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(VICTORIAN DIVISION) INC**

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ANNUAL REPORT

18th November 2020 to 7th December 2021

Annual General Meeting

8th December 2021

President:

Amber Maxwell

Secretary:

Alan Cooke

Treasurer:

Murray Brown

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1. PAST OFFICE BEARERS

	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Vice President
1998-99	Doug Maxwell	Robert Torcia	Brendan Davies	
1999-00	Doug Maxwell	Robert Torcia	Brendan Davies	
2000-01	Doug Maxwell	Robert Torcia	Brendan Davies	
2001-02	Doug Maxwell	Robert Torcia	Steve Scott	
2002-03	Doug Maxwell	Robert Torcia	Steve Scott	
2003-04	Dean Mortlock	Robert Torcia	Steve Scott	
2004-05	Dean Mortlock	Mark Walker	Steve Scott	Murray Brown
2005-06	Murray Brown	Mark Walker	Steve Scott	Simon Morgan
2006-07	Ron Geurts	Mark Walker	Steve Scott	Simon Morgan
2007-08	Ron Geurts	Mark Walker	Steve Scott	Simon Morgan
2008-09	Jo McKeown	Mark Walker	Steve Scott	Simon Morgan
2009-10	Jo McKeown	Caitlin Granowski	Steve Scott	Garry Yeates
2010-11	Garry Yeates	Caitlin Granowski	Steve Scott	Mark Walker
2011-12	Garry Yeates	Caitlin Granowski	Steve Scott	Mark Walker
2012-13	Garry Yeates	Caitlin Granowski	Steve Scott	Mark Walker
2013-14	Garry Yeates	Caitlin Granowski	Steve Scott	Murray Brown
2014-15	David Sykes	Amber Maxwell	Murray Brown	Paul Bowden
2015-16	David Sykes	Amber Maxwell	Murray Brown	Alan Cooke
2016-17	David Sykes	Amber Maxwell	Murray Brown	Alan Cooke
2017-18	David Sykes	Amber Maxwell	Murray Brown	Alan Cooke
2018-19	Amber Maxwell	Alan Cooke	Murray Brown	
2019-20	Amber Maxwell	Alan Cooke	Murray Brown	
2020-21	Amber Maxwell	Alan Cooke	Murray Brown	

2. AFI (VIC) LEGENDS

Year	Name	Name	Year	Name	Name
2004	Bill Johnson		2017	Kevin Beasley	Roger Lamb
2005	Brian Backwell		2018	Murray Brown	
2006	Jack McCahey	Neil McGaw	2019	Terry Beckwith	
2007	Keith Crofts	Ken Jessel	2020	Jim Artso	Kuno Brautigam
2008	Dennis Keenan	Ron Mulholland	2021	Craig Ditchfield	
2009	Doug Maxwell				
2010	Ray Goodwin				
2011	Dean Mortlock	Don Carter			
2012	William Pratt				
2013	Brian Latimore				
2014	N/A				
2015	Peter Klein	John Zach			
2016	Jim West	Garth Keech			



3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Alan Cooke

The 2020 AGM

The 2020 AGM was held on 18th of November as an online meeting. At the meeting, and as per the minutes 3 Executive Office bearers and 8 ordinary and Committee members were elected to the AFI-Vic Committee of Management. In total we had 10 members in attendance.

The 2020/21 AFI- Committee

With long serving committee members Kevin Beasley, Rob Dalla Via and Adam Hassell standing down we lost a host of experience. However, with new committee members in Quinn Petrie, Ross James and Darren Colwell and the continuation of the existing Executive, we began the new year with high hopes for an active year post-covid.

The Committee has met 4 times since the last AGM. In addition, the Executive has met by phone approximately once a week over the full year. In an extremely fluid changeable year, this regular communication has ensured that the various activities of AFI (Vic) have been able to progress smoothly, adapting quickly to the many challenges that have been presented but still deliver value to members.

The 2021 Program

We began developing a full program of activity at our usual December Planning meeting. The plan was to continue with the proven formula of alternating presentations and site visits. As has become standard in recent years, we have worked closely with ADCA when developing the Program so that we either have activities of interest to both groups or at least do not clash with each other's activities.

We began the year with an online presentation giving an update on industry training. This was followed by an excellent Legends night with the induction of Jim Artso and Kuno Brautigam, which had been carried over from 2020. The site visit to AMAERO and then Stegbar were equally well attended. From there lockdowns took their toll. Over the past 12 months AFI (Vic) have had 2 face to face presentations, 2 site visits and 4 online presentations. Our resilience was sorely tested by the ongoing pandemic, though we continued to have strong attendance for all online presentations. With AFI(WA) also offering online presentations, there was a diverse range of topics on offer throughout the year.

2021 Membership

This year our individual membership stands at 61 financial. These members represent 29 companies. AFI (Vic) have inducted a total of 24 Legends to our Hall of Fame with another nomination to be inducted on Wednesday 17/11.

