



Polish Community Association in Geelong Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 29th October, 2017 at 4.00pm

1. **Welcome:** The President, Mrs Grazyna Brzostowski, welcomed the 44 eligible voting members present at the meeting. There were also 2 proxies. Total: 46 eligible voting members. This was more than the required 25 members to form a quorum.
2. **Minutes of the Previous General Meeting:** The Minutes of the previous AGM, held on 6th November 2016, were posted on the Associations Website. Meeting agreed that the Minutes be taken as read.

Motion was moved that Minutes be confirmed.

Moved: Maria Filipowicz and **Seconded:** Adam Zychla

Motion was passed by a show of hands.

3. **President's Report:** A hard copy of the President's Report (Attached) in English was posted on the Association's Website three weeks before the meeting and was distributed to members present. The President, Grazyna Brzostowski, also gave a verbal report in Polish.

The President welcomed Mr David Baldi and Mr Mick Kelly, from the Mercury Group and invited David Baldi to give his Mercury Report on the Club's operations.

David Baldi, General Manager of the Mercury Group, outlined how the organisation was assisting the PCA to help it to get back to a strong financial position.

Motion: "That the President's Report and the presentation by David Baldi be accepted"

Moved: Mrs Wanda Goral **Seconded:** Mr Frank Filipowicz

Motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Financial Audited Report of the PCA for the 2016/2017 (summary of which is included below) was presented by the Treasurer, Ray Matczak.

1. Statement of PCA Assets

	To June 2017	To June 2016
Total Assets	\$4,292,624	\$5,066,225
Total Liabilities	(\$ 653,251)	\$1,709,649
Net Assets	\$3,639,373	\$3,356,576

2. Profit & Loss Statement

	To June 2017	To June 2016	% Inc/Dec
Gross Profit	\$1,899,813	\$1,485,185	27.9%
Expenses	\$1,635,771	\$1,649,150	(0.8%)
Profit/Loss	\$282,797	\$103,541	173.1%

3. Status of Main Bank Accounts as of 30th June 2017

Account	To June 2017	To June 2016
Loan A/C	(\$35,000)	(\$898,890)
Trading A/C	\$22,347	(\$ 48,968)

Motion: "That the Audited Financial Report for the 2016/17 Financial Year as tabled be accepted"

Moved: Ray Matczak

Seconded: Jan Kilinski

Motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands, with no abstentions.

5. Appointment of an Auditor for the next financial year:

The following motion was put:

*"That **STANNARDS Accounting and Advisors** be appointed as the Auditors for the PCA for the 2017/2018 Financial Year"*

Moved: Ray Matczak

Secunder: Wanda Goral

The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

6. **Annual membership subscription and joining fees:** The President explained that the Committee is recommending that the Annual Membership Subscription be decreased to \$10 to encourage more people to join the Club. After some discussion the motion as listed on the Agenda was put to the meeting

Motion: "That the membership subscription be decreased from \$20 to \$10 from 1st July 2018 and the Joining Fee remain at \$10.00"

Moved: Maria Filipowicz

Seconded: Ray Matczak

The motion was passed 31 for 13 against.

7. Election of the Members to the Four vacant positions on the Committee

The President explained that as there were only FOUR nominations for the FOUR vacancies, an election was not required and she declared the following members elected to the Committee for a TWO-YEAR term.

- Krystyna Matczak
- Frank Definski
- Jack Karpinski
- Henry Szkuta

8. Presentation of Honorary Life Membership to Members

The President awarded Honorary Life Membership to:

Mrs. Stefania Siwicka and Mrs Krystyna Matczak

For their contribution to the PCA as was agreed to by members at the Information Meeting on 4th June 2017.

9. Consideration of the Motion foreshadowed at the Information Meeting on 4th June, 2017 and listed on the Agenda for this AGM.

“That the members present at this AGM express their gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Committee, especially Grazyna Brzostowski and Henry Szkuta, for the long legal battle they fought to give back the control of the Club to the PCA membership and for working professionally with the Mercury Group to return the Club to a positive financial position”

Moved: Stanislaw Karpinski

Seconded: Maria Filipowicz

The Motion was passed unanimously with show of hands.

10. General Questions

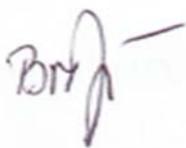
- a. Henry presented an explanation of our current and future Gaming Entitlements and the details of the costs. He also made members aware that if the opportunity arose for the White Eagle House to increase the number of its Gaming Entitlements from 35 to a maximum of 60, then the Club will be taking advantage of the opportunity.
- b. Before the President closed the meeting, she made a special announcement, informing members that as of 29th October, 2017, the PCA has paid off the Loan from Westpac Bank and that the Trading Account is not using the overdraft facility as it is in the black for the first time in many years.

Status of Main Bank Accounts as of 29thOctober, 2017

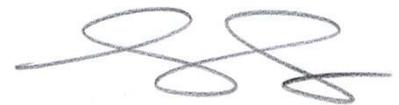
	29 th October 2017
Loan A/C	\$0
Trading A/C	\$44,300

To celebrate this milestone, the President invited members at the meeting to free drinks at the Bar.

