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(VICTORIAN DIVISION) INC**

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ANNUAL REPORT

7th December 2021 to 19th October 2022

Annual General Meeting

19th October 2022

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	
2021-22	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 2022 AGM

The 2022 AGM was held on 8th of December in conjunction with the 2022 planning meeting. At the meeting, and as per the minutes 4 Executive Office bearers and 7 ordinary and Committee members were elected to the AFI-Vic Committee of Management. In total we had 11 members in attendance.

The 2021/22 AFI(Vic)- Committee

With long standing committee member, Wolfgang Maier, moving into the vacant executive role of Vice-President and new committee members in Matthew Pinczes and Sean Boswell we began the year with a renewed focus on delivering high quality activity for AFI membership. Work pressures with change of business ownership soon resulted in a reluctant withdrawal of Quinn Petrie from the committee. This left us short on numbers but on not on quality and commitment. All committee members contributed to our activity in a variety of ways throughout the year.

The Committee has met 4 times since the last AGM. In addition, the Executive has had regular contact over the year, to ensure that the various activities of AFI (Vic) have been able to progress smoothly. As with every year, there is always late changes to programmed activity to respond to, ongoing activity to retain and expand metal casting training, the quarterly newsletter, development and use of Foundry In a Box, efforts to connect with political decision makers and now 2023 Conference planning. These and more ensured that the committee had much to do – this in the context of all our businesses being extremely busy.

The 2022 Program

The 2022 Program began with a Robotics Fettling presentation at the Village Green, followed by a Geelong based presentation relating to the collaboration between a secondary school, the Geelong Manufacturing Council and Backwell IXL. As good as this presentation was, the finest moment of this night was the 100th Birthday celebration of AFI Legend Bill Pratt. The planned activity in April fell through with no time to deliver an alternative. The Victorian developed Foundry In a Box (plus video) was well received at the Brisbane National Conference. We then had a series of very interesting activities beginning with Industry 4.0 at Swinburne, a site visit to Arrow Bronze, then a presentation from Adam Hassell on the newly formed business of Quicksand, producing sand printed solutions to your moulding or coremaking issues. AFI(Vic) were represented at the traditional Technologists Picnic at Sovereign Hill , followed by an impressive site visit to Staetite Fasteners.

2022 Membership

This year our individual membership stands at 63 financial. These members represent 30 companies. AFI (Vic) have inducted a total of 25 Legends to our Hall of Fame with another nomination to be inducted on Wednesday 19/11/2022.

2023 Program

Planning for the 2023 Program will begin in earnest at our 7th of December meeting. It is likely that we will again offer a combination of presentations (either live or online) with site visits. The jewel in the crown will be the National Conference in October. 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**



As another AFI AGM rolls around and the AFI VIC 2022 Annual Report is due for distribution it prompts me to take time for reflection and review. This past year we have had the opportunity to celebrate and recognise some special members (and Legends) of our Industry. By the same token we have also sadly said goodbye to some of our member companies in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

This year we have produced a new Video promoting our very own Foundry In a Box. This was a well received surprise for some from other States when we officially premiered it at the 56th AFI Annual National Conference in Brisbane in May. What a cracker of a conference that was – we all certainly walked away “Thinking about Tomorrow” and how we can continue to make our industry (and businesses) continue to grow and remain relevant. Great work - AFI QLD Committee.

Through the AFI(Vic) 2022 Program, we were lucky to have some of our members open their businesses doors and allow many of our members to gain an insight into what their business do and just how they do it (well almost)! These tours are always well attended and big thanks to all who allowed us to visit and also to those who attended.

Our industry has had its fair share of struggles this year as has many other's with Supply Chain issues resulting in delayed production, increases in costs of raw materials and of course the continued uncertainty of, and increases in, both Gas and Electricity prices. Our National President Brett Lawrence – Intercast and Forge South Australia - has done a stellar job waving the flag both in the media (as TV star in the making perhaps ?) and also representing our industry at the Energy Industry Roundtable in ACT in July.

On the flip side many members are reporting that their order books are full and, in some cases, quoting 4 -6 month lead times. So, demand for quality Australian Made castings remains strong and growing within markets in Australia and internationally.

As we look towards 2023 we are excited to be the host State for the Australian Foundry Institute 57th Annual National Conference - we are in the final stages of locking in the venue but we can say it will be in Melbourne's CBD. So block out 26 -29th October 2023 in your calendars and stay tuned for more details shortly.

Alan Cooke (Secretary), What can I say - once again Alan managed the many and varied tasks this year including communications, planning meetings (there were quite a few !) and organising our committee. Alan remains extremely active attending Apprentice training meetings, co-ordinating and presenting, with the help of several committee members, FIAB to the various schools and associations where we have exhibited. Alan plans and follows up Plant tours and presentations for and is also critical in the production and editing of the Australian Metal Casting Industry Quarterly newsletter - Melting Moments. I can't even begin to think where would be without him actually. Thank you

Murray Brown (Treasurer), Murray is another of the AFI rocks that makes the AFI Vic wheel continue to turn. Our money manager, our go to on all things financial , regulatory and historical, I can't think of a time without Murray being there. Thank you

Wolfgang Maier (Vice President) As we got busier throughout this past 2 months Wolfgang - who I might add has been present and an active AFI Committee member for over 15 years - responded to the call for a bit of extra help. Thank you

A special shout out to **John Zach** – who played a pivotal part in getting the Foundry in a Box together for us to complete the promotional video and take it “On the Road”. John also assist's Alan when we have a large group of students to present the FiaB to.

