

AUSTRALIAN LACE GUILD

ACN 006-462 175

45TH AGM

21st September 2024 at St Joseph's, Perthville, NSW

MINUTES

Meeting Opened: 1:59pm

- Present:** Kim Chynoweth, Roseanne Titcombe, Elizabeth Stoneman, Anna Binnie, Janette Humphrey, Katherine Gentelli, Lesley Dangerfield, Margaret O'Connor, Ian Binnie, Janice Brooks, Marija Orel, Heather Barrett, Barbara Stokes, Lydia Hutchinson, Mary Barron, Annette Meldrum, Raewynne Jannings, Maureen Gibson, Beverley Blackwell, Sandy Taylor, Christine Hancock, Margaret Hertel, Cheryl Yates, Joan Wilson, Gaye Beswick, Bridget Fairchild, Vickie Staggs, Marie Misiurak, Jean Penrose, Rosemary Strijbos, Margo Lawson, Julie Hannibal, Margaret Abbey PSM
On-line: Stefanie Flowers, Charmian Barnett, Wendy Rowe, Beverley Dimmick, Elizabeth Allen, Shirley Tregellas, Lynn Brayshaw, Friederike Wiebke, Sophia Erzay, Michelle Long, Maryanne Peebles, Ann Sullivan, Barbara Burton, Jenene Steele, Melissa Ryan, Dinah Haley, Denice Bell, Teresa Murphy, Leonie Woods, Maurine Markwell, Sheila Bowditch, Jasmine Grace Read, Lydia Keskula, Janet Austin, Lindy de Wjijn, Dawn Howell,
Members on line whose names could not be verified were: Annette, Janet, Kate, Lindy and Madge.
- Apologies:** Marisha Kelly, Annette Lally, Christina Clogg, Alice Skennar, Robyn Asman, Daphne Webster OAM, Bec Wilson, Norma and Judy Irvin, Joy Jones, Yvonne Peny, Marie Laurie
- Acceptance of the previous minutes of the 44th AGM on 24th Sept 2023:**

Moved by Julie Hannibal Seconded by Barbara Stokes that the Minutes of the Forty fourth Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true record of that meeting. Carried

4. Business Arising:

- The spelling for Vickie Staggs in the list of recipients for the 40-year badges needed to be corrected.

5. President's Report:

I am starting this report with an apology to Annette Lally who was made a life member last year, but I forgot to mention it in my last report. Annette sent a very nice email expressing her disappointment and I knew I should have congratulated her publicly last year. So, a belated public affirmation that Annette is our newest Life Member of the Guild.

On a similar note, I would like to congratulate Olwyn Scott on her Order of Australia award. When I received the invitation to support Olwyn's nomination, I felt a sense of trepidation since I have never actually met her. My fears were allayed when I

discovered in the paper work that I could write the reference 'knowing her by repute'. All my concerns were immediately put aside as I went through my collection of "Australian Lace" magazines and could make truthful statements concerning her contributions.

This is my last AGM as President, and I would like to acknowledge the support not only of my family and friends but also the whole NAC. After two years the new Guild structure is working and I and the whole committee should be given credit for what has been happening. We have a member from every state, except Victoria. So, every state has a voice on the NAC, We do not have state representation since all members are members of the NAC and act for the Good of the whole Guild but each state should have a voice at the table. We meet online using a purchased teams account through Microsoft. There may be possibilities of having other Guild groups meet in this way too. We have continued to produce the print copies of 'Australian Lace' but have also been experimenting with the delivery of electronic versions. As people contacted our editor with an online version, they were added to the trial group. We can now offer electronic membership which was motivated by the increased postage costs from Australia Post.

We experimented with a short, long weekend version of our AGM last year which was enjoyed by those who attended. Our initial foray into an online AGM was an expensive disaster. Only 20 members registered and of these only 6 bothered to login. This year we have run a more traditional AGM format. While all who attended certainly appeared to enjoy themselves, the numbers were disappointingly small. It will be up to the new NAC to decide whether the experiment will continue or not.

We have travelled around so that eventually every state will have an AGM, and we will not have the 18 year wait between having local AGM conferences in each state. The questions that need to be resolved is what type of AGM's do people want, do you want the AGM to tour around the country in a set order or does the NAC call for expressions of interest from the whole membership and have small groups organize the AGM conferences in their locality, think of the Sale Lace weekends and Bobbin on the Murray weekends which have proved very popular. These details need to be sorted out at some stage.

