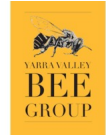


# Yarra Valley Bee Group



## Yarra Valley Bee Group 2021 AGM

Yarra Valley Bee Group Inc 2021 AGM

When 28-11-2021 at 1:30 PM

Location: Via Zoom, Via Zoom

Chairperson Luke Whiteside

Minute taker Steve Ross

Present Phil Counsel (Swarm Coordinator), Cathy Dibley (Treasurer), Bernhard Dichtl , Linda Hill (Library Coordinator), John Kennedy , Jo McDonald (Vice President, Website/Newsletter), Dean Oliver (Membership Coordinator), Steve Ross , Luke Whiteside

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome to the 2021 AGM

Jo McDonald opened the AGM with Acknowledgement of Country & then introduced Luke Whiteside to Chair the AGM.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies from Vanda Camm

### 3. Acceptance of Proxy Forms

No Proxy forms were received

#### **4. Acceptance of Minutes of 2020 AGM Minutes**

The 2020 AGM Minutes were accepted as a true & correct record.

[📎 YVBG\\_2020\\_AGM.pdf](#)

#### **Decision**

Moved by James Dawes, Seconded by Cathy Dibley

## 5. Presidents Report

YVBG Presidents Report

Its been a year of great contrasts for both our Yarra Valley Bee Group and our personal interests as recreational or hobby beekeepers.

We have been unable to hold public meetings which have always been one of our delights, where there is the opportunity to hear from high quality and practical guest speakers, as well as to share conversations with beekeepers that are often of similar scale and about the same position on the learning curve of beekeeping as ourselves.

And of course, the opportunity to borrow a book from our extensive Library of topical texts is presented.

Nevertheless, and despite the COVID challenges we have had regular meetings by Zoom and that is a new experience where we have all progressed along the learning curve recently. Necessary but nowhere as good as a meeting at ECOSS.

The Group has continued to increase in membership numbers and that reflects the strongly growing interest in beekeeping.

Victoria now has over thirty formal beekeeping clubs like ours and I stay connected personally with quite a few.

They all reflect the rising public interest and membership and the individual thirst for learning and information.

I believe there are several ways in which our Group can increase its effectiveness and value for our members.

For instance, I believe we need to make it more widely known that there are useful basic aids available to our members especially extraction equipment, even an infrared camera.

Our Library also needs to be regularly refreshed as new beekeeping and related texts are always becoming available.

I think there also will be opportunities, especially now that a route out of COVID lockdowns is becoming clearer.

For instance, I would have liked to offer a bus trip for members to the annual Harcourt Field Day on 10 October last.

I have attended this field day for some years, and I regard it as one of the most useful investments of time.

As it always offers good speakers and presentations, all the principal vendors of beekeeping gear are on sale, and there are some practical hive displays to witness.

Unfortunately, this year's event was abandoned due to the COVID lockdowns.

So hopefully next year may present an opportunity for a group chartered bus trip.

On the beekeeping front I think we have all enjoyed some production success and conditions for our principal honey making season next summer are positive.

I have experienced myself an aggressive spring swarming season and the ability to collect and house swarms I consider to be a skill that every small beekeeper needs to master as a factor in swarm prevention.

Principally because it adds to your hive numbers effectively and at a minimal cost.

I believe the Yarra Valley Bee Group has an important role in advancing the knowledge of practical beekeeping for our members regardless of the number of hives that you manage.

Remember Time is Precious – Use it Beekeeping.

John Kennedy

President Yarra Valley Bee Group

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## 6. Treasurers Report

YARRA VALLEY BEE GROUP  
TREASURERS REPORT FY 2020/2021

This financial year has had little opportunity for increasing our revenue for the Club due to the Covid restrictions and many lockdowns.

Our income stream has mainly been from three sources, Memberships (\$4052.87), sales of honey (\$2859.00) and swarm management (\$615.00).

The expenditure over the last financial year has included the purchase of a new spinner and existing equipment repairs (\$398.00), payments to guest speakers (\$850.00), payment of this FY and next FY Club insurance (\$920.00), honey purchases (\$925.00), new Club signage (\$220.00), Events/Projects with the purchase of items for monthly meeting door prizes (\$300.00), and the main Club expenditure being for administrative costs - for renewal of membership to associations, zoom fees and membership and sundry costs (\$2319.06). This year the Club also opened a Debit Card account, which has made accounting and expenditure, more efficient and timely.

The Club made an overall profit of \$1050.78.

Attached are the Yarra Valley Bee Group Balance Sheet and Bank Account Summary Sheets. If you have any queries, please feel free to discuss this with me at the Annual General Meeting.

Kind Regards,

Cathy Dibley

[📎 YVBG\\_Treasurers\\_report\\_2021.pdf](#)

## 7. Election of Committee Members. All positions on the Committee are now declared vacant. We are required to have a Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and General Committee. By our rules, any member is entitled to be nominated for a position on the committee.

Nominations for each position were named:

President: James Dawes

Vice President: Jo McDonald

Secretary: Vanda Camm

Treasurer: Cathy Dibley

General Committee: Bernhard Dichtl, Linda Hill, Dean Oliver, Phil Counsel

Voting was not required for any position

### Decision

The meeting attendees accepted the nominated members for each position

## 8. Recognition of outgoing Committee Members

Luke Whiteside thanked outgoing Committee Members, John Kennedy & Steve Ross for their service in the 2020/21 year.

## 9. Close of 2021 AGM

The 2021 AGM closed at 1:45pm.

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*End of minutes.  
Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.*

# Minutes of Yarra Valley Bee Group 2021 AGM on 28-11-2021

## Summary of Matters Arising

### Decisions

Item	Decision
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4.	Moved by James Dawes, Seconded by Cathy Dibley
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7.	The meeting attendees accepted the nominated members for each position
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## Summary of Attachments

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4.	<a href="#">YVBG_2020_AGM.pdf</a>
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5.	<a href="#">YVBG_Presidents_Report_2021.pdf</a>
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6.	<a href="#">YVBG_Treasurers_report_2021.pdf</a>
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*Attachments can be found under your TidyHQ admin account at:*  
Storage > Meetings > [Yarra Valley Bee Group 2021 AGM](#)