

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

AGENDA for the 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 to be held via Zoom Videoconference at 5.00pm on **THURSDAY, 31st May, 2023**

VOTING MEMBERS (AND EMPLOYEES) ONLY ARE PERMITTED TO ATTEND

Chair: Mr Rob Gell AM, President, to constitute the meeting and welcome Members.

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Kulin Nation

2. Receipt of Apologies and Proxies:

Apologies (no proxy submitted via form): John Link, Geoffrey Paterson

Proxies Recorded before closing date/time:

Jane Canestra, Leon Costermans, Thomas Darragh, Meredith Doig, Judith Downes, Tim Entwisle, Andrew Habets, Darold Klindworth, Bram Mason, Christian McCaffrey, Michael McCarthy, William McMaster, Kerrie McNicol, Greg Noonan, Geoffrey Paterson, Ian Powell, John Ramshaw, David Rees, Sandra Rees, Craig Robertson, Jeffrey Robinson, Patricia Rogers, Robert Sandie, Edward Richard Tudor, Helen van de Pol, Wani Wall, Susan White, Don Williams, Wendy Wright

Total Proxies Received: 29

3. Receipt of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 26th May 2022 (as circulated)

Item 3 Motion: *That in accordance with Rule 12 (4) (a) the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting held 26th May 2022 as presented by the Council be confirmed.*

Moved: *R Gell*

Seconded: *J Luckins*

	Proxies received	Nominated representative	Direction of Proxy
	23	Chair of Meeting	For
	3		At Proxy's Discretion
	1	William Birch	At Proxy's Discretion
	1	David Walker	For
	1		At Proxy's Discretion
Totals	29		

4. Annual Report (including Officer, Council and Committee reports):

a President's Report on Council and Committees

The President to present his report on the Society's activities for the 2022 year.

Item 4a Motion: That the Annual Report (including the President’s Report) of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2022 be received in accordance with Rule 12 (4) (b) & (c).

Moved: R Gell

Seconded: J Luckins

	Proxies received	Nominated representative	Direction of Proxy
	22	Chair of Meeting	For
	4		At Proxy’s Discretion
	1	William Birch	At Proxy’s Discretion
	1	David Walker	For
	1		At Proxy’s Discretion
Totals	29		

b. Financial Report for 2022

The Treasurer to speak to the 2022 Financial Report and present the Auditor’s statement.

The President and CEO to respond to member queries with the Treasurer.

Item 4b Motion: That the Financial Report and Auditor’s Review statement of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2022 be received in accordance with Rules 12 (4) (d).

Moved: S Verma

Seconded: J Luckins

	Proxies received	Nominated representative	Direction of Proxy
	22	Chair of Meeting	For
	4		At Proxy’s Discretion
	1	William Birch	At Proxy’s Discretion
	1	David Walker	For
	1		At Proxy’s Discretion
Totals	29		

5. Appointment of Honorary Auditor:

Item 5 Motion: That Pitcher Partners Advisors Pty Ltd be invited to accept the position of Auditor of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2023 in accordance with Rule 12 (4) (e).

Moved: S Verma

Seconded: J Luckins

	Proxies received	Nominated representative	Direction of Proxy
	23	Chair of Meeting	For
	3		At Proxy’s Discretion
	1	William Birch	At Proxy’s Discretion
	1	David Walker	For
	1		At Proxy’s Discretion
Totals	29		

6. Council 2023-24:

6.1. Mr Gell to confirm the names of the Councillors variously elected or co-opted for 2023/24 [and previously advised via the Newsletter]

2023-24 Councillors:

Dr Viktor Perunicic

2023-24 Council Officers

*Mr Robert Gell AM,
President*

*Mr Siddharth Verma,
Honorary Treasurer*

*Dr Catherine de Burgh-Day,
Vice-President*

*Mr Jeffrey Luckins,
Honorary Secretary*

6.2. Mr Gell to move a vote of thanks for the contributions of outgoing and continuing Councillors:

Outgoing Councillors

A/Professor Robert Day

Professor David Walker

Councillors continuing until AGM held in 2024, subject to re-election (all are eligible for a further term on Council):

Dr Jane Canestra

Dr Djuke Veldhuis

Mr Richard Blundell

Mr David Zerman (Immediate Past President, ex officio Council Member)

Moved: R Gell Seconded: J Luckins

7. CLOSE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

2022 Annual General Meeting: on a date to be announced in 2023 in accordance with the Rules.

For confirmation at the 2022 Annual General Meeting
THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

MINUTES of the **2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held via Zoom Conference
at 5.00pm on **THURSDAY, 26th May, 2022**

VOTING MEMBERS (AND EMPLOYEES) ONLY WERE PERMITTED TO ATTEND

Chair: Mr Rob Gell AM, President

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Kulin Nation

35 voting members were in attendance. The Chair constituted the meeting, welcomed Members and acknowledged the meeting was taking place on the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation, paying respects to elders past and present.

