



Australian Go Association

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27th Annual General Meeting

1. *Minutes* — previously distributed
2. *President's report* — *Devon Bailey*
3. *Secretary's report* — *Neville Smythe*
4. *Treasurer's report* — *John Hardy*
5. *IGF Director's report* — *Brad Melki*
6. *Editor's report* — *Andrew Pullin*
7. *Ratings report* — *Robin Garner*
8. *Business arising from the Minutes*
9. *Proposed Constitution changes*

John Hardy moves the following changes to the Constitution of the AGA:

9.1 Motion

The numbering of clauses in Section 6 be corrected

[Currently there are typographical errors in the sequence of clause numbering:

- 6.1 Annual General Meetings will
- 6.2 The business of the (AGM)
- 6.3 An Extraordinary General meeting ...
- 6.2** Voting at General Meetings ...
- 6.3** The quorum
- 6.4** For the purposes ...

The clauses marked in BOLD 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 should be renumbered in sequence to 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6.]

9.2 Motion

The following clauses be adopted to replace existing clauses 5.2 and 5.3 (with changes in bold)

- 5.2 Subscriptions are due **on 1st January each year and are current until 31st December of that year.**
- 5.3 Membership lapses if the subscription is not paid by **28th February following the due date.**

[Sections 5.2 and 5.3 currently read

- 5.2 Subscriptions are due at the commencement of the Annual General Meeting and shall be in effect for one year.
- 5.3 Membership lapses if the subscription is not paid by December 31 following the Annual General Meeting.

Argument:

This is unsatisfactory as the AGM could be on different dates and is therefore unclear as to currency of membership. Subscriptions due at the beginning of the calendar year ensure that membership is clarified hopefully before most of the tournaments start. There aren't many tournaments in January and February.

Four months grace to pay subscriptions is too long. The grace period of two months (to 28 February) is still generous.

Changing to a calendar year subscription will mean that the Treasurer will be able to report at the AGM who are members for that year and who are not.

There is plenty of time for the Treasurer to include all subscription income (the major component of total income) in that year's accounts as the financial year ends 30th June (decision at 2003 AGM).

Point to Note:

The Treasurer will need to be responsible for sending notices to all Clubs and Personal Members in early December.]

9.3 Motion:

Replace clause 5.1 of the Constitution with the following (changes in bold):

5.1 Subscription rates for each category of membership shall be determined **by the Committee and announced at the Annual General Meeting in the year prior to the application of those rates.**

[Clause 5.1 currently reads - Subscriptions shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting, on the recommendation of the Committee.]

9.4 Motion:

The current Clause 9, dealing with winding-up of the Association and distribution of assets be replaced by:

9.1 The assets and income of the AGA shall be applied solely in furtherance of its aims as stated in Clause 2 and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the AGA except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the AGA.

9.2 In the event of the AGA being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.

[For clubs to be tax exempt organisations, they must

1. Be a non-profit organisation and
2. Fall within one of the tax exempt groupings of non-profit organisations.

To satisfy the ATO that we are a non-profit organisation, our Constitution must contain two special clauses - a **non-profit clause**, and a **dissolution clause**. Our existing Constitution does contain the latter (Clause 9) though this motion updates the wording to the format recommended by the ATO. It does not currently contain the former clause.]

10. Election of Office Bearers

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, IGF Director, Membership Registrar, Editor and 2 Committee Members to be elected

11. Venue of 28th AGM and appointment of Tournament Director for 28th Australian Nationals

12. Any other business