We have instituted generic email addresses for the NAC based on the position individuals hold. Potentially it means that every member of the NAC has NAC email addresses and can separate their private contacts from their official contacts but it also means that members need only remember the NAC addresses to contact the right person. This may also allow for an electronic archive rather than sending documents and boxes to whenever the NAC changes or people on the NAC change responsibilities. We have also instituted forwarders, so when a NAC member is on holiday another NAC member can hold the fort so that no member misses out.

Currently the web page is a bit of a mess. Since it came online various different individuals have made their mark and unfortunately, we have reached a stage where updating or editing has become a nightmare. A new webpage is something we should consider as urgent but also plan for a longer term with some specialist work on the

webpage may have to be done by members with the skills and expertise but who are answerable to the NAC.

The future of the Guild should include online classes and or workshops during AGM weeks and perhaps joining with the states or supporting the states to run online workshops. I shall be trialing this with a small group after I recover from the AGM Conference.

Finally, I would like to thank all the NAC members Janette, Alice, Raewynne, Stefanie, Julie, Rosanne and Tina. I would like to thank all the tutors who presented at the AGM workshops, all who attended the AGM week and weekend and those who supported and encouraged the NAC and me.

Moved by Anna Binnie, Seconded by Mary Barron that the Presidents Report be received. Carried

6. Treasurer's Report: The Income Statement was distributed at the meeting and the Balance Sheet read out by the Treasurer.

Questions were asked in relation to the following matters:

- Income statement does not line up. There is a need to move the figures up one line.
- Financial Statements will be in the magazine.
- Workshops in Queanbeyan 2023 only lost \$116 because of a subsidy received from the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.
- Can the \$8000 loss be explained – this is due to increasing magazine cost and postage and the loss of membership.

7. Acceptance of the Annual report and Financial Statements:

Moved by Raewynne Jannings, Seconded by Lydia Hutchinson that the Financial Statements be passed acknowledging that there were errors that will be corrected. Updated information is required from the accountant and will be attached to the AGM minutes.

Carried

8. Election of Auditor for 2024/25: It was agreed that STA Solutions in Albany, Western Australia, represented by Reagan Brown be approved as the auditor for 2024/25.

6. **9. Membership Report:** Read by Julie Hannibal.

The year 2023-2024 closed with 697 members, 24 fewer than 2022-2023.

44 New members were welcomed during the year.

NSW/ACT	gained 11 members	QLD/NT	gained 10 members
SA	gained 4 members	TAS	gained 3 members
VIC	gained 11 members	WA	gained 5 members

The Membership breakdown for the year 2023/2024 is as follows –

NSW/ACT	191	QLD/NT	122
SA	87	TAS	63

VIC	154	WA	74
Overseas	6	Total	697

At the end of the year there were 67 Default.

We had 12 Members who have passed away and 15 resigned.

16 Members are eligible to receive their 25-year Badge this year and they are:

Jean Clark	NSW	Emmy Keys	NSW
Marcia Nielson	NSW	Betty Opie	NSW
Margaret Ritchie	NSW	Suzanne Gosewisch	QLD
Madge McLennan	QLD	Leonie Woods	QLD
Joyce Emery	SA	Barbara Thompson	SA
Beverly Carosella	TAS	Lindy De Wijn	VIC
Leonie Martinson	VIC	Anne Wade	VIC
Beverly Blackwell	WA	Janet Austin	NSW

Congratulations to all Ladies.

6 Members are eligible to receive their 40-year Badge this year, they are:

Mary Carey	NSW	Jean Charnock	NSW
Robyn Jamieson	NSW	Lyle Burns	QLD
Daphne Webster	QLD	Norma Turner	VIC

Congratulations to all.

Your Badges are due to be mailed in the coming days and we congratulate the ladies that are present today to collect theirs.

Question - Janet Austin was not named. Julie Hannibal will check when she gets home.

Moved by Julie Hannibal, Seconded by Kim Chynoweth that the Membership Report be received. Carried

10. Proficiency Co-Ordinators Report: Read by Roseanne Titcombe

It is with much pleasure that I present the 2023-2024 Proficiency Report.

Three applications were received for the year. Two of the applications were successful in their respective laces. One application was not completed and submitted.