2. Apologies and Recognition of proxies received

Dr Simon Torok, Mr Andrew Habets, Dr Terence Corbett, Mr Jeffrey Robinson, Dr Susan White, Mr Darold Klindworth, Dr Ramakrishna Rao Muthyala, Mr Roland Muller, Professor Wendy Wright, Mrs Linda Bennison, Ms Teresa Mitchell, Dr Sydney Maxwell Richards, Dr William Palmer, Ms Vicki Jaeger, Ms Kerrie McNicol, Dr Mark Louis Vidallon, Mr William Wong, Mr Norman Taralrud-Bay, Ms Susan Halliwell, Professor Rachel Webster, Professor John Tiller, Mr Michael K Moore, Dr Alan Finkel, Professor Anthony Neville Burkitt, Mrs Manju Mohandoss, Ms Priya Mohandoss, Dr John Edward Cunningham, Dr Peter Baines, Dr Patricia Therese Illing, Dr Thomas Michael Williams, Dr John Edward Harrison, Dr Haripriya Rangan, Dr. Lynda Michelle Hanlon, Dr Alison Compton, Mr Craig Robertson, Dr Christopher Davey, Dr Sophia Frentz, Mr Christian McCaffrey, Dr Thomas Darragh, Dr Don Williams, Dr Jerry Courvisanos, Dr Christopher Freelance, Mr Christopher Roy Simpson

Proxies Recorded before closing date/time: 43.

With 35 voting members in attendance and 43 valid proxies allocated to voting members present, the meeting exceeded the requisite quorum of 50 and could proceed with business.

3. Receipt of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 13th May 2021 (as circulated)

Moved: R Gell **Seconded:** J Luckins

That in accordance with Rule 11 (4) (a) the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting held 13th May 2021 as presented by the Council be confirmed.

Carried.

4. Annual Report (including Officer, Council and Committee reports):

a President's Report on Council and Committees

The President presented his report on the Society activities for the 2021 year and plans for the future. He conveyed thanks for the work of the CEO and staff, our Councillors and Committee members, and the support of our many members and partners.

Moved: D Zerman **Seconded:** P Baines

That the Annual Report (including the President's Report) of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2021 be

received in accordance with Rule 11 (4) (b) & (d).

Carried unanimously.

b. Financial Report for 2021

The Treasurer spoke to the 2021 Financial Report and presented the Auditor's statement. Our annual deficit continues, as budgeted, and a solution must be found very soon to enable the Society's financial sustainability. The loss of our major source of income from venue hire and event management due to the pandemic will seriously affect the Society's financial performance in the year ahead in the absence of further government support. Staff positions have been cut to a bare minimum. Mr Verma explained the Investment Portfolio was the Society's only accessible capital base, with the value of our major assets substantively unrealisable.

Moved: S Verma Seconded: J Luckins

That the Financial Report and Auditor's Review statement of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2021 be received in accordance with Rules 11 (4) (b) & (d).

Carried.

5. Appointment of Honorary Auditor:

Moved: S Verma Seconded: J Luckins

That Pitcher Partners Advisors Pty Ltd be invited to accept the position of Auditor of the Royal Society of Victoria for 2022 in accordance with Rule 11 (4) (e).

Carried.

6. Special Business - Amendments to the Rules:

Item 6 Motion: That proposed amendments to the Society's governing Rules as circulated in March 2022 be received and confirmed, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting, in accordance with Rule 3.

Moved: J Luckins Seconded: R Gell

Carried.

7. Council 2022-23:

- a. Mr Gell confirmed the names of the Councillors and Council Officers elected for 2021-22

2022-23 Councillors – newly elected:

Dr Jane Canestra

Dr Djuke Veldhuis (co-opted)

Mr Richard Blundell (co-opted)

- b. Mr Gell moved a vote of thanks for the contributions of outgoing and continuing Councillors:

Outgoing Councillors

Dr Kevin Orrman-Rossiter

Dr Sophia Frentz

2021-22 Council Officers continuing until AGM held in 2023, subject to re-election (only Viktor Perunicic is eligible for a further term on Council):

Associate Professor Robert Day

Dr Viktor Perunicic

Mr David Zerman continues on Council as Immediate Past President.

Moved: R. Gell Seconded: J Luckins

Carried.

The meeting was closed at 6:00pm