MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

	Thursday 11th December 2025
In Person	Members Lounge, Blatherskite Park – 5.45pm for 6pm Start
Please note that this meeting will be recorded and no other recordings will be permitted	

1. **Welcome –** President Andrew Barrett welcomed all parties to the 2025 AGM
2. **Present:** Amanda Kimpton, Rachel Jericho, Debs Smith, Victoria Berlin, Damien Ryan, Caroline Pidgeon, Sarah McKenzie, Graham Ride, Sue Ride, Megan Deans, Andrew Barrett, Craig Whan, Rachael Mashford
3. **Apologies**
   Apologies were received from: Shannan Hayes-White, Col Penley, Joan O'Reilly, Anna & Stewart Weir, Beat Kellar, Katie Knappstein, Jenny Ashenden, Glenn Marshall, Marli Banks, Nicole & Ben Hayes, Nicky Simpson, Sarah Hore and Allison Bitar
   2.1 Proxy Votes
   Glenn Marshall to Andrew Barrett
   Jenny Ashenden to Andrew Barrett

4. **Minutes of last AGM** – 12th December 2024
   Proposed: Andrew Barrett *Seconded:* Victoria Berlin

5. **Business Arising from Previous AGM –** Nil business arising.

6. **Receive Financial Reports**
   Andrew Barrett advised Financial Statements for the period ending 30th September 2025 were audited by Bentleys SA. Copies of the Financial Statements were provided prior to this AGM but there are copies are available for viewing.

   No Significant changes in the nature of activities occurred during the year other than the financial year from July to September therefore the statement of profit and loss for the year covered a fourteen month period ending 30 September 2025.

   The deficit of the association for the 14 month period was $134,020 compared to $25,022 in 2024.

   Noted that because of the 14 month period total expenses reported a total of $653k equating to $46,694 per month compared against the previous 12 months $46,789 per month - $561k

   Proposed: Andrew Barrett *Seconded:* Amanda Kimpton

7. **Presidents Report**

The past 12 months have been a year of consolidation, growth, and renewed community spirit.

The Alice Springs Show continues to stand as one of Central Australia's largest and most valued community events, and this year we saw significant improvements in operations, and partnerships.

Despite ongoing challenges faced by regional events — including rising operational costs, volunteer shortages, and unpredictable weather — our Show not only went ahead successfully but delivered strong attendance, exhibitor engagement, and community participation.

The 66th Annual Alice Springs Show delivered, strong gate numbers and family attendance, awesome entertainment program, growth in local business involvement through trade space, sponsorship and in-kind support. A lot of positive feedback from exhibitors, competitor and patrons.

Our Show continues to strike the balance between tradition and innovation — celebrating agriculture, community, and the Territory way of life while always looking for ways to evolve and deliver more value.

We continued to build relationships with key partners, including:

- NT Show Council
- Local government stakeholders
- Long-term sponsors and new corporate contributors
- Local volunteer groups, sporting clubs, and community organisations

These partnerships are the backbone of our event, enabling us to deliver a Show that is accessible, safe, and reflective of our region.

Staffing - This year we also employed a Part Time staff Member, Nicky Simpson – Nicky came on board as our Marketing and Administration Officer who is growing into the role only just starting before the July Show. For those on social media may have noticed some the antics being created! This has resulted in huge engagement in the community.

This year also marked the first Alice Springs Show under the leadership of our new Event Manager, Rachael Mashford**.** Rachael stepped confidently into a demanding role and delivered an exceptional result in her first year. Her professionalism, strong organisational skills, and ability to manage pressure were evident throughout the planning process and across the two event days. Rachael brought fresh ideas, strengthened communication across volunteer teams, and demonstrated a calm, solutions-focused approach that greatly contributed to the success of this year's Show.

We congratulate her on an outstanding first Show and look forward to her continued leadership as we plan for 2026.

Throughout the Year CASS made some key purchases used across both our day-to-day operations and show time.

- **Golf Cart** - enabling the show to access all areas of the show during the event, assist in the set up and pack down of the event and respond to emergencies in a timely manner.

- **Additional Set of Orange Pedestrian Fencing** – this fencing is replacing the need for the back breaking work of lugging around the old red bricks, as well as making the set up and pack down of our event much faster.
- **Air Conditioner's** installed in the main ticket boxes (with one to go) this will greatly increase the comfort of our staff and volunteers during both the main show and Xmas show.
- **New Cash Drawers** were installed in all ticket booths to increase the safety and security of both cash and the safety of our volunteers.