The successful applicants for 2023-2024 were:

Jacqueline Hall – WA – Torchon Stage 1

Valerie Graves – SA – Crochet Stage 2.

Could I ask Kate Gentelli to come forward and receive the certificate on behalf of Jaqueline Hall.

Could I ask Christine Hancock to come forward and receive the certificate for Valerie Graves.

Congratulations to both Jaqueline and Valerie on their successful applications.

As I am standing down from my position as Proficiency Coordinator, I would like to thank the committee for the two years that I have served on the newly structured

NAC and I wish the incoming committee all the best as the Australian Lace Guild continues to move forward in this ever changing environment.

I would also like to encourage any lacemakers who have not undertaken a proficiency to consider doing so as it certainly helps to build knowledge and confidence in our chosen laces.

Moved by Roseanne Titcombe, Seconded by Kim Chynoweth that the Proficiency Report be received. Carried

10a.Nimble Fingers awards: Winner for 2024 - Hannah Bowen, 2nd Miriam Bowen.

Triennial Awards: Members Choice - Christine Beswick, **Members Choice (Group)** - Leschenaultia Lacemakers **Members Choice (Bobbin Lace)** - Janet Austin, **Judges Choice (Other)** -Christine Beswick, **Judges Choice (Bobbin Lace)** - Janet Austin, **Judges Choice (Group)** - Orange Lacemakers, **Judges Choice - Best Overall** - Orange Lacemakers.

11.Editor's Report: Read by Stefanie Flowers.

It has been a tough but rewarding year. I feel like I've started to get into the swing of being the Editor, learning lots and being challenged along the way. My most significant achievement as Editor has been trialling and successfully rolling out a digital magazine option alongside the hardcopy version. We've had quite a few members sign up with the recently launched digital subscription membership. This initiative has allowed us to offer members greater flexibility and access to our content and follows in the footsteps of many organisations around the world. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed articles, insights, and feedback, as well as those who provided their support throughout this process. Your involvement has been invaluable in making this transition a success. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Committee members for their encouragement and support in persevering with the rollout of the digital magazine option. Their support was instrumental in making this initiative a reality. I look forward to seeing what the next year brings.

Moved by Stefanie Flowers, Seconded by Rosemary Strijbos that the Editors Report be received. Carried

12. STATE REPORTS –

***NSW BRANCH** - Read by Elizabeth Stoneman

The past 12 months have gone by very quickly.

I would like to thank the NSW committee members Anne Kintominas, Barbara Stokes, Maureen Gibson, Elizabeth Allen, Pauline Garland, Robin Cocks, Lisa Halden, and Christine Johnson for their support and work making the committee function. Christine has worked hard to make the library accessible to members at lace days, Lisa has worked behind the scenes to get Lace E News out each month, and Elizabeth Allen has represented country members, which has been a terrific addition to the committee's work. Barbara is the key holder for Linnwood, getting the hall ready every lace day and promoting the lace guild

throughout the year. Robyn, Pauline, and Anne have taken on jobs for the committee, helped at Lace Days and at other activities.

Maureen has tackled the Treasurer's role with all its complexity as the Branch has had to move to electronic banking. The introduction of the "square" for electronic payments at lace days is another step brought on by the removal of cheque payments.

Christine, Barbara, Pauline, Anne, and Robin have run mini workshops at Lace Days. Tatting, crochet, tambour, torchon, and Honiton laces have been presented to the members.

Our members have demonstrated at shows, including Craft Alive at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, agricultural shows, Linnwood open days, and Hambledon cottage, and at the Embroiderers Guild on International Lace Day.

Special mention goes to Sandy Taylor and the Orange Lace Group for their support of the Heritage Trades Trail in Bathurst. Also, the Kurri Kurri and Dubbo groups for their many displays and workshops. Thanks to all the members who demonstrated at the Newcastle Spinners and Weavers show.

Other activities undertaken by the guild this year included the locket workshop where members made lace for a locket. Finding the lockets was an exercise in patient and learning how to use Etsy. The Branch also supported Gumnut Lace this year.

We have been fortunate to have visitors to our lace days including a lacemaker from Denmark.

One of the more unusual things that I did this year was to assist an interior designer, collaborating with the architectural firm, reinstating one of the reception rooms at Government House in Sydney. The 1879 lace curtains have long been lost, and the only photos of the rooms aren't detailed enough to identify the style and pattern of the curtains. I spent an interesting morning talking about lace and styles.

