

# HDJRLFC&TA Annual General Meeting | MINUTES



Meeting date | time 14/12/2021 7:00 PM | Meeting location Hills Bulls Clubhouse

Meeting called by	Board of Members	Attendees (As per Attendance Register) Rick Palin, Michael Gremmo, Mark Mahoney, Leon Carroll, Justin Moynihan, Graham Marshall, Peter Beck, Scott Chalcraft, Robert Zecchin, Paul (Griffo) Griffin, Aaron Gonzalez, Ryan Orley, Greig Newbery, Hannah Withers & Yass Sidaros
Type of meeting	2021 Annual General Meeting	
Facilitator	Michael Gremmo (President)	
Note taker	Rick Palin (Secretary)	
Timekeeper	Rick Palin (Secretary)	

## Apologies

Craig Culnane & Marty Shanahan

## AGENDA TOPICS

### 1. Topic **Facilitator Welcome** | Presenter Michael Gremmo

**Welcome:** Michael Gremmo opened meeting, welcomed all attendees, Life Members Paul Griffin, Robert Zecchin and Leon Carroll.

Rick Palin asked that all attendees ensure they sign the Attendance Register and the NSW Covid19 QR Code Register.

Apologies were given – Craig Culnane & Marty Shanahan.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting introduced by Rick Palin and asked the flow that they be taken as read. No questions/changes arising from 2020 minutes. Rick Palin requested that a resolution be passed confirming the previous 2020 meeting minutes are an accurate record of the previous meeting.

**Motion Proposed:** Aaron Gonzalez

**Seconded:** Peter Beck

### 2. Topic **Presidents Report** | Presenter Michael Gremmo

**Discussion:** Michael Gremmo (MG) provided a report on the Club's activities for 2021:

This year we fielded 33 Rugby League Teams, 6 League Tag Teams and a total of 600 players. Congratulations to our representative players who represented Parramatta in the Harold Mathews Grand Final and SG Ball squads. Also, congratulations to Jock Brazel on his selection in the 2021 Australian School Boys Rugby League Team.

The Parramatta Junior Competition awarded the Premiership according to each competition ladder at the closure of the shortened season. The Bulls again competed at the highest level in 2021 with 6 Premiers and 5 Runners-up, congratulations to those teams. Thanks again to our Coaching & Development Committee who continue to raise the bar each year, providing our players with a high level of knowledge and skills development. Thank you to our coaches and managers who donate their time to coach our players and manage our teams. Our fantastic results year on year reflect your dedication.

In Senior Rugby League we fielded extremely strong Ron Massey and Sydney Shield squads both finishing 2nd in their competitions.

We also look forward to continuing our successful partnership with the North Sydney Bears and Parramatta Eels in 2022.

Oztag has had another successful season with 3500 registered players and again finishing 3rd in the state championships, congratulations to all involved and we look forward to completing the season early next year.

Thank you again to everyone involved in supporting the Nathan Gremmo Memorial Shield. On behalf of the Gremmo family we thank you for your ongoing support in raising awareness of organ donation and assisting to save lives.

The Hills Bulls would like to acknowledge our wonderful sponsors who make it possible to provide a professional environment for our players. We look forward to a full season in 2022 where we can give back by promoting your brands to our members across all our sports.

We have a lot planned for next season including a list of special events the Colour Run, Ladies Night, Sports Lunch, Golf Day and more.

In summary we have had two of the most unique years in our lives and in the club's history. It is testament to the Hills Bulls spirit, our players, family members, officials, and the board that we remain so strong. We are set for a bumper 2022 and welcome you to play a big part in the ongoing success of our great club.

We have a strong community supported by an unwavering mantra of **CLUB – TEAM – PLAYER**

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### 3. Topic **Annual Financial Report FY20/21** | Presenter *Mark Mahoney*

**Discussion:** Mark Mahoney (MM) gave an overview of the finances for the club. Financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021 prepared by Jigsaw Tax Accountants was provided to all attendees and tabled at the meeting.

**Operating Result:** The profit for the financial year amounted to \$396,092. Please refer to the note below about COVID-19 for an explanation of this profit in relation to the prior year loss.

