

LAKE MACQUARIE CAMERA CLUB Inc.
MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 2023

1. **OPENING OF MEETING:** at 7.00 pm, chaired by current President - Dennis Archibald
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** 34 full members attended
3. **APOLOGIES :** Ruth Keech
4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

2023 AGM – Presidents Report

- In late 2022 following continued advice from Belmont 16s Sailing Club management that our club would no longer be able to meet at Belmont 16s following renovations the committee agreed to seek approval from the club membership to establish a new club.
- An Extraordinary General Meeting was held at Valentine Bowling Club on 11th January 2023. At this meeting the following motion was put:
- To authorise the club committee to apply for registration of a new photography club as an incorporated association.
- To transfer the assets of the Belmont 16s Photography Club to the newly incorporated club at a date determined by the committee.
- To cease operation of the Belmont 16s Photography Club at a date determined by the committee.

This motion was carried, and, on that basis, a new constitution and name was agreed by the committee and an application was submitted to the NSW Department of Fair Trading to establish an incorporated association under the name Lake Macquarie Camera Club Inc (LMCC).

- NSW Department of Fair Trading approved the establishment of Lake Macquarie Camera Club Inc. on 13th March 2023.
- Transition to our new club was affected by changing the appearance of the club's website. A new logo was created by Bill Chambers. Our newsletter became The Leading Line, a suggestion by one of our newest members with a new design and layout by our editor Julie Brooks. Some of our key club documents were revamped and rebadged by Greg Carruthers and Ruth Keech.
- Invitations to join the new club were opened on 28th March 2023 and closed on 30th June. Joy Thomas, Ruth Keech and Sue Slack oversaw this effort and our membership responded with 85 past members joining our new club.
- Funds in our Belmont 16s Photography bank accounts were transferred to new accounts at Newcastle Permanent Building Society and the old club accounts were closed.
- Financially the club remains in a sound financial position - refer to the attached Treasurers Report.
- Letters of thanks were sent to Belmont 16s Sailing Club management thanking them for their past support.
- The Newcastle Photographic Society indicated their intention to wind up their club and for their members to join Lake Macquarie Camera Club and for their assets and accounts to be transferred. This process is underway.
- The club has put in place Public/Product Liability and Personal and Accident/Volunteer Insurance.

- We acknowledge and thank the Valentine Bowling Club for their continued support and for allowing us to use their function room without charge. Most of the members of our new club are now social members of the Valentine Bowling Club. In the coming year we will be exploring opportunities to undertake photographic assignments at the club to add value and promote their activities.
- The club is again offering a portfolio exercise in 2023. Two groups, one facilitated by Roy Killen and the other by Craig Parker, have been meeting throughout the year to produce a portfolio of images in line with PSA guidelines. As in 2022 a presentation will be made to the club at our October meeting. Our thanks to Terina Vale who is operating as Zoom Co-ordinator for one group.
- In addition to our normal club photographic competitions members have been entering external competitions and gaining awards – Maitland International, Newcastle International and National Photographic Federation.
- The club participated in the APS Australia Cup competition earlier in the year.
- In past years Roy Killen ran Lake Macquarie National and International Salons. The money raised has been used to further photographic education for club members. Club members who have participated in PSA training programs during this year and presented their experience on their courses at club nights have had their PSA fees reimbursed. Members are encouraged to continue to leverage this opportunity.
- Our participation in PSA Interclub competitions has continued in 2023 with the club performing well and some members receiving individual recognition.
- LMCC acknowledges our continuing use of the MyPhoto Club website without charge. Our thanks to Colin Woods for his support through the year and in particular his guidance as we transitioned from one club to the other. The process went very smoothly, club operations continued uninterrupted throughout the changeover.
- The transition from Belmont 16s Photography Club to Lake Macquarie Camera Club Inc. has entailed a significant increase in work undertaken by the committee in the last year. I would like to acknowledge those efforts and the teamwork involved. The club can only continue to function if we have a committee prepared to provide the range of activities offered to its members.
- Finally, I encourage all club members to look for ways to support club activities and contribute to the club's growth and development.

Dennis Archibald
 President
 August 2023.)

5. **CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:** Emails to and from Belmont 16s and Fair Trading relating to our application to become a separate incorporated entity, namely Lake Macquarie Camera Club Inc. Letters to Bel 16s thanking them and informing them of our current structure. We became incorporated on 13th March this year.
6. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Links to minutes of the last AGM Meeting in August 2022 were placed on the website to enable all members equal access to documents relevant to the meeting

Motion to accept minutes of last AGM (proposer Bill Chambers, seconder Roy Killen, motion carried.)

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** A simple summary was read aloud at the meeting by Ian Brown in the absence of R Keech. The figures suggest that we are sound financially but need to organise a budget that increases

income while reducing some expenses such as \$2000 for trophies. We expect a gradual increase in our operating account as monies come through from transfer of Newcastle Photographic Society.

See end of document for full Annual Report

8. **Motion to accept Treasurer's Annual Report :motion put by Julie Brooks, seconded by Joy Thomas motion carried.**

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** (and not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda). Nil.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Nil

11. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Election of President, then other members of Committee. **Individual responsibilities of committee members will be determined at the next committee meeting in September 2023.**

12. **Nominations received:**

PRESIDENT: No nomination received

VICE PRESIDENT:G Carruthers

TREASURER: Ruth Keech


SECRETARY: S Slack

General Committee members nominations: D Schofield, R Killen, B Todd, B Hunter, Julie Brooks, D Archibald, P Whiteman, B Chambers, J oy Thomas, K James , Dave Richards,, Laurie Connolly nominated. There being no opposing nominations, the above people are duly elected to office.

10. **DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-** 2nd Wednesday in September 2024

11. **CLOSE OF MEETING:** 7.35pm

Signed by S Slack Secretary



Full Annual Treasurer's Report below

Income & Expenditure for Year Ended 30/6/23

	LMCC	LMCC Exhibit	Belmont 16s	Belm Exhib
INCOME				
Transfer from Belmont 16s	\$2894.58	7896.99		
Membership	\$3783.00		\$88.71	
Raffles	\$269.75		\$1106.00	
Donations	\$140.10		\$47.00	
Sales of Mat Board	\$0.00		\$250.00	
Sundries	\$0.00		\$619.05	
Event	\$0.00		\$1929.00	
TOTAL	\$7087.43	\$7896.99	\$4039.76	\$0.00
EXPENSES				
Judges	\$100.00		\$400.00	
Presenters	\$100.00		\$200.00	
Accommodation	\$0.00		\$120.00	
Trophies	\$0.00		\$2012.49	
Zoom	\$0.00		\$230.89	
Supper	\$6.20		\$155.23	
Raffle Prizes	\$18.85		\$287.60	
Paypal Fee	\$0.00		\$8.30	
Equipment Purchases (Capital Expenditure)	\$0.00		\$69.95	
Event	\$0.00		\$2548.00	
Sundries	\$40.00		\$380.99	
Transfer to LMCC			\$2894.58	7896.99
PSA Reimbursements		0		130
TOTAL	\$265.05	\$0.00	\$9308.03	\$8026.99
NET SURPLUS/ DEFICIT	\$6822.38	\$7896.99	-\$5268.27	-\$8026.99