



Annual General Meeting Minutes

17th December 2025, Zoom Meeting

Meeting open: 1:10pm

Present: Matt Bekker; Sue Hatcher; Tom Keogh; Di Mayberry; Lucy Watt; Cara Wilson; Jo Newton; Kylie Falconer (EO); Frank Dunshea; Amy Bates; Bruce Hancock; Angela Lees; Beth Penrose; Steph Sammes; Luis de Silva; John Radcliff; Jarrod Lees; Jeremy Cottrell

Proxies nominated: Shawn McGrath (Sue Hatcher); Robyn Warner (Frank Dunshea)

Meeting Minutes: Kylie Falconer (EO)

President, Matt Bekker welcomed all to the meeting

Apologies: Graham Lean; Alice Shirley; Renata Tognelli; Robin Dobos, Emma Lynch.

Motion: That apologies are accepted

Moved: Matt Bekker Second: Sue Hatcher CARRIED

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM 24th July 2024 are accepted

Moved: Amy Bates Second: Sue Hatcher CARRIED

Presidents Report

Appendix 1

1:19pm Andrew Doljanin joined the meeting

1:20pm Elena Dehnavi joined the meeting

1:21pm Robyn Warner joined the meeting

Motion: That the Presidents report is accepted

Moved: Frank Dunshea Second: Angela Lees CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

Appendix 2

Key Details

Income \$69,664

Expenses \$22,430

Equity \$122,146

Motion 1: That the statement of income and expenditure, and assets and liabilities for the year ended 30th June 2025 is adopted/accepted.

Moved: Tom Keogh Second: Sue Hatcher CARRIED

Motion 2: That the account for JG Audit & Assurance of \$1,100 is paid by the due date, 31st December 2025.

Moved: Tom Keogh Second: Angela Lees CARRIED

Executive Officers Report

Motion: That the Executive Officer's report is accepted

Moved: Steph Sammes Second: Robyn Warner CARRIED

1:31pm Luis left the meeting

Other Business

1. Activists' disruption of pig science activities – Frank Dunshea

APSA conference and the need for additional security measures.

Action: Contact Mariana and ensure this is on the agenda for 2026.

2. Harry Stobbs Award, invite Angela to next FC meeting
3. Bruce Hancock, when will the peer review process take place and when will people be advised if their paper is accepted?

Sue responded, if you wish to submit late papers, contact Sue

4. Sponsorship, contact KAM Events

Robyn Warner, do we need more sponsors. Yes! e.g. APC sponsored in 204, have they been approached.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting are accepted as a true and corrected record.

Moved: Angela Lees

Second: Jeremy Cottrell

CARRIED

Meeting close: 1:43pm

President's Report – Australian Association of Animal Sciences 2025 Annual General Meeting

The past year has been one of significant progress and strategic planning for the Australian Association of Animal Sciences (AAAS). Our focus has been on strengthening governance, delivering member value, and advancing conference planning for 2026 and beyond.

Congratulations to the Victorian committee, the many organisers, editors and all members involved in delivering the successful 35th AAAS/20th AAAP Conference held 9th-12th July 2024 in Melbourne. The event concluded with an audited profit of \$74,703, ensuring a strong financial footing. Positive feedback was received on your program quality and engagement.

Thank you to Mariana Caetano and the organizing committee, planning is well advanced for the 2026 Conference to be held in Adelaide from the 13th to 16th July. The venue is now confirmed at the Grand Chancellor Adelaide Hotel. The key programme theme is “Transforming Animal Management through Sustainable Innovations”. Key areas that will be explored include carbon abatement, heat stress, Indigenous engagement, and emerging technologies. The call for papers has now closed with a full programme expected including diverse speakers representing all animal industries, wildlife and environmental researchers.

The organising committee for the 2028 International Animal Science Conference is meeting regularly with a Melbourne venue and PCO now confirmed. Target attendance for this event will be 800 delegates. International collaborations with NZ and other societies are progressing.