Finally, a special mention to **Gary Savage – CSIRO** – he has been an active (but insists on being behind the scenes) AFI committee member for many years now. We have only been able to deliver many of our on-line presentations because of Gary.

Opportunities and Challenges for 2023

- Increasing Apprentice Training numbers into Victorian Foundries to ensure ongoing funding and personnel for continuity of our industry.
- Continued engagement with ADCA and now CTNZ. CTNZ have now officially joined the AFI National Conference rotation.
- Committee executive, time to focus on increased volunteer activity looking to retired past members for ideas and assistance.
- Engaging and networking with other industry associations with synergies to AFI (Vic).
- Review and input into Foundry Code of Practice – we NEED your help
- Ongoing 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.
- Distribution of Information – we continue to seek ways and volunteers 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, Click on the link following and go to the Victorian Page. www.australianfoundryinstitute.com.au

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

Huge Thank you to all of the hardworking and diligent members that help to ensure AFI (Vic) continues to progress and develop whilst adding value to our industry. Without this input and enthusiasm, AFI (Vic) would not be the shining success it continues to be Nationally.



Australian Foundry Institute (Vic Branch) 2022 Program

Month	Date	Location	Topic	Presenter	AFI / ADCA Contact
Feb	Wed 16th	Village Green	Robotic Fettingling of Castings - presentation	Fred Kolak	Graham W
Mar	Wed 16th	Geelong	Newcomb HS and GMC Presentation / Bill Pratt 100 th Celebration		Sean B
Apr			No activity scheduled for April		
May	Thur 12 th – Sat 14 th	Brisbane	National Conference		AFI(Qld)
June	Wed 22 nd	Hawthorn	Industry 4.0 Swinburne Tech – site visit		Alan C
Jul	Wed 20th	Dandenong	Arrow Bronze - site visit		Matthew P
Aug	Wed 17 th	Village Green	Quicksand presentation	Adam Hassell	Alan C
Sep	Fri 2nd	Sovereign Hill, Ballarat	Annual Technologists Picnic - presentation		Gary Bunn - MA
Sep	Wed 14th	Carrum Downs	Staeite Fasteners - site visit		Alan C
Oct	Wed 16 th – 20th	Busan, Sth Korea	WFO Congress		
Oct	Wed 19th	Village Green	Legends Night and AGM		Amber M
Nov	Wed 16 th	Village Green	Energy Action presentation		Wolfgang M
Dec	Wed 8 th	Errols Café, Nth Melb	Planning meeting		

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 30 JUNE 2021

Withheld from public access

7. APPRENTICE TRAINING

Keech Apprentices:

Ryan Herbert
Moulding Apprentice



Matthew Aherne
Moulding Apprentice



Beckwith Apprentice

Erasmus Kyriacou
Moulding Apprentice



IXL Apprentice:

Pierre Meyer
Moulding Apprentice



Bryce Martin
Moulding Apprentice



Simon Cole
Patternmaking Apprentice



Tamika Penrose
Patternmaking Apprentice



Billmans Apprentice:

Justin McKeone
Moulding Apprentice





22nd Annual General Meeting Minutes 8th December 2021

Errols Function Room + Online Conference Call

Members Present:

In Person - David Sykes, Murray Brown, Matthew Pinczes, Amber Maxwell, Wolfgang Maier, Alan Cooke, Sam Tyagi.

Online - Gary Savage, Bala Hebbar, John Zach, Sean Boswell.

Guest: In Person - Graham Wilson

Chair: A. Maxwell

Date: Tuesday, 13 December 2022 Opened: 5:36pm
Minuted By: A.Cooke Meeting No.: 22
Minutes:

1. Apologies — Quinn Petrie
2. Previous Minutes — 18th November 2020 Moved: Murray B Seconded: Wolfgang M
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 2021

That the Annual Report for 2021, comprising the President's report, Secretaries report and Treasurer's report be received and approved.

Moved: Wolfgang M Seconded: David S Motion Accepted

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

2020/21

Members of the AFI-Vic Committee Executive:

- President Amber Maxwell — Reliance
- Treasurer Murray Brown — Beckwith Iron & Steel
- Secretary Alan Cooke — Retired Foundryman

Ordinary Members

- Gary Savage CSIRO
- Wolfgang Maier LMW
- John Zach Retired Foundryman
- David Sykes
- Quinn Petrie Keech
- Darren Colwell
- Ross James Backwell IXL
- Bala Hebbar

and Dennis Keenan as Historian.

The Chair expressed thanks to the Committee Members for 2020/21. Additional committee members resigned through the year – Darren Colwell, Ross James and Bala Hebbar. Special thanks to all retiring Committee Members.

The following nominations were received for the 2021/2022 Executive

- President Amber Maxwell - LCL
- Vice-President Wolfgang Maier - LMW
- Secretary Alan Cooke - retired foundryman
- Treasurer Murray Brown — Beckwith Iron and Steel.

The following nominations were received for Ordinary Members

- David Sykes
- Gary Savage — CSIRO
- John Zach – retired foundryman
- Sam Tyagi - GOTafe
- Bala Hebbar – consultant
- Quinn Petrie – Keech
- Matthew Pinczes – Arrow Bronze
- Sean Boswell – Backwell IXL

The chair opened the floor to nominations.

nominated. Moved: Seconded:

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

Moved: David Sykes 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 5:56 pm

Signed

President

Secretary

Date: 8 December 2021