These improvements ensure we continue to meet safety, accessibility, and operational expectations while modernising the Show experience.

CASS has continued to uphold strong governance, fulfilling all ACNC and NT Show Council requirements.

Our volunteers contributed over 700 hours across planning, set-up, the two-day event, and pack-down. The Show simply could not operate without the passion of these individuals.

Their dedication reflects the heart of our organisation.

I would like to warmly thank:

- Our committee for their leadership and countless hours
- Section heads and volunteers
- Our sponsors, who continue to invest in the Show and our community
- Exhibitors, competitors, and stall holders
- Our members, whose support keeps the organisation strong
- The broader Alice Springs community

Your commitment and enthusiasm are what make the Show a cherished Central Australian tradition.

The Alice Springs Show remains a celebration of who we are — resilient, creative, community-driven, and proud of our region's agricultural heritage. As we look ahead, we remain focused on growth, sustainability, and delivering an event that continues to bring joy and connection to thousands of Territorians.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year. See you at the 67th Annual Alice Springs Show in 2026.

Andrew Barrett
President
2024 -2025

Proposer: Andrew Barrett *Seconded:* Debs Smith

8. **Public Officers Report**

Public Officer Craig Whan advised that the 2024 AGM Minutes were lodged on 17 December 2024.
Proposed: Craig Whan *Seconded:* Amanda Kimpton

9. **Event Mangers Report**

The 2025 Alice Springs Show marked another exciting year for the Central Australian Show Society (CASS), building on our long tradition of bringing the community together. The event continued to be widely praised for its welcoming, vibrant, and family friendly atmosphere. We extend our sincere

gratitude to the dedicated members of the CASS Council, as well as to our sponsors and volunteers, for their invaluable contributions in delivering another successful Show. This year was my first event as Event Manager, and I would like to thank Andrew and the committee for their support during the year.

This year we welcomed Nicky Simpson to a revamped marketing/ admin roll, and I would like to thank Nicky for her effort and contributions to the Show Society in her short time with us.

Overall, both Shows were highly successful, with most traders reporting positive feedback. Attendees enjoyed the warm weather, and both individuals and families embraced the wide range of festivities on offer.

2024 Christmas Show

Due to strong winds, the decision was made on the morning of the event to relocate the event indoors to the pavilions. A small number of traders requiring gas remained outdoors. Many traders appreciated the indoor layout, which created a more traditional Show atmosphere, however it was extremely hot walking through the pavilions for attendees. The event saw over 40 trade stalls and 852 competition entries. The school competition for best decorated Christmas Tree proved popular with just over 10 trees entered.

CASS offered a range of free activities for families and children.

Our 2024 charity partner was The Alice Springs Hospital Drover Volunteer Service, an organisation supporting those in the Alice Springs hospital. The Duck Cup and Giant Stocking Raffle raised a combined total of $1500 for the Drovers. We were especially grateful for the many volunteers from the organisation, who assisted in selling raffle tickets.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to local businesses that donated to the Giant Stocking. The Christmas Show continues to grow in popularity each year and remains a favourite among both traders and attendees.

Alice Springs Show

Celebrating another milestone year, the Alice Springs Show continued to deliver high-quality entertainment, diverse displays, competitions, and family activities. Additional entertainment was brought in for 2025, contributing to a fun and memorable experience.

Key Figures:

- **Attendees:** 21076
- **Competition entries:** 4977
- **Yellow Brick Road:** 20 stops
- **Total trade spaces:** 152

Entertainment

This year's entertainment lineup featured a variety of crowd favourites and new attractions for attendees, including:

- Funny Farmers (new for 2025)
- Outback Jacks Stockman Show (new for 2025)
- Bubble Muffin (kids cooking) (returned after a few years)
- Aussie Outback Woodchoppers
- Bubble Tonic, Gemma Giraffe and Peacock people
- BeMe Obstacle Course and activities
- Barnyard Mobile Petting Zoo
- Light Horse Display

- Eljay Show
- Saturday Night Fireworks

Gerry “G-Man” Terati once again served as MC, expertly hosting the program and coordinating announcements and interviews throughout the day.

CASS also continued to operate the 9-hole mini golf course, which has been steadily increasing in popularity.

Volunteers

The Alice Springs Show relies heavily on the support and dedication of volunteers, and 2025 was no exception.

A total of 78 volunteers helped make this year’s Show. While total hours were not formally tracked, it is estimated that volunteers contributed approximately 700 plus hours. Committee member Amanda Kimpton continued in her role as Volunteer Coordinator, ensuring smooth and effective volunteer operations.