AAAS remains in a reasonable financial position with total equity of \$122,146 in combined accounts as of June 30, 2025, after committed funds for travel awards and conference seed funding. Funding a successful conference in 2026 will of course require draw down on these funds, however the expected revenue will support delivery of further benefits to members.

Membership remains a priority with current financial members numbering 211 (as of December 2025). AAAS has transitioned to a rolling 12-month subscription model to improve retention and streamline renewals.

The appointment of Kylie Falconer as Executive Officer in June 2025 has strengthened administrative and executive duty capacity. As one of Kylie's first actions, you may have noted a new website was launched with integrated membership and payment functionality. The ACNC registration process has also been successfully executed and the AAAS is now registered as not for profit. Thank you Kylie for your diligence and enthusiasm in the new role.

Thank you also to Dr Sue Hatcher who has fulfilled the EO role for several years while the Association became able to support this part-time but pivotal role.

We commend the Early Career Network sub-committee who launched a mentoring pilot program and have plans for a dedicated session at the 2026 conference to support post graduate students in their careers beyond University.

Hats off to the Awards Committee who have introduced a new national award- Emerging Animal Scientist of the Year, with the inaugural award to be presented at the 2026 conference. This is an exciting new opportunity to recognise outstanding animal scientists who are currently active and delivering outstanding service to their field. The new award has already been sponsored and shows further benefit and acknowledgement of active association members. Look out for the opportunity to nominate your favourite scientist soon.

The Communications Committee also achieved a 500% increase in LinkedIn reach, reinforcing AAAS visibility. Not my area of expertise, however it provides a critical avenue of visibility for our active member researchers. We appreciate our tech savvy Comm's crew.

Priorities for the coming year include finalising the 2026 conference program and sponsorship to ensure a high value event for all who can make it. Membership growth and engagement initiatives that add value to members will continue to be the core responsibility of the committee. Strengthening corporate partnerships and ongoing sponsorships that bring value to both members and industry is also important for the future of the association.

Although you may not have seen the activity going on behind the scenes, there has been significant work accomplished by the committee and new executive leaders, AAAS is becoming stronger by the day. I'm proud of the progress we've made together—from modernising our systems to shaping conferences that will showcase world-class research. Thank you for your trust and commitment; it's your passion that drives this organisation forward. I look forward to working with you all as we continue to grow and make an impact on the animals in our care and the science we deliver.

Matt Bekker



Annual General Meeting, Date: 17th December 2025

Executive Officer Report

Today is my first AGM with AAAS and marks the close of my first six months with the organisation. As is the experience with all jobs, the first six months are often the hardest, with the need to make new connections, learn new systems and sometimes implement change.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many of our members through online meetings, email exchanges and the occasional face to face meeting at industry events. I appreciate the support of the Federal Council in supporting the engagement of the Executive Officer as contractor. It is a significant step for the organization, and I feel privileged to have been the successful applicant.

I would like to acknowledge the support from Sue Hatcher as the outgoing Executive Officer in the transition of many accounts across to the new recruit. It was quite the process over a few weeks, a few hours at a time. Thank you, Sue!

I am happy to report we have ticked off a number of key items in the last few months –

- ✓ New website developed and launched
- ✓ New membership platform launched and embedded in the website
- ✓ Updated guidelines to allow for a 12-month rolling membership renewal
- ✓ Automated membership renewal payments
- ✓ Registration with the Australian Charities and Not for profit Commission (ACNC)
- ✓ 2025 financial review completed

As an organisation we have some shared pain points, the most significant being the need to maintain our bank account signatories and members to change roles and locations. The process to update the Federal Council signatories was informative in my role. Our financial review has also flagged the need that branch bank account balances are now recognized on the organization's balance sheet from 1st July 2025 as an ACNC registration.

Maintaining and growing our membership year on year remains a perennial struggle. I am pleased (and intrigued) to see that our membership is 204 members at 30th June 2025 was relatively close to the 213 members as at 30th June 2024, a conference year. For note we had 211 financial on the 30th November 2025.

We still have plenty of opportunities and challenges in front of us for 2026. I have made a note of the top five areas I will be working on in coming months.