While the Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo is closed for renovation, the lace volunteers are still meeting. Isabelle Hargraves, Maureen Gibson, and Barbara Stokes are just some of our members meeting to promote lace at the temporary site next to the museum.

I thank all our members for their support over the last year and their continued support and promotion of lace.

***VICTORIAN BRANCH** – Written by Wendy Fletcher, Read by Margaret Abbey PSM

Firstly, I would like to thank the many people who have made the job of President a little easier. I'll start with Lindy de Wijn, as the previous President, who guided us all through the difficult Covid years and provided huge support and advice. Next, the committee members who have been supportive and patient.

I'd also like to thank all our co-ordinators - Dawn Howell -classes, Corinne Klop - demonstrations, Annette Lally -Collection, Leonie McNeill - Library, Maree Langley-newsletter and Wendy Rowe - Trading table. They all do a fantastic job, and we all

appreciate what they do, and benefit from their knowledge and experience.

We have had the opportunity to purchase goodies from the Beswick's, Rochelle Sutherland and Liz Green with her amazing collection of threads.

During the year we have also been treated to some great classes – Annette Lally's Honiton class, Martina's Wolter-Kampmann Beginnings and Endings class and Kate Gentelli's Playing with Colour. Wonderful opportunities for us all to expand our knowledge and understanding.

We have also been busy demonstrating at many and varied locations. Demonstrating is a great way to share our love of lace. We have also conducted a class at The Pines Library, organised by Lindy de Wijn and supported by several members, where 18 people learned the basics of bobbin lace. We can only hope they continue to develop their skills. Another class is being organised at the Warrandyte Library.

We have had some wonderful speakers this year - including Maggie Hensel-Brown's needlelace and Chantelle Bakersmith who gave us some insight into proficiencies. Just a taste of all the wonderful presentations we have enjoyed this year.

In August we will be holding another Taster Day which gives us the opportunity to introduce people to the various forms of lace. Classes will be available in bobbin lace, needlelace, knitted lace, tatting and crochet lace.

Our thanks also go to the NAC for their work over the past 12 months for the Guild.

***TASMANIAN BRANCH** – Written by Maryanne Peebles, read by Roseanne Titcombe

It is with pleasure that I present the annual report for the Tasmanian Lace Guild for the 2023/24 lace year and my first as State President having been elected at our AGM in July.

I would like to thank our outgoing President Roseanne Titcombe, who compiled most of this report, and is presenting this report on my behalf,

We have not had a busy year in Tasmania at a state level, but the regional groups in Hobart Launceston and Ulverstone along with various non-formal groups, have continued to meet monthly, and the state days held in each region have been well attended. We celebrated the 40th birthday of the Guild in Tasmania in July 2023, and all members were presented with a commemorative bobbin and cover cloth. The Hobart Lace Day in October was enhanced by the addition of a workshop of 'Christmas Lacicles' which was tutored by the very patient Vicki Potter. Vicki not only prepared our packs, but she also pricked the patterns. The North West State Lace Day in March is always well attended.

Our recent AGM saw the election of a new committee, allowing the outgoing members, Roseanne Titcombe, Julie Hannibal, Melanie Bartlett and Angela Holyoak to take a much deserved rest. I would like to express my appreciation to all of these ladies for their willingness to serve on the committee.

Unfortunately, this year saw us lose two long standing members namely Gwynneth Dunham in August 2023 and Win Lambert passing away in May 2024.

Gwynneth had been a long-standing member of 22 years resigning in 2015. She served as a member of the Tasmanian NAC team from 1999 to 2001 and although she had not attended lace days for some time, she was always a happy and willing member of our lace family with a ready smile and a kind word for everyone.

Win had only rejoined the guild the previous year after having previously been a member for 26 years resigning in 2017. She served as National Treasurer for a period of the Tasmanian NAC team in 1999. She had held positions on the State Committee both in executive roles and as branch delegate over many years.

November sees us demonstrating at the Deloraine Craft Fair, which is Australia's largest working craft fair. Our theme this year was 'Australiana', which produced some spectacular modern lace pieces, including a gum tree, a dunny, a clothesline, and a red back spider. The display was widely admired by members of the public. This year's theme is "Floral", and I am confident that we will have another impressive display. Thank you once again to Lyn Morgan for being the lead in organising this display and for the many hours she put into the task.