**COVID-19 Impact:** The 2020 season was impacted by COVID-19 and the timing changed the season start and finish for Rugby League and Oztag which impacted on the financial position for the 2020 year. The Board chose to reflect the accounts with the season that was, rather than to make accrual adjustments. The loss in 2020 was \$305,224.58.

In 2021 the timing was better aligned and resulted in a larger than normal profit as the majority of the Oztag (Summer League) registrations were received for the Summer 2020 and Summer 2021 seasons. The Winter rugby league season was again impacted by COVID-19 and the season was cut short.

Considering the 2020 and 2021 financial years in conjunction there is an overall profit of \$90,868.

#### **Current Balance Sheet as at 14/12/2021:**

Cheque Account - \$471,253

Debit Cards - \$10,000

Long Term Deposit - \$109,570

A motion stating the 2021 Audited Financial Report is accepted by the floor. Report Attached.

**Financials Proposed:** Rob Zecchin

**Seconded:** Graham Marshall

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## Topic **Election of 2022 BOM / Committee Members** | Presenter *Rick Palin*

2021 Board stepped down.

**BOM Paper nominations received:** Rick Palin, Michael Gremmo, Peter Beck, Mark Mahoney, Paul Griffin, Scott Chalcraft, Justin Moynihan, Aaron Gonzalez, Ryan Orley, Graham Marshall, Martin Shanahan, Craig Culnane and Yass Sidaros – All 13 members for 13 positions are elected

**Nominations from the floor for remaining positions:** N/A

**New BOM for 2022 announced:**

Rick Palin

Michael Gremmo

Peter Beck

Mark Mahoney

Paul Griffin

Scott Chalcraft

Justin Moynihan

Aaron Gonzalez

Ryan Orley

Graham Marshall

Martin Shanahan

Craig Culnane

Yass Sidaros

**Next BOM Meeting – Monday 14/12/2021 – 8:00PM – Hills Bulls Boardroom – For BOM Role nominations**

**General Committee Paper nominations received:** Hannah Withers (Girls Rugby League Liaison & assist with Social Media)

**Nominations from the floor for remaining positions:** No

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## 4. Topic **General Business** | Presenter *All*

**General Discussion was had on:**

Michael Gremmo gave an overview on the status of the Clubhouse Top Floor extension and Gym Builds.

The Top Floor extension will now only be a multi-Function room, with kitchen, bar and toilet facilities. The Gym will now be a separate building beside the clubhouse overlooking Field 2. There have been no objections from neighbours for these builds and there is some slight modifications needed to the new plans to accommodate an extra female toilet and wash basin and male urinal.

It is all looking good for Council to finalise approval of the clubhouse modifications and gym build, and we have \$200k from council to assist with the build. We are waiting on feedback from the recent 2 grants (\$300k & \$200k) we have applied for, and although there was a hiccup with one of the grants we are hoping for a successful reply.

Rob Zecchin – asked if we had enough money to start the build now.

- Michael Gremmo explained that we would have enough money to build with the money from the council and if we were successful with one of the Grants.

Rob Zecchin – read out a nomination proposing for Rick Palin to receive Life Membership with the Club

Nomination attached to the minutes.

- Rick Palin was asked to leave the room, so the AGM attendees could discuss and vote.
- Rick was voted in by the members of the floor with a unanimous vote.
- Michael Gremmo invited Rick back into the room and congratulated him on his vote, and advised that as per the Club Constitution, that the Life Membership Nomination needs to be advertised and revoted at the next AGM or an earlier extraordinary General meeting to obtain Life Membership. Rick was in full agreement with the constitution rules.

Rick Palin – Leon Carroll was presented with his Life Member Jacket by Paul Griffin and Rob Zecchin. Leon was nominated and voted in as a Life Member at the 2020 AGM. Congratulations to Leon.

Scott Chalcraft – asked if the Board could advise when the Registration Dates will be next January/February, so he could start looking at sending out Facebook posts and update Website with Christmas wishes from the Club and when rego will be open in the new year.

- Rick Palin said he would talk to the Oztag committee to ask when the State Cup was on so we could work in our rego days around them.
- Rick also advised that he would be taking Regos on the next Mini Clinic nights.
- Leon Carroll advised why don't we take Regos on Friday nights when Oztag starts up again next January – which all thought was a great idea.
- It was also agreed to take Regos on the Oztag Gala Day on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Meeting Closed: 7:34PM**