- 1) Membership renewals
- 2) Insurance review
- 3) Budget review
- 4) Strategic planning
- 5) Membership growth

Thank you to all our members for your ongoing support of the organisation, to our branch executive members for your ongoing enthusiasm and commitment and the Federal Council and national committee members who keep the organisation moving at the National level.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming 12-months.

Kind Regards



Kylie Falconer

17th December 2025

Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc

ABN 72 880 944 166

Financial statements for the year ended

30 June 2025

Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc

For the year ended 30 June 2025

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Subscription & Memberships	3,580	37,136
Conference Revenue	59,871	39,300
Other Income	6,213	-
	<u>69,664</u>	<u>76,436</u>
Expenses		
Conference Expenses	-	5,636
Consulting & Accounting	7,603	14,495
General Expenses	553	16,989
Insurance	2,111	1,973
Office Expenses	561	-
Subscriptions	4,401	1,607
Travel	7,200	4,800
	<u>22,430</u>	<u>45,501</u>
Surplus before income tax expenses	47,234	30,935
Income tax expense	-	-
Surplus after income tax expense for the year end	47,234	30,935
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	47,234	30,935

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc

As at 30 June 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	111,269	49,290
Deposits Receivable	3,555	9,341
Accounts Receivable	-	20,000
GST Receivable	3,125	2,363
Prepayments	5,000	-
<i>Total current assets</i>	<u>122,950</u>	<u>80,993</u>
Total assets	122,950	80,993
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	804	6,080
<i>Total current liabilities</i>	<u>804</u>	<u>6,080</u>
Total liabilities	804	6,080
Net Assets	122,146	74,912
Equity		
Retained surplus	122,146	74,912
Total equity	122,146	74,912

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc

For the year ended 30 June 2025

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Retained Surplus
	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2023	43,978
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	30,935
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	30,935
Balance as at 30 June 2024	74,912

	Retained Surplus
	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2024	74,912
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	47,234
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	47,234
Balance as at 30 June 2025	122,146

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc

For the year ended 30 June 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statement cover Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc's functional and presentation currency.

Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc is a not-for-profit Association, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Basis of Preparation

In the committee's opinion, the company is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on a general purpose financial report. The financial report is therefore a special purpose financial statement that has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The directors have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis .

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Goods and Services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Income tax

The association has self-assessed as an income tax exempt organisation under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, therefore it is exempt from paying income tax.

Revenue

Revenue is recognised when the right to receive payment has been established.

Where revenue is collected by external sources and then remitted to the Association, it is recorded net of any fees and associated costs.

Note 2. Other Assets

Funds are held by branches of the Association. As at 30 June 2025, these have not been reported as assets of the Association.

Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc

For the year ended 30 June 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 3. Contingent Liabilities

The association had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2025.

Note 4. Events After the Reporting Period

The Association was registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission effective 1 July 2025.

No other matters or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Association's operations, the results of those operations, or the Association's state of affairs in future financial years.

Note 5. Related Party Transactions

Transactions with related parties

Committee members received \$7,253 in aggregate for services provided to the association.

Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc

30 June 2025

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

In the opinion of the officers:

- a) The association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and associated regulations to prepare and distribute financial statements to the members of Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc;

- b) The attached financial statements and notes comply with the accounting standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;

- c) The financial statements and notes present a true and fair view the association's financial position at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended; and

- d) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee

On behalf of the Association



Director
Dated

Matthew S Bekker
AAAS President
16.12.25



Director

Thomas Keogh
AAAS Treasurer
16/12/2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc,

Report on the Financial Report

Qualified Conclusion

We have reviewed the 2025 financial report of Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of comprehensive income and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, and the committee statement.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion section, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying financial report of Australian Association of Animal Sciences Inc does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2025, and its financial performance for the year ended on that date, in accordance with *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

We were not engaged to review the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024 or prior periods and were therefore unable to obtain sufficient appropriate review evidence regarding the opening balances.

We conducted our review in accordance with *ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Report

Management of the Association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and for such internal control management determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the entity as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

JG Audit & Assurance

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Dated: 17 December 2025

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