Our Northwest ladies organise a retreat annually in May. This was by all reports enjoyable for all who attended, with chats, lacemaking, eating and catching up. This is a relaxed weekend spent at a holiday camp, with all meals provided, and no washing up.

Julie Hannibal and Roseanne Titcombe have once again represented Tasmania on the NAC committee both as Membership Secretary and Proficiency Coordinator. Julie is hopeful to continue on but due to ongoing health issues Roseanne has been forced to depart the committee at this AGM.

Once again thank you to our members who contributed their time during the year, on regional and state committees, assisting at state lace days and giving up their time to help our new lacemakers.

A very big thank you to the continuing members of our state committee consisting of Margaret Smith and Janet Jones. They along with the retiring members, and the additions to the committee this year are the reason that we can continue to have a Guild to enjoy the fun, camaraderie and sharing that is so much a part of the lace journey.

* **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH** - Written by Christine Hancock Read by Margaret O'Connor

Speakers and Presentations: In August 2023, the organization hosted a presentation by the Foodbank, which focused on their efforts to support community members in need through food distribution. This was followed by a talk in September 2023 on the topic of collection, providing valuable insights and techniques. Another significant presentation was delivered by the Di Kirchener Embroidery Guild in February 2024, enriching the attendees with their expertise. Finalising the program with a visit from Dressed4Success. Share the Dignity charity

day, initially planned for May 2024, was postponed to July to better accommodate the schedule.

Demonstrations and Fairs: The organization also actively engaged in various demonstrations and fairs throughout the year. Notably, the Fleece and Fibre Fair in September 2023 included a demonstration and display. Lots of people showed interest. Demonstrations were also held at Blackfriars, the Croatian Club, and the Pre-Mother's Day Fair, each contributing to the community's knowledge and appreciation of lacemaking crafts and techniques.

Workshops: October 2023 marked the 43rd birthday of the Lace Guild SA Branch, celebrated with a series of workshops. These workshops included sessions on tatting and 3D torchon, catering to diverse interests within the crafting community. Sylvia Piddington led a Gumnuts Needlelace workshop, and in April 2024, a "Learn a Lace" workshop was conducted, introducing members of the public to Lacemaking.

Other Activities: Among other notable activities, the organization received a defibrillator in November 2023, enhancing safety measures for all members and visitors. The "Triangles" group project, a collaborative effort, is now proudly displayed on three cloths, showcasing the collective talent and creativity of the members. Additionally, the organization celebrated six members who reached the milestone of forty years of membership, honouring their long-term commitment and contributions. In summary, the past year has been marked by a variety of enriching activities, including informative talks, engaging demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and significant community contributions, reflecting the organization's dedication to growth, education, and community support.

* **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH** – Written by Maryka de Vries Read by Janice Brooks

Thank you for your continued support of the WA Branch of the Australian Lace Guild. It is through this shared commitment that we uphold the tradition of lacemaking in our region.

Membership and Participation - This year, WA Branch membership fluctuated between 75 and 76, reflecting both the addition of new members and the loss of others due to retirement or passing. We warmly welcomed two new members. As renewals for the 2024/2025 period continue, I encouraged all our current members to promptly renew their Australian Lace Guild membership.

Exhibitions and Fairs - Following our 2023 AGM, the WA Branch showcased its work at the Craft Alive fair. Over four days, members managed a demonstration table, successfully raising awareness of our craft. Due to the positive reception, we participated again this year with equal success.

Lace Days, Workshops, and Annual Events - In August 2023, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Collie Lace Group, with broad attendance from lace-makers across Western Australia. In October, Bellevue Belles hosted their lace day, followed by our Cattern's Day event in November, which drew over 40 participants. Highlights included a presentation by Molly Ryan, who demonstrated how lace-inspired screen printing creates exquisite textiles. Congratulations to Gillian Burrow for winning the 2023 Christmas Angel Challenge and to Kath Shadbolt, whose winning design will feature in this year's Cattern's Day Challenge. The 2024 lace events began with a February gathering organized by the committee, where we celebrated Olwyn Scott's receipt

