas Carols A/C 191682996	21,126.49	13,276.37
Total Current Assets	<u>26,903.39</u>	<u>19,861.73</u>
Non - Current Assets		
Equipment Etc		-
Total Non - Current Assets		<u>-</u>
Current Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		<u>-</u>
Net Assets	<u>26,903.39</u>	<u>19,861.73</u>

6. Acceptance of reports – President Moved JT Sec – LM
Treasurer Moved JT Sec LM

**7. Elections for Committee of Management -
Nominations received as below:**

POSITION	Name	Nominated by
President	Peter Paul	Peter McMahon
VP		
Sec	Linda Marston	Andrew Marston
Treasurer	Peter McMahon	Anne McMahon
Web Administrator	Andrew Marston	Linda Marston
General Committee	Ken Hailey	Peter McMahon
General Committee	Ron Day	Peter McMahon
General Committee	John Trigt	Peter McMahon
General Committee	Cheryl Overton	Peter McMahon
General Committee	Deb Wilson	Andrew Marston
General Committee	John McDougall	John Matthews
General Committee	Chris Holloway	Ron Day
General Committee		

As there were no contested elections, all nominations were elected, plus Deb, John and Chris were nominated from the floor.

8. Special guest speakers – Dean Hurlston and Heather Wellington spoke from 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm

Meeting Attendees: - 33