2022 Program

Planning for the 2022 Program will begin in earnest at our December meeting. It is likely that we will again offer a combination of presentations (either live or online) with site visits. We'll again co-ordinate with our partner organisations (AFI(WA), ADCA, MA). Our aim is on the quality of events rather than the quantity. We are always open to feedback, queries, questions or comments on how we can improve the program and add value to you and your organisation.

4. President's Report – **Amber Maxwell**



2021 continued to send challenges our way as Victoria moved in and out of Lockdowns throughout the year, achieving the infamous reputation of becoming the world's most lockdown city throughout the Pandemic thus far.

We continue to work towards increasing and improving Training options for our Apprentices, finishing the year with 9 active apprentices actively engaged in training.

Earlier in the year the National Sub-committee successfully rejuvenated and uploaded the "All NEW" AFI National Website, officially launched in July and the feedback and uptake of new members continues to reflect the positive outlook and attitude we have collectively to the ongoing growth and development of the Metal Casting Industry. AFI are proud to have also completed our promotional video - also available on the Website - to educate, enlighten and entice those looking for a vibrant, progressive and ever changing sometimes challenging employment opportunity to explore and consider what the Metal Casting industry has to offer.

During the past 12 months we have managed to host a variety of live and online presentations and celebrated the induction of our 2020 and 2021 Legends as well. Once again in the face of adversity you - our members have rallied, and our industry has prospered.

Alan Cooke (Secretary), Another stellar year of support, leadership and unwavering dedication from Victoria's official Secretary also, AFI National President. He has achieved so much for the Metal Casting Industry not only on a State level but also at a National level. Alan has held court with various politicians representing both Victorian and the National interest regarding training education, power and energy cost and carbon emissions issues. Alan also produced the Industry Report v3.0 distributed in October, without this much of the progress achieved in the many and varied areas of our industry association will simply not have occurred.

Murray Brown (Treasurer), At the risk of repetition Murray continues to be AFI Vic's rock. No words are left to say that have not already been shared. On top of the expansion of his paid working role and that of AFI Vic's treasurer, Murray significantly contributed to the rework and development of the Moulding and Metal Casting Apprenticeship program. Murray along with Scott Thomas have worked through the existing program and added, deleted and edited as required to be sure our RTO – GOTafe, are instilling into our future industry leaders, managers and executives the vital knowledge our progressive and critical industry requires.

Melting Moments has expanded this year as we have regularly received contributions from many other states. This has truly become the National Industry publication and massive thanks goes out to Darren Colwell who diligently chases up the quarterly contributions, collates and edits, what seems to be effortlessly, our quarterly, eloquent, informative and interesting edition together, ready for distribution to all members and associates nationally.

Foundry Training

Much progress has been made in expanding the program first set out as we look to encourage and inspire new apprentices and employees to join our ranks. In December we have a meeting, FiaB demonstration and foundry walk through with a local Technical college - the only one we believe left in Victoria to introduce their students Year 10 and onwards to the exciting and interesting opportunities our industry offers. It is our hope and that of the college that they could become a feeder institution for our Victorian apprentices.

Worksafe Review of Foundry Compliance

During the last part of 2019 Worksafe advised that there was a review taking place of the current Foundry Code of Compliance. A draft was to have been distributed with feedback requested prior to finalising and issuing of the updated Code. This was due to be finalised mid-year, however progress has also been delayed as a result of COVID-19. Thank you to those who submitted feedback on pre-draft requests.

Industry Report 3.0

This year our very own Alan Cooke has once again worked closely with many foundries nationally to compile our Industry Report.

Foundry in a Box:



Yet another casualty of covid was the roll out of AFI Victoria's FiaB. Whilst we have been doing some trialling and work behind the scenes in preparation for an official launch in February/March 2022.

Opportunities and Challenges for 2022

- Official Launch of Foundry in a Box.
- Review and input into Foundry Code of Practice – we NEED your help.
- Development of and participation in the Victorian Skills Plan - where we can inform the Government on what skills gaps there are now and equally if not more important what the predicted ones are in the next 5 years and beyond.
- Increasing Apprentice Training numbers into Victorian Foundries to ensure ongoing funding and personnel for essential continuity of the Metal Casting Industry.
- Continued engagement with ADCA , Materials Australia and CTNZ as well as the other AFI States with invitations to their online presentations throughout the year.
- Engaging and networking with other industry associations with synergies to AFI (Vic)
- Distribution of Information – we are working on ways to simplify information distribution so as not to overload your inbox. Don't forget to regularly review the AFI Website where we will be posting Newsletters, Meeting Notices, May and June Webcasts and the entire Sofa Seminar Series 2020. Click on the link following and go to the Victorian Page. www.australianfoundryinstitute.com.au

Many Thanks

AFI (Vic) Executive, Conference Planning Committee, Committee Members, and Ordinary Members

Thanks to all of the hardworking dedicated and diligent members of our amazing Committee that help to ensure AFI (Vic) continues to progress and develop whilst adding value to our organisation as a whole. Without the input and enthusiasm of all involved AFI (Vic) would not be the shining success and revered crew it continues to be Nationally.