- 11. Close of Meeting:** The President thanked members for attending and for their support. The meeting was closed at 5.45pm.



Grazyna Brzostowski
President



Henry Szkuta
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE 2016/2017

It gives me great pleasure to present my third President's Report, especially with so many positive things to report on. Before I proceed, I would like to thank all our members for the support you have given my committee and me over the last 12 months.

As you will hear from our Treasurer, Ray Matczak, 2016/17 has been an extremely successful financial year for the Club. For this, I must thank the three representatives from the Mercury Group, David Baldi, Mick Kelly, Travis Wallace and our Manager, Andrea Tournier for their guidance and advice, especially in the area of finance.

I would also like to thank our dedicated Bar and Maintenance staff for their hard work and commitment to the White Eagle House.

We are proud of the fact that our Club continues to sponsor and support the Breakwater Eagles Soccer Club, the Men's and Women's Dart Teams, and Pool Teams. We are also proud that we continue to provide our facilities each week, free of charge, to the three Polish Senior Citizens groups and the Jukebox Rockers.

I must make special mention of our demonstrated commitment to the Breakwater Eagles Soccer Club. Our Secretary, Henry Szkuta, last month submitted an application to the Commonwealth Government for a grant to install soccer lights on the two junior soccer fields. The cost of the project will be \$32,000. If our submission is successful, the Government will contribute \$16,000 and the PCA will commit the other \$16,000 towards the project.

I must thank all the members of our "Krakowiak" Dance Ensemble for their dedication to promoting Polish culture in the community. I greatly appreciate their enthusiasm and their attendance each week for dance practices.

The PCA is also proud to continue to support and work with the three Polish seniors groups who run their activities each week at the White Eagle House.

The PCA has renewed the contract for Johnny's & Marti's Bistro. During the last 12 months, the patronage of the Bistro has been steadily increasing. Comments on our Facebook have been extremely positive. Both John and Martin, the Bistro operators, and the Committee are pleased with the outcome.

We have also re-signed the leasing contract with GSODA for another five years. GSODA uses the back building for rehearsals for their theatrical performances and for storing their costumes and stage props. Last month the Committee gave GSODA permission to construct a building next to the building they are currently using. The number of participants has increased and they are in need of extra rehearsal space.

During the last financial year, we upgraded and replaced 9 gaming machines. This has had a positive impact on our gaming revenue and hence our overall profits.

With regard to Gaming Machines, the Government announced last month that it would not be increasing the number of Gaming Entitlements (Poker Machines) in Victoria during the period from 2022 to 2042. The PCA Committee will have its last chance to decide in February 2018 whether we wish to continue having poker machines at our Club and, if we do, whether we wish to purchase more Gaming Entitlements, currently we only have 35. Henry will report on this in detail later in the meeting.

Now that our Club is making a profit in all its operational areas, the Committee will be working to develop a vision for the future of the White Eagle House. This will include expansion of our facilities, broadening our membership base by placing a greater focus on our sporting partnerships, including Breakwater Eagles Soccer Club. We will have more to say on this during this financial year as we begin our work on improving the Club.

During the year, we ran many very successful functions:

- Each week during the soccer season, the Breakwater Eagles Soccer Team uses our sporting facilities and hence encouraging a greater patronage of our venue. We are also very proud of the

achievements of the nine Breakwater Eagles Soccer Teams. We greatly appreciate the commitment and enthusiasm of the Soccer Management Group and we very much look forward to working with it during the 2018 soccer season. I am very pleased that the PCA is now in a better financial position to strongly demonstrate its commitment to the Soccer Club by allocating more resources to the Breakwater Eagles Soccer Club during the next season. In this way, we will continue to promote soccer and to encourage more participants, especially the young boys and girls in our community, to join the Soccer Club.

Furthermore, now that we have set up a successful White Eagle website, we will invite the Soccer Club to post information and achievements of the Breakwater Eagles Soccer Club on this Website so that achievements can be shared by all members.

- We held a food stall at the Pako Festa, where we raised \$3000 and our Dancing Group, "Krakowiak" took part in the entertaining activities.
- We held successful dances which were supported well by members and their friends
- Our traditional Polish Christmas Eve function continued to be support by our community
- National Day celebrations were held in November and May
- Unveiling and blessing of the SPK (Polish Ex-servicemen's Association in Geelong) plaque. The plaque was laid at the White Eagle House venue in dedication to the contribution made over the past 53 years by members of SPK to the Polish community in Geelong. Mr Max Nadolski, the current and longest serving SPK President, officially unveiled the plaque on 13th August 2017.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the committee members, whose term on the current Committee expires today, for their hard work and their contribution to the betterment of our Club. I wish them the very best if they are re-nominating and standing for election today. I would be proud to have them continuing their service on my Committee.

Grazyna Brzostowski

President

Polish Community Association in Geelong Inc.

6th October 2017