

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Pickleball in the Park Association Incorporated
Wednesday 23 July 2025 at 7:30pm
Community Room Boronia Park (Rugby Club building)**

Attendance:

Andrew Wilson, Tonia Amy, Karey Kettle, Carl Kosutar, Rod Brabin, Jacquie Randall, Susie Halliday, Chris Lane, Artemis Demetriou, Dimitri Demetriou, Martin Kinsey, Anne Kinsey, Julie Papallo, Andrew Whittles, Steve Callister, Helen Tran, Marilee Callister, Deborah Khoury, Steve Spargo, Judy McNamara, Eddie Syadan, Chris Kuiters, Paul Sindler, Luis Fierro, Paul Sell, Nada Moore, Mike Butcher, Ankur Khurana, Sue Madden, Caroline Hopwood, Andrea Hui, Louise Haynes, Jan Glazier, Rakesh Jampala, Matt Noone, Henry Wong, Trish Scofield

Apologies:

Maureen Hurley, Peter Pannowitz, Roger Appathurai, Tim Johnson, Bern Johnson, Connie Volger, Linda Gock

The meeting started at 7:30pm

The Chairman (Dimitri) welcomed all to the meeting. The minutes from the previous AGM on 17 July 2024 had been circulated to all member on 7 July 2025. These minutes were accepted and approved without discussion or change.

Dimitri gave a short president's report, it included:

- Playing started in 2019 at Putney
- When the club was first created it had 20 members, there are as at today 771 members.
- Club plays from 5 centres with 40 sessions a week, we have accredited beginners' coaches as well as intermediate coaches.
- The advanced session has been widely applauded by advanced players this had led to players improving their skill levels.
- The drill sessions are popular.
- Leagues and the AMC were very well supported. Special thanks was given to the organisers (Louise, Rod and Luis) as there is a tremendous amount of work in this.
- Social media presence is excellent.
- Katherine Moller had been recognised by PANSW as a volunteer of the year.
- Ankur Khurana our latest graduate was awarded his club coaching certificate.
- Volunteers are vital to the operation of the club, there are too many to mention and I don't want to risk leaving one off the list.

Andrew gave a short treasurer's report

- The accounts had been circulated to all on 7 July 2025
- A key cost to the club was the lights at Brush Farm, leaving them on 30 minutes longer than necessary a session would cost the club about \$6K a year
- The deficit for the year was \$9K and the forecast deficit for the year ahead was about \$20K.
- The next committee will have to increase sub by around \$30 to \$35 if it wishes to arrest the deficit.
- Playing at Boronia costs about the same as playing at Brush Farm under lights.
- The club is very large 770 members and growing rapidly (40 new members in last 3 weeks), this growth in players is not being matched by a similar growth in volunteers. In Andrew's opinion, this will lead to problems in the future, perhaps the club might fold or split into smaller clubs. Without adequate volunteers players will arrive at a venue to no host, or insufficient or broken equipment.
- Paying people to do jobs is not a valid method as those people will need managing, this turns the organisation into a paid venture.
- Dimitri and Andrew were authorised to sign the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025, the net assets are \$21,189 and the deficit for the year was \$9,835.

Committee

- All positions were declared vacant
- Dimitri made it clear this would be his last year as President, he was hopeful the Vice President would wish to nominate to be the President in 12 month's time
- The role of Vice President was contested. Henry Wong achieved 19 votes and Rakesh Jampala achieved 12 votes so Henry was nominated.

The Committee for the next 12 months will be:

President – Dimitri Demetriou

Vice President – Henry Wong

Secretary – Vacant. Will be combined with Treasurer

Treasurer – Andrew Whittles

Host Coordinator – Vacant

Equipment Corodinator (Boronia) – Vacant

Equipment Corodinator (Brush Farm) – Sue Madden

Membership Coordinator – Tonia Amy

Social media and Website – Linda Gock

Ryde Council Liaison – Louise Haynes

Hunters Hill Council Liaison – Maureen Hurley

Social Committee – Helen Tran

Competitions – Rod Brabin

Any other business

- Luis Fierro and Steve Callister asked about the merits of producing a five year plan. It was decided at the first committee meeting a sub committee will be appointed to create a draft plan for consideration by the committee. This sub committee does not have to comprise members of the committee.
- Luis Fierro asked about the continuing merits of compulsory membership of PANSW and PAA. Andrew Whittles commented he expected this would be considered as part of considering an increase to members subscriptions.
- Rod Brabin asked about more profile for advanced players. It was decided the Committee would at its first meeting consider if a committee member should be appointed for this function.
- Jan Glazier asked about doing a survey of members interests and talents. She will liaise with Linda Gock on this.
- Andrea Hui suggested the players at Brush Farm should be charged for the lights rather than increasing fees across the board. Luis Fierro said the club had a square machine.
- People would like the nets to be better maintained or replaced. It was explained this was part of the job of equipment coordinator. Luis and Sue will complete a full inventory of nets at Brush Farm and advise Dimitri if new nets are required or if nets need to be fixed.
- Deb Khoury in her role with PANSW gave a talk on why Pickleball is not yet a registered sport, in summary because there is not a unified world body and because in Australia Tennis Australia have also put themselves forward as the peak body.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm