

AGM 2021 Report

Present: Chris Martin, Luci Keats, Simon Crittenden, Bernard Thomson, Mick Andersen, Alice Scheid (Mick and Alice via zoom)

Apologies: Anne Daw, Graeme Parsons, Jim Dracopoulos

[Minutes from 2020 AGM](#)

Mick proposed that the minutes to be accepted, seconded Chris – carried

Reports from committee members

[Financial report](#)

Bernard proposed that the report be accepted, seconded Chris – carried.

Election/ confirmation of committee

All committee members agreed to continue, no vote required.

Australian Hemp Council

Confirmation of AHC representative (currently Mick Andersen)

Bernard proposed that Mick continue as IHASA representative on the AHC, seconded Simon – carried.

2021-22 levy to AHC = \$533

Bernard proposed that the levy payment be approved, seconded Luci – carried.

Member reports and vision sharing

Mick shared an update on this year's hemp crop which will be significantly reduced due to remaining stocks of grain from last year yet to be sold. He is exploring markets for secondary products from the grain harvest to be sold as pet food supplements. Competition from cheaper imports and Facebook bans on advertising hemp sales present an ongoing challenge. An education campaign informing the general public about the benefits of hemp and hemp products will help overcome persistent prejudice and expand the hemp industry.

Alice expressed her passion for education, cooperative working and highlighting the environmental benefits of hemp.

Chris enthused about the take up of hemp clothing uniforms in schools both in Australia and New Zealand. This is a very promising development in educating both parents and children about the potential of hemp.

Simon is keen to keep promoting the practical applications for hurd and fibre as well as the benefits of medicinal cannabis.

Bernard sees his role as facilitating relationships and networks that support collaborative initiatives.