



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18 November 2016

Held at Roma Cultural Centre, 18 Quentin Street, Roma, QLD, 4555.

## Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Open

The 2016 Future Farmers Network (FFN) Annual General Meeting opened at 4:57pm. Chair, Dan Korff, welcomed all present.

## Agenda Item 2: Registered Participants

Registered 2016 AGM participants included:

1. Dan Korff
2. Toby Locke
3. Rebecca Gowen
4. Tim Emery
5. Jessica Skilbeck
6. Alex Ramsay
7. Richard Ridge
8. Susan Bower
9. Kate McDonald
10. Claire Britton
11. Ciaran O'Gorman
12. Megan Davies
13. Claudia Benn
14. Brendan Whiteman
15. Nick Brazier
16. Hannah Geri
17. Gabriella Smith
18. Jaydene Bezuidenhout
19. Thomas Brimblecombe
20. Kylie Hopkins
21. Charlie Lange
22. Gavin Carr
23. Johnnie Walker
24. Veronica Ferris
25. Peter Hansen
26. Maria Thompson

Proxy forms were received from:

1. Harry Wall
2. Kiri Broad

Apologies were received from:

1. Anna Speer
2. Rohan Dunsdon
3. Harry Wall

### **Agenda Item 3: Minutes of previous AGM**

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 19 November 2015. As required by our Constitution, we require these minutes to be moved and accepted as a true and accurate record, and subsequently that acceptance needs to be seconded.

Ordinary Resolution: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19 November 2015 be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Dan Korff

Seconded: Ciaran O’Gorman

### **Agenda Item 4: Directors Report & Financials**

Dan Korff provided Chair report and overview of FFN’s activities for the reporting period including an overview of the current Strategic Plan.

#### **Chair Report**

- Office move to shared space with MLA at Level 1, 40 Mount Street, North Sydney, 2060. This has enabled much more efficient use of resources which have been reflected in the financials reports for the previous twelve months.
- New Executive Officer recruited and started in April 2016. Toby Locke is from Walcha from a beef and sheep production background and has a strong background in marketing, communications and account management.
- Events attended and supported in 2015-16 include:
  - GrowAg
  - Innovation Generation
  - MLA Red Meat Forum and AGM
  - Australian Universities Crop Competition
  - Farm 2 Fork, Rabobank
  - Gradlink
  - Australian Wool Innovations National Merino Challenge
  - Auctions Plus Sale Day
  - UNE Rural Focus
  - Farming Futures Expo
- Youth Ag Council was withheld due to clashed with GrowAg and parliament happenings, but will be held next year (2017) along with other planned regional events similar to Young Beef Producers Forum.
- National Farmers federation (NFF) partnership continued and we have FFN member, Ellen Grinter going over to China as part of an initiative between the Australia-China Foundation and the NFF.

- Partnerships have continued strongly with current partners including:
  - Westpac Agribusiness
  - Meat and Livestock Australia
  - Holding Redlich
  - Austsafe Super
  - Bayer Cropscience
  - FMC Australasia
  - Nuffield
  - Croplife
- FFN is in the process of updating its website to include new capabilities and better engagement tools for members and the general public.
- Corporate Governance review took place and new committee formed within the Board.
- Independent audit completed again this year per annual report circulated, conducted by Crowe Horwarth.
- Grown FFN's community again and set to continue this in the coming twelve months:
  - Current members – 1,052
  - Current community - 21,332
- FFN has a focus on the next twelve months to getting into more membership core activities such as regional events similar to Young Beef Producers Forum and an increased amount of bursaries.

Financial Reports and Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ending 30 June 2016 were received at the meeting and accepted by the members.

FFN Treasurer, Angus Street provided an overview of FFN's financial performance, which was presented by FFN Director, Alex Ramsay.

Ordinary Resolution: That the Directors Report and Financials for the year ended 30 June 2016 be adopted.

Moved: Brendan Whiteman

Seconded: Alex Ramsey

#### **Agenda Item 5: Election of Directors**

To consider and if thought fit, elect seven (7) of the following via ordinary resolutions:

- a) Mr Dan Korff (seeking re-election. Nominated by Angus Street, Seconded Harry Wall)
- b) Ms Rebecca Gowen (Nominated by Annabelle Woods, Seconded Jessica Skilbeck)
- c) Mr Charlie Hollingworth (Nominated by Hollie Baillieu, Seconded Jeremy Cummins)
- d) Mr Henry Gratte (Nominated by Wes Lefroy, Seconded Luke Cosgrove)
- e) Ms Megan Davies (Nominated by Dan Korff, Seconded Angus Street)
- f) Ms Rowan Dunston (Nominated by Alex Ramsey, Seconded Tim Emery)
- g) Mr William Ryan (Nominated by Caitlin Scholfield, Seconded Jessica Skilbeck)
- h) Mr Sam Gunther (Nominated by Hannah Lewis, Seconded Wes Lefroy)

Based on identified skills requirements, the FFN Board has unanimously endorsed to members the appointment of Dan Korff, Rebecca Gowen, Charlie Hollingworth, Henry Gratte, Megan Davies, Rowan Dunston and William Ryan. Direct and proxy votes were counted with the following Directors elected:

- a) Mr Dan Korff
- b) Ms Rebecca Gowen
- c) Mr Charlie Hollingworth
- d) Mr Henry Gratte
- e) Ms Megan Davies
- f) Ms Rowan Dunston
- g) Mr William Ryan

All re-elected and newly elected Directors were congratulated on their appointment.

**Agenda Item 6: General Business**

No general business tabled at the meeting.

Chair, Dan Korff extended thanks to exiting Directors Tim Emery, Kiri Broad and Jessica Skilbeck for their valued contribution to FFN during their time as Directors.

**The 2016 FFN AGM closed at 5:21 pm QLD EST on 18 November 2016.**

**Confirmed as a correct record.**

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**Dan Korff, Chairman**

**24 / 12 / 2016**