of the Medal of the Order of Australia. This recognition underscores her unwavering contribution to the craft. In March, we held our first post-pandemic lace retreat. The event was a huge success with 20 members attending the two day workshop on needle lace led by Di Kirchner. Later in March the Bellevue Belles group hosted another successful lace day. April saw us enjoying the annual Lace in the Park event at King's Park. In May, the Albany Lacemakers welcomed 25 participants to their workshop, with Kate Gentelli leading a session on lace tallies. June concluded with a second Bucks workshop by Maureen Goffroy, following her successful 2023 class. Awards - Olwyn Scott's receipt of the Medal of the Order of Australia was celebrated in March with an afternoon tea hosted by the McDougall Lacemakers, accompanied by an exhibition of her work. At our annual Cattern's Day event in 2023, several members were honoured with long-term service badges: Kath Shadbolt, Olwyn Scott, Helen Frankel, and Judy Glencross received 40-year badges, while Helen Armstrong was awarded her 25-year badge. Competitions - WA Branch members excelled at the Perth Royal Show, with 20 entries, and Best Exhibit awarded to Helen Dunn for her themed entry featuring dogs.

Future Plans - Upcoming events include continued participation in Craft Alive, Cattern's Day, the Royal Show, and the 2025 Redgum Retreat. Preparations are also underway for the 2026 National Conference and AGM, to be hosted in Western Australia.

Acknowledgments - I extend sincere thanks to the 2023/2024 WA Branch committee: Judy Glencross (Vice President and RAS Liaison), Janice Brooks (Secretary), Janet Tombleson (Treasurer), and general committee members Gillian Burrow, Fran Harwood, Margaret Carey, and Brigitte Russmann. Special thanks go to Michelle Long (Facebook Administrator), Helen Constable (Librarian), and Bev Blackwell and Kath Shadbolt (Proficiency Coordinators for WA). I also want to acknowledge the efforts of the 2026 National Conference Steering Committee, led by Kate Gentelli.

Closing Remarks - Reflecting on the past year, I am inspired by the creativity and dedication of our members. I look forward to another year of growth, learning, and sharing the art of lace-making.

* **QUEENSLAND BRANCH** - No report tabled.

Moved by Christine Hancock Seconded by Bridget Fairchild that all State Reports be received. Carried

13. Election of Office Bearers: Returning Officer – Anna Binnie

The following National Committee members were elected:

Executive Committee -

President – Katherine Gentelli

Vice President – Margaret Abbey PSM

Secretary – Janette Humphrey

Treasurer – Raewynne Jannings

Committee – Julie Hannibal, Stefanie Flowers, Christina Clogg, Beverley Blackwell, Christine Hancock

14.Other Business: Julie Hannibal apologised to Janet Austin as she does have her listed for her 25-year badge.

- Anna Binnie presented thank you bobbins to Margaret Hertel, Roseanne Titcombe, Jenny Hertel, Sandy Taylor, Kim Chynoweth
- Anna Binnie was presented with a thank you bobbin from the outgoing committee.
- The passing of Noelene Lafferty was acknowledged.
- Kim Chynoweth thanked Anna Binnie and the outgoing committee for bringing us into the new era. She also thanked Sister Mary and her team for looking after us so well at St Josephs.

Katherine Gentelli took over the meeting. Thanked the outgoing committee for all their hard work over the last 2 years bringing us into a new era. Pleased that there are some of the old committee on the new committee and looks forward to seeing everyone in Adelaide for our next conference in September 2025.

Meeting Closed: 4.15pm

Next AGM – 2025 South Australia

AUSTRALIAN LACE GUILD
DELEGATES MEETING
Thursday 19th September 2024
Perthville, NSW

Minutes

Meeting Open: 5pm

Attendance:

Delegates – Margaret O'Connor (SA), Janice Brooks (WA), Margaret Abbey PSM (Vic), Roseanne Titcombe (Tas), Elizabeth Stoneman (NSW)

Observers – Christine Hancock (SA), Kate Gentelli (WA), Bev Blackwell (WA), Julie Hannibal (Tas)

Apologies: Nil

Chaired by: Anna Binnie, Secretary - Janette Humphrey

Minutes of previous meeting 24th September 2023:

Moved by Roseanne Titcombe, Seconded by Janice Brooks that the minutes of the Delegates Meeting held on 24 September 2023 be approved. Carried

Business Arising:

- Section 5 -The agenda was not sent out 2 weeks before the meeting. To be looked at again. New State committees may not have time before to send information for the agenda. Delegates need to be asked for their items/discussion points to be sent for the agenda as a reminder. It was suggested that at least 6 weeks beforehand would be adequate.