5. PROGRAM 2021



Australian Foundry Institute (Vic Branch) 2021 Program

Month	Date	Location	Topic	Presenter	AFI / ADCA Contact
Feb	Wed 17th	Zoom	Industry Training		Alan C/ John Z Murray B and GoTafe
Mar	Fri 5th	Brisbane	National Council meeting	POSTPONED to 7/5 Held online	
Mar	Wed 17th	Village Green	Legends Night		AFI
Apr	Wed 21 st	Notting Hill	Site visit — AMAERO Metal Additive Mfg		Gary S
May	Fri 7 th	Brisbane	National Council Meeting		AFI National
May	Wed 19 th	Rowville	Stegbar site visit		Alan C
June	Wed 16 th	Village Green ONLINE	Apprentice / Traineeships	Craig Hilton, AIG Roger Lumley	Alan C
Jul	Wed 4/8	Geelong ONLINE	Getting to Zero — Impact on metal casters Diversifying your Business	Graham Wilson Lyn George	David S / Alan C
Aug	Wed 18th	Hawthorn	Factory of the Future Swinburne Tech	POSTPONED	Quinn P
Sep	Fri 3rd	Sovereign Hill, Ballarat	Annual Technologists Picnic	POSTPONED to 5/11	Gary Bunn - MA
Sep	Wed 15 th	Village Green ONLINE	Legends Night Workforce Training – funding and administration made easy	Ryan Whittaker	Alan C
Oct	28 th – 30 th	Brisbane	National Conference	POSTPONED to May 2022	AFI (Qld)
Nov	Wed 17 th	Village Green	Legends Night		Alan C
Dec	Wed 8 th	Errols – North Melbourne	AGM + Planning meeting		All

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 30 JUNE 2021

Omitted. Not for public view.

7. GOTAFE TRAINING

Keech Apprentices:

Ryan Herbert
Moulding Apprentice



Bryce Martin
Moulding Apprentice



William Tedman
Moulding Apprentice



Matthew Aherne
Moulding Apprentice



Simon Cole
Patternmaking Apprentice



Gary Clark
Moulding Apprentice



Tamika Penrose
Patternmaking Apprentice



Bradken Apprentice

Peter Spinelli
Patternmaking Apprentice

IXL Apprentice:

Pierre Meyer
Moulding Apprentice



Billmans Apprentice:

Justin McKeone
Moulding Apprentice



8. 21ST AGM MINUTES



21st Annual General Meeting Minutes 18th November 2020 Online Conference Call

Members Present: Gary Savage, Murray Brown, Steve Miller, Amber Maxwell, Wolfgang Maier, Alan Cooke, Adam Hassell, Bala Hebbar, Quinn Petrie, Ross James

Chair: A. Maxwell

Date: Wednesday, 15 November 2023 Opened: 6:02pm

Minuted By: Alan Cooke Meeting No.: 21

Minutes:

1. Apologies — David Sykes, Darren Colwell, Kevin Beasley, John Zach, Rob Dalla Via
2. Previous Minutes — 20th November 2019 Moved: Gary Savage Seconded: Adam Hassell
All agreed the minutes were a true reflection of meeting proceedings. Motion Accepted.
3. Presidents Report – Amber Maxwell – summary presented.
4. Secretary's Report — Alan Cooke — summary presented
5. Treasurers Report — Murray Brown tabled financial statements for year ended 30 June 2020

That the Annual Report for 2019, comprising the President's report, Secretaries report and Treasurer's report be received and approved.

Moved: Adam Hassell Seconded: Wolfgang Maier Motion Accepted

6. AFI-Vic Committee of Management — all positions were declared open.

2019/20

Members of the AFI-Vic Committee Executive:

- President Amber Maxwell — LCL
- Treasurer Murray Brown — Beckwith Iron & Steel
- Secretary Alan Cooke — retired foundryman

Ordinary Members

- Gary Savage CSIRO
- Rob Dalla Via Beckwith Group
- Kevin Beasley K&L Beasley Patternmakers
- Bala Hebbar
- Wolfgang Maier LMW
- John Zach Retired Foundryman
- Adam Hassell Hasco Foundry
- David Sykes

and Dennis Keenan as Historian.

The Chair expressed thanks to the Committee Members for 2019/20. Special thanks to those retiring Committee Members – Rob Dalla Via, Adam Hassell, Kevin Beasley.

The following nominations were received for the 2020/2021 Executive

- President Amber Maxwell - LCL
- Secretary Alan Cooke - Retired foundryman - Current AFI National President
- Treasurer Murray Brown — Beckwith Iron and Steel.

The following nominations were received for Ordinary Members

- Gary Savage — CSIRO
- Wolfgang Maier – LMW
- John Zach – retired foundryman
- Bala Hebbar
- David Sykes
- Quinn Petrie – Keech
- Ross James - IXL
- Darren Colwell

The chair opened the floor to nominations.

With no further nominations, motion moved to accept the nominations as listed

Moved: Murray Brown Seconded: Gary Savage

Motion accepted: Passed Unanimously

The Chair opened the floor for any questions or comments.

No other business being forthcoming the AGM meeting closed at 6:49 pm

Signed *Amber maxwell*

President

Secretary

Date: 18 November 2020