



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY 15th AUGUST 2009  
Lady Bay Hotel, Warrnambool**

The president opened the meeting at 4:00pm and welcomed interstate guests, current members, new members and all present.

**Attendance**

John Beer	Keith Harvey	Bill Hickey	Anthony Boyle
Peter Shiells	Luke Fraser	Ann Harvey	Ray Goodman
Tony Rinaldi	Mick Creek	Doug Smith	Trevor Fry
Gavin Roberts	Catherine Creek	Don Hollingsworth	Peter Smith
Russell Borchard	Stuart McRae	Paul Lefoe	Ian Dance
Lawrence Borchard	Kevin Wignall	Craig Congram	Dominic Shanahan
Kevin Keenan	Shane Knight	Janice Wignall	Robert Cavanagh
Rodney Boyle	John Kerr	Adam Edyvane	Graham Howell
Ken Hayes	Glenda Kerr	Simon Greene	Gerard Purcell
Corey Bentley	Kevin Fechner	Nola Hayes	Chris Roche
Les Smith	Malcolm McCosh	Tony Pickthall	Alan McKenzie
Mervyn Shaw	Dinny Lindsay	Melva Beer	Anthony O'Connor
Philip Shaw	Stephen Cook	David Smith	Gavin O'Sullivan
Cheryl Hearn	George Aitken	Neil Giacometti	Robert Edyvane
Peter Aitken	David Stafford	Gary Chasney	Wayne Beer
Anne Park	Brian Rowe	Lew Wainwright	John Mahony
Tracey Boschetti	Amanda Wignall	Stan Birch	Ken Quick
Phillip Boschetti	Keith Hollingsworth	Andrew Stone	Craig Garlick
Greg Payne	Bruce Anderson	Tim Halligan	Andrew Harvey
Greg Nunn	Doug Smith	David McKibbin	Jason Holmes
Bill Fitzpatrick	Alastair Goodman	Russell Gould	Wendy Boyle
Tony Kelly	Craig Wheadon	Laurie Mullane	John Wilson

**In attendance**

Genevieve Rorke – Secretariat  
Peter Turner – Executive Officer

**Apologies**

Graeme 'Jingles' Neal; Lynette Edyvane; Eddie & Joyce Borchard; Robert & Kailey Hodges; Adam Edyvane; Gordon Fisher; Kevin Bramstedt; Graham Howell;

MOVED Bill Hickey  
SECONDED Kevin Keenan that all apologies be accepted CARRIED

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes were distributed from the previous Annual General Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008.

MOVED Trevor Fry  
SECONDED Russell Borchard the minutes be taken as read and correct CARRIED

**Business Arising From the Previous Minutes**

No business arising from the previous minutes was tabled.

**Presidents Report**

Refer attachment A

MOVED Jan Wignall  
SECONDED Russell Borchard that the President's report has been received CARRIED

**Treasurers Report**

Refer attachment B (P & L, Balance Sheet). A full Treasurer's Report was unavailable due to the 2007/2008 books still being with the auditors, and no report available. It was tabled that a full Financial report be presented at the next Delegates meeting.

MOVED Catherine Creek  
SECONDED Shane Knight that the Treasurer's Report be held over

CARRIED

### **Election of Office Bearers**

John Beer declared all positions vacant and asked ALTA President David Smith to take the Chair and conduct the election of office bearers.

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nomination</u></b>	<b><u>Nominator</u></b>	<b><u>Second</u></b>
<b>President</b>	Anthony Boyle	Bill Hickey	Trevor Fry
No further nominations were received, Anthony Boyle was declared elected			
<b>Vice President</b>	Kevin Keenan	Kevin Fechner	Bill Hickey
<b>Vice President</b>	Russell Borchard	Mick Creek	Peter Shiells
No further nominations were received, Kevin Keenan and Russell Borchard were declared elected			
<b>Secretary</b>	Shane Knight	Anthony Boyle	Jan Wignall
No further nominations were received, Shane Knight was declared elected			
<b>Treasurer</b>	Trevor Fry	Peter Shields	Bill Hickey
No further nominations were received, Trevor Fry was declared elected			
<b>Public Officer</b>	Trevor Fry	Peter Smith	Mick Creek
No further nominations were received, Trevor Fry was declared elected			
<b>Appointment of Auditor</b>	Riverwood Group	Kevin Keenan	Anthony Boyle

David Smith then welcomed Anthony Boyle to chair the meeting.

Anthony Boyle took the chair. He thanked the members for his election and called for volunteers for Area Representatives.