Moved by Margaret Abbey and Seconded by Elizabeth Stoneman that the request for items for the Delegates Meeting should be sent out at least 6 weeks prior to the meeting. Carried

- Online magazines are now offered as part of the membership. The print magazine with membership will cost extra. Online with membership will be the same price as now.
- New Guild structure – General discussion occurred regarding the length of service for president/committee. It was suggested that those wishing to be on the NAC Executive need to serve a minimum of 12 months on the committee if they haven't been on the NAC previously. Discussion was generally supported.
- Location of conferences – 2025 conference in SA is still being looked at. 2026 conference in WA is being planned now. Suggestion that conferences be rotated as

done previously. ie SA, WA, QLD, NSW, VIC, Tas. Conferences should be rotated around the states from 2025. This principle was agreed by all. The AGM must be held within 3 months of the end of the financial year. July - September. Duration of AGM conference and organisation to be discussed with the state. The organising state committee needs to advise and liaise with the state committee and report to the NAC.

Moved by Anna Binnie and Seconded by Roseanne Titcombe that the principle of the conferences being rotated amongst states and the organising state committee reports to the NAC and liaises with the state branch committee be agreed. Carried

- WA will not send minutes until their following meeting. NSW will do the same. All Minutes will be sent as unconfirmed/draft minutes.

Discussions:

NSW – 1/ Development of a social media account for members to access. – Generic email addresses are being used successfully. Need more space on our webpage and a new webpage as current webpage is problematic. Need a professional to update. All states already have their own FB pages.

2/ Development of a standard 6 week beginners bobbin lace course online for all states. Who do we refer beginners to... Suggested Jenny Brandis pages and do face to face. Anna to write to Jenny to ask permission to use her page.

S.A. - 1/ Does the NAC all have credit cards. Answer - No. Proficiency, editor and membership all have debit cards. All controlled by the Treasurer.

2/ Workshops should be cancelled if there are less than 5 students. Answer - Having less students was an experiment to make sure we have classes. It means the teachers aren't out of pocket etc.

Meeting Closed: 6.10pm

Next Meeting: 2025 AGM

Australian Lace Guild

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Westpac General Account #3768	7,647	9,453
Westpac Conference Account #2699	13,432	10,416
Westpac Community Solutions Account #4861	20,236	555
Term Deposit- Jennie Fisher Scholarship #6781	12,958	12,548
Term Deposit- Membership Guarantee #4744	10,000	10,000
Westpac Term Deposit #2939	-	30,000
Westpac Term Deposit #4635	50,000	50,000
Westpac Term Deposit #4764	5,139	5,050
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	119,412	128,022
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Office Furniture & Equipment	2,176	2,176
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,176	2,176
TOTAL ASSETS	121,588	130,198
NET ASSETS	121,588	130,198
Members' funds		
Retained earnings	121,588	130,198
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	121,588	130,198

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Statement Of Changes In Equity For The Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Retained earnings		
Opening retained earnings	130,198	135,526
Net loss	-8,609	-5,328
	<u>121,588</u>	<u>130,198</u>
Total equity		
Balance as at 01 July 2023	130,198	135,526
Profit	-8,609	-5,328
	<u>121,588</u>	<u>130,198</u>

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Income Statement

For The Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Membership Fee	31,762	36,809
Joining Fees	670	-
Magazine Subscription	198	-
Donations	15	46
Advertising Income	830	830
Project & Workshops	2,500	-
Conference Bookings	25,885	5,520
Late Fee	230	430
Investment Account Closed	10	45
Nimble Fingers Entry Fee	-	2
Proficiency	120	120
Interest Income	3,660	1,557
	65,880	45,359
EXPENSES		
AGM Room Rent	-	100
ASIC Fee	290	478
Bank Charges	50	-
Conference Expenses	19,424	1,555
Insurance	4,298	4,116
Membership Refund	1,140	245
Nimble Fingers Prizes	-	20
Postage	5,377	6,610
Precision Badges	-	926
Printing & Stationery	30,050	25,979
Professional Fees	660	1,177
Sponsorship expense	600	-
State Subsidies	8,292	8,760
Subscriptions	499	722
Sundry Expenses	1,310	-
Workshop Expenses	2,500	-
	74,489	50,688
NET LOSS		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	-8,609 130,198	-5,328 135,526
RETAINED EARNINGS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	121,588	130,198

