



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16 November 2017

Held at Roma Cultural Centre, 18 Quentin Street, Roma, QLD, 4555.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Open

The 2017 Future Farmers Network (FFN) Annual General Meeting opened at 4:57pm. Chair, Dan Korff, welcomed all present.

Agenda Item 2: Registered Participants

Registered 2017 AGM participants included:

1. Dan Korff
2. Toby Locke
3. Megan Davies

Proxy forms were received from:

1. Christopher Young
2. Elizabeth Brennan
3. Sam Coggins
4. Lachlan Sutton

Apologies were received from:

1. Henry Gratte
2. Angus Street
3. Alex Ramsey
4. Charlie Hollingworth
5. Rohan Dunsdon
6. Harry Wall
7. Rebecca Gowen

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of previous AGM

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 18 November 2016. As required by our Constitution, we require these minutes to be moved and accepted as a true and accurate record, and subsequently that acceptance needs to be seconded.

Ordinary Resolution: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 18 November 2016 be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Dan Korff

Seconded: Ciaran O’Gorman

Agenda Item 4: Directors Report & Financials

Dan Korff provided Chair report and overview of FFN’s activities for the reporting period including an overview of the current Strategic Plan.

Chair Report

- Office move to shared space with Seftons & Associates at 21 Bourke St, Tamworth 2340. This has enabled much more efficient use of resources which have been reflected in the financials reports for the previous twelve months. Furthermore, it’s great to have our EO based in a regional area.
- New Bookkeeper recruited and started in March 2017. Rosie Moxham is from Coonamble from a mixed farming operation and has a strong background in finance and accounting.
- Held Face to Face strategy planning meeting with the entire board and team in MLA, North Sydney offices in March 2017.
- Events attended and supported in 2016-17 include:
 - ABARES Outlook Conference
 - GrowAg Regional Conversations
 - Young Auctioneers Competition
 - Ekka
 - Royal Sydney Show
 - Innovation Generation
 - MLA Red Meat Forum and AGM
 - Gradlink
 - Australian Wool Innovations National Merino Challenge
 - Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition
 - Sydney University Growing Agriculture Symposium
 - Agriculturalists Who Influence
 - UNE Rural Focus
 - Farming Futures Expo
 - Sheepmeat Council Leadership Course
 - AgQuip
 - Dowerin Field Day
 - Developing Northern Australia Conference
- Founded and co-hosted the first Innovation Generation Local with Grain Growers and in Moree in February 2017.
- Founded and co-hosted the first Verandah Series with Westpac in the Hunter Valley for young wine farmers in June 2017.
- Formulated a program and applied for the Leadership in Agriculture Fund, we were unsuccessful for that funding but are talking to a range of alternative partners to support.

- Youth Ag Council was withheld, but will be held next year (2018) along with other planned regional events similar to Young Beef Producers Forum.
- Contributed to various publications including:
 - Australian Farm Institute Farm Policy Journal: '*Future of the Agricultural Workforce*'
 - Fairfax Regional & Rural Media
 - Westpac Produce Magazine
 - ABC New England
- National Farmers federation (NFF) partnership continued and we had FFN EO and FFN Members travel over to China as part of an initiative to encourage knowledge sharing in innovative agriculture.
- Partnerships have continued strongly with current partners including:
 - Westpac Agribusiness
 - Meat and Livestock Australia
 - Austsafe Super
 - Bayer Cropscience
 - FMC Australasia
 - Nuffield
- Partnerships have been secured with new partners including:
 - Natures Table
 - Cargill
 - RuralBiz Training
 - CQU
 - AgriCreative
- Strategic Partnerships have been secured with new partners including:
 - The Farm Table – assisted with launch
 - AgriHive
 - Cultivate Farms
- FFN updated its website to include new capabilities and better engagement tools for members and the general public.
- FFN Vice Chair is on the advisory committee for the Young Farmers Business Program – first meeting was held in Dubbo in October 2017.
- Independent audit completed again this year per annual report circulated, conducted by Crowe Horwarth.
- Grown FFN's community again and set to continue this in the coming twelve months:
 - Current members – 649
 - Current community - 23,343
- FFN has a focus on the next twelve months to getting into more membership core activities such as regional events similar to Young Beef Producers Forum, Innovation Generation and Verandah Series and an increased amount of bursaries.

Financial Reports and Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ending 30 June 2017 were received at the meeting and accepted by the members.

FFN Treasurer, Angus Street provided an overview of FFN's financial performance, which was presented by FFN Vice Chair, Megan Davies.

Ordinary Resolution: That the Directors Report and Financials for the year ended 30 June 2017 be adopted.

Moved: Brendan Whiteman

Seconded: Alex Ramsey

Agenda Item 5: Election of Directors

To consider and if thought fit, elect seven (5) of the following via ordinary resolutions:

- a) Mr **Alex Ramsey** (seeking re-election. Nominated by Dan Korff, Seconder)
- b) Mr **Alisdair King** (Nominated by Toby Locke, Seconded Megan Davies)
- c) Mr **Christopher Young** (Nominated by Megan Davies, Seconded Dan Korff)
- d) Mr **Daniel Carey** (Nominated by Toby Locke, Seconded Dan Korff)
- e) Mr **Geoff Birchnell** (Nominated by James Walker, Seconded Dan Korff)
- f) Ms **Jessica Fearnley** (Nominated by Stephanie Balla, Seconded Tim Robinson)
- g) Mr **Jordy Kitschke** (Nominated by James Cant, Seconded James McCallum)
- h) Ms **Kate McDonald** (Nominated by Tim Emery, Seconded Claire Britton)
- i) Ms **Kimberley Fawkes** (Nominated by Charles Lang, Seconded Johnnie Walker)
- j) Ms **Kylie Douglas** (Nominated by Henry Gratte, Seconded Toby Locke)
- k) Mr **Lachlan Sutton** (Nominated by Dan Korff, Seconded Toby Locke)
- l) Ms **Rayali Banerjee** (Nominated by Toby Locke, Seconded Megan Davies)
- m) Mr **Sam Levett** (Nominated by Charles Hufton, Seconded Toby Locke)
- n) Ms **Sarah Nolet** (Nominated by Dan Korff, Seconded Angus Street)

Based on identified skills requirements, the FFN Board has unanimously endorsed to members the appointment of Alex Ramsey, Lachlan Sutton, Sarah Nolet, Geoff Birchnell and Christopher Young. Direct and proxy votes were counted with the following Directors elected:

- a) Mr Alex Ramsey
- b) Mr Lachlan Sutton
- c) Miss Sarah Nolet
- d) Mr Geoff Birchnell
- e) Mr Christopher Young

All re-elected and newly elected Directors were congratulated on their appointment.

Agenda Item 6: General Business

No general business tabled at the meeting.

Chair, Dan Korff extended thanks to exiting Directors Angus Street, Anna Speer and Harry Wall for their valued contribution to FFN during their time as Directors.

The 2017 FFN AGM closed at 5:21 pm QLD EST on 16 November 2017.

Confirmed as a correct record.

Dan Korff, Chairman – DD / MM / 2017