Sponsors

We were delighted to welcome back several returning sponsors and introduce new partners in 2025. We are grateful for the support of every sponsor, whose contributions play a crucial role in delivering our events.

Blue Ribbon Sponsors

- Kennards Hire Alice Springs
- Northeast Auto Group
- 8CCC Community Radio

Red Ribbon Sponsors

- CDU
- Amentum
- Yeperenye Shopping Centre
- Territory pest Control
- Alice Springs Town Council
- Alice Springs Airport
- Centralian Today
- SDS Landscaping

White Ribbon

- Alice Hosetech
- NBN Co
- The Bean Tree Café
- Blatherskite Park
- Alice Springs Cinema

We also extend our thanks to the NT Police, and St Johns for their ongoing support.

Marketing

In addition to our usual distribution of flyers and roadside banners, we continued our collaboration with *Centralian Today*, running a series of advertisements accompanied by editorial content. We also continued our partnership with the Alice Springs Cinema, utilising advertising on the big screen, and had a display set up in the empty shop at the Alice Springs Airport in the lead up to the Show.

Saturday Night Entertainment

This year, the CASS Committee aimed to provide Saturday night entertainment. Wolfpack Amadeus performed prior to the fireworks, and plenty of attendees stayed to make the most of the live music and fireworks.

Bangtail Muster

CASS once again participated in the Bangtail Muster Parade, the theme this year was friendship and CASS added a Toy Story theme into a vibrant float featuring Baz the Bull, Toy Story lettering and toys. Members of the Dachshund Club walked alongside the float. The event was a wonderful opportunity for community engagement, with many Guide to Entries books and lollies distributed to spectators.

Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

This year, CASS entered the Chamber of Commerce Business Awards and was proud to win the Central Australian Region category for Excellence in Business in Best Community Event or Business Collaboration. Nicky and I represented CASS at the NT-wide awards in Darwin, where the Alice Springs Show also took out the NT-wide title. This recognition is a significant achievement for our small team and dedicated volunteer committee and truly shows our much the community loves the Alice Springs Show.

Proposed: Andrew Barrett *Seconded:* Megan Deans

10. Election of Committee Members

10.1 Election of Vice President

CASS Received 3 nominations for Vice President (Craig Whan, Rachel Jericho and Debra Smith), and as the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies in accordance with clause 31 of our constitution ballots for these positions must be conducted.
A ballot was conducted with Damien Ryan and Rachael Mashford officiating over the results. President Andrew Barrett hear by elected Rachel Jericho and Craig Whan as Vice Presidents as a result from the ballot.
Andrew Barrett proposed that the ballot papers be destroyed
All in Favour

10.2 Election of President

Nominee: Andrew Barrett

As the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies on the committee in accordance with clause 30 (1) a ballot is not required. Craig Whan, Vice President declared these persons duly elected.

10.3 Election of Ordinary Committee Members

Nominees:

- Marli Banks
- Megan Deans
- Sarah McKenzie
- Jenny Ashenden
- Amanda Kimpton
- Glenn Marshall
- Damien Ryan
- Debra Smith
- Victoria Berlin

As the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies on the committee in accordance with clause 30 (1) a ballot is not required. Andrew Barrett, President declared these persons duly elected.

10.4 Appointment of Public Officer

As per Division 3 – Clause 38 – Part 4) The Public Officer shall hold office until such time as he or she resigns from that position or is otherwise replaced in accordance with clause (3).

The Committee may at their discretion, replace the person appointed as Public Officer.

There have been no nominations from to remove and replace the Public Officer, and as such Craig Whan shall remain as Public Officer.

11. Appointment of Honorary Member

In accordance with clause 18 I propose to appoint Allison Bitar as Honorary Member for the committee for the period 2025 – 2026

Proposed: Andrew Barrett *Seconded:* Amanda Kimpton

12. Appointment of Auditor

There were no nominations for a chance of auditor.
Andrew Barrett proposed that the auditors remain Bentleys SA for the 25/26 financial year.
Proposed: Andrew Barrett *Seconded:* Victoria Berlin

13. Appointment of Honorary Life Membership

From time to time the association may appoint Honourary Life Membership to people who have shown many years of commitment to the Central Australian Show Society. The 2024/2025 committee would like to appoint the following people as Honourary Life Members of the Central Australian Show Society.

- Andrew Barrett
- Katie Knappstein

14. Meeting was declared closed at 6.40pm