### **Area Representatives**

#### ***Western District***

Andrew Harvey
Anthony Boyle
Ray Goodman
Peter Smith
Trevor Fry
Graham Howell
Peter Sheills

#### ***North Eastern***

Kevin Keenan	Doug Smith
Paul Lefoe	
Dominic Shanahan	Chris Roche
David Stafford	Wayne Beer

#### **Central**

Janice Wignall
Tony Rinaldi
Gavin O'Sullivan
Ian Dance
John Beer
Robert Hodge
John Kerr
Catherine Creek
John Kerr
Laurie Mullane
Russell Borchard
Bill Hickey
Mick Creek
Don Hollingsworth

#### **Gippsland**

Lynette Edyvane	Graeme Neal
Adam Edyvane	Shane Knight
Trevor Bramstedt	Kevin Fechner
Anthony O'Connor	

Nominations for Representation on Saleyard Committees:

<b>Saleyard</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Shepparton	Doug Smith
Pakenham	Kevin Fechner
Colac	Craig Wheadon
Kyneton	John Beer
Wodonga	Dominic Shanahan
Warrnambool	Trevor Fry
Echuca	Wade Hannasky
Horsham	Gordon Fisher
Hamilton	Peter Smith
Ballarat	Laurie Mullane
Camperdown	Keith Harvey
Ouyen	Russell Borchard
Swan Hill	Laurence Borchard
Bendigo	Gavin and Jan Wignall
Wangaratta	Chris Roche
Yea	Andrew Stone
Benalla	David Stafford
Warracknabeal	Corey Bentley
Bairnsdale	Graeme Neal
Warragul	Trevor Bramstedt
Yarrawonga	Kevin Keenan

**LTAV Membership**

The LTAV Executive Officer Peter Turner presented information to the AGM supporting the need for the LTAV to generate more income to off-set increased costs associated with staffing and higher running costs. A discussion was held in raising membership fees. The cost of distributing the monthly newsletter was discussed and in general agreed to start sending it to members electronically as soon as possible. Discussions about LTAV remaining solely for livestock carriers was discussed, and the AGM was told that at the previous delegates meeting it was resolved to continue to only be open to livestock carriers within Victoria. Discussion held regarding enabling drivers to be members, getting more Associate members.

**General Business**

Meeting Closed                      4:45pm

## Attachment A

The last 12 months have involved a lot of challenges in our industry and for our association. Especially over the last few months we have seen a lot of fear and trepidation with regards to the coming changes ahead. It has been a tense time as operators look to the future and wonder what it contains. As an Association we continually have new challenges to face and the coming 12 months also looks like another challenge.

Our Committee is very proud of our open policy approach. Any member can at anytime contact myself, anyone on the Executive Committee or a delegate for information and be informed.

This year we have tackled a lot of hard issues. Our commitment to improving ramps and getting 2 deck ramps at saleyards, feedlots and abattoirs continues.

We have assisted the ALTA with TruckCare and continue to have representation on the TruckCare committee. It is easy to forget that the WSPA campaign against stock transport could have gone the wrong way and given us very bad publicity and media attention. It didn't, but this was down to a lot of hard work through TruckCare, work on the new animal welfare legislation and our efforts to educate our customers about good stock transport. This has brought our industry a lot of credibility and respect across the community. I see real opportunities for more education of our customers ahead and I am very pleased with the way that the ALTA is forming relationships with groups like the RSPCA and with the wider meat and livestock industry.

We currently hold 2 positions on the ALTA executive committee, myself as Vice President and Anthony Boyle as Treasurer. I am pleased to report that this is the first time in a long time the ALTA has come into budget and we are not spending a lot of time at council meetings worried about funding the ALTA.

Following a fatality where a truck overturned fully loaded with sheep the Victorian Livestock Loading Scheme, otherwise known as Volume Loading, came under intense scrutiny this past year. After taking a good look at the course and the experience level of the new participants attending, it was decided that course become a 2 day course, with one of the days being assessing the driver's ability with a 4.6m loaded stock crate. This ensures that only experienced drivers are granted volume loading.

We ran our pilot program for driver training in April this year. We had 3 very green truck drivers and at the end of the 10 days turned out some very competent drivers. As you have seen today the next step is to get more training going and purchase a stock crate for this training. This has been a very important step in lifting the reputation of livestock transporters and show outsiders that are being proactive.

The most obvious issues that we face today are the new driver fatigue laws and the rising price of diesel. We are arguing for more flexibility for stock carriers and we will continue to fight that on-road enforcement is fair and demerit points for log book offences and other extreme measures do not continue.

As you know, the legislation that would see a 1.3 cent reduction in the diesel rebate - as well as a death sentence to the whole rebate in five to ten years, through indexation - is still blocked in the Senate. Although it took some time to get across the whole Government plan for this, the ALTA has led the industry again in seeing the threat to the fuel rebate and it is now formally opposing the loss of our rebate through annual indexation.

In concluding, I would like to thank all of you for your support over the last 12 months. Special thanks have to go to my Executive Committee for their hard work during the year. As an executive team we work quite closely together and I believe the ability to bounce ideas off each other and work as a team is one of our major strengths.

I would also like to thank Melisa for her assistance as Secretariat during the year. The role continues to be very busy with all of the issues that arise. I would also like to thank Kathleen O'Connor for stepping into Melisa's role while Melisa is overseas. Kathleen has attended our last 3 conferences and we are lucky that she was able to step in and run with this one.

Finally, thanks to my wife Melva, son Wayne and the rest of the family for supporting me at home and at work. Without Melva and Wayne it would have been impossible for me to complete my duties as President and still run our own business.