



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 November 2018

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

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Open

The 2018 Future Farmers Network (FFN) Annual General Meeting opened at **4:50pm**. Chair, Megan Davies, welcomed all present.

Agenda Item 2: Registered Participants

Registered 2018 AGM participants included:

1. Dan Korff
2. Megan Davies
3. Luke Cant
4. Harry White
5. Brendan Whiteman
6. Georgie Aly
7. Johnnie Walker
8. Kate Walker
9. Fraser Webb
10. Heather Cameron
11. Alex Webster
12. Ian Archer
13. Jack Grieve
14. Ben Sommerset
15. Tom Loane
16. Oli Li Lieure
17. Jim Milson
18. Dan Coulthurst
19. Abbey Britt-Keen
20. Edwina Warby
21. Banam Underwood
22. Annabelle Butler
23. Tim Emery
24. Lawrence Sehmish-Lahey
25. Imogen Wathen
26. Sarah Packer

Proxy forms were received from:

1. Alex Ramsay
2. Bec Mohr-Bell
3. Henry Gratte
4. Richard Kohne
5. Toby Locke
6. Aimee Snowden
7. Sarah Nolet
8. Olivia Falkiner
9. Geoff Birchnell
10. Lachlan Lynch
11. Lachlan Sutton
12. Mary Johnson
13. Tom Rookyard
14. Ellen Simpson
15. Rohan Dunsdon

Apologies were received from:

1. Rohan Dunsdon
2. Rebecca Mohr-Bell
3. Sarah Nolet

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of previous AGM

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 16 November 2017. 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 16 November 2017 be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Johnnie Walker

Seconded: Dan Korff

Agenda Item 4: Directors Report & Financials

Dan Korff provided an overview of FFN's financial performance.

Extraordinary resolution: That the attendees of this AGM empower the Board to sign off on the audited 2018 Annual Report when it is to hand. Any person who would like to view the Annual Report before sign-off, please provide your email at this AGM.

Moved: Dan Korff

Seconded: Sarah Packer

Chair Report

HUMAN RESOURCES – STAFF

- Appointment of Georgie Fraser as FFN Executive Officer in September 2018. Georgie is based in North Star, near Goondiwindi, where she works from home or in town in Goondiwindi in a shared-office space. Georgie originally grew up in Thargomindah, her

father Scott was one of the founding directors of OBE who we heard from earlier today, so she has a great understanding of agriculture and livestock in particular. Georgie has worked in communications and is a social media expert.

- Georgie has stepped into the role to takeover from Toby Locke who did a fantastic job as the Executive Officer of FFN for the past 3 years and we thank Toby enormously for his contribution.
- We continue to employ a part time bookkeeper and administrator Rosie Moxham who is based in Coonamble.

HUMAN RESOURCES – DIRECTORS

- Held Face to Face strategy planning meeting with the entire board and team in MLA, North Sydney offices in February 2018.
- Thank you to retiring FFN Directors: Daniel Korff, Rebecca Mohr-Bell, Alex Ramsay, Rohan Dunsdon. Extra special thank you to Dan Korff who is retiring after 7 years on the Board!

COMMUNITY

- YBPF updated its website to include new capabilities and better engagement tools for members and the general public.
- FFN's community has grown again to a network of 25,000 and is set to continue this in the coming twelve months

EVENTS

In 2017-2018, FFN has attended the following events in capacity building, presence amongst members, networking and advocacy:

- Innovation Generation, Adelaide SA
- Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition, Wagga Wagga NSW
- Westpac Verandah Series, Hunter Valley NSW
- UNE Farming Futures, Armidale NSW
- Ekka, Brisbane QLD
- Ag Quip, Gunnedah NSW
- Agriculturalists Who Influence, Tamworth NSW
- Young Beef Producers Forum, Roma QLD
- WFO Capacity Building Program, International
- NSW DPI Young Farmer Business Program, Dubbo NSW
- NSW Farmers Pathways into Farming, Sydney NSW
- Triple J Hack, National
- University of Sydney Ag Symposium, Sydney NSW
- National Ag Day Long Lunch, Melbourne Vic
- The Farm Table Launch, National
- NSW DPI Finance for Young Farmers Roundtable, Sydney NSW
- Ag Tech Summit, Melbourne Vic
- ALPA Young Auctioneers
- ABARES Conference, Canberra Act
- Agriculture Victoria: Young Farmer Collaboration, Melbourne Vic
- Australian Council of Deans of Agriculture, Canberra ACT
- Annual Westpac Budget Dinner
- NSW LLS North West Leaders Program, Tamworth NSW
- Cotton Conference, Gold Coast QLD
- NSW Farmers Young Farmer Summit, Sydney NSW

- ICMJ Careers Fair, Wagga Wagga NSW
- Innovation Generation, Wagga Wagga NSW

INITIATIVES

- Co-founding partner and host of NSW DPI's Young Farmer Business Program "Startup Series" pilot program of 6 networking events throughout NSW between July – December 2018
- An initiative with Rabobank which will support one FFN member to attend the Rabobank Farm Managers Program

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- Megan Davies (Chair) completed Corporate Governance short course hosted by Sheep Producers Australia
- The role of Company Secretary is being vacated by outgoing director Alex Ramsay and will be replaced by one of the incoming directors at the December Board meeting.

PARTNERSHIPS

New Partners:

- CNH Industrial
- Agribusiness Development Institute (ABDI)
- Charles Sturt University

Ongoing Partners:

- Meat and Livestock Australia
- AusSAFE Super
- Bayer CropScience
- Seftons
- Central Queensland University (CQU)
- Rural Biz
- Nuffield

Strategic Partners:

- New : Chapman Eastway
- Continuing: Agrihive, The Farm Table, Cultivate Farms

COMMUNICATIONS

Contributed to various publications including:

- Fairfax Regional & Rural Media, including ongoing column in The Land Newspaper
- Outback magazine
- Westpac Produce Magazine
- ABC New England

FUTURE DIRECTION

FFN will focus on their new strategy to be rolled out in 2019 which will focus on the core elements of FFN being networking and education. This will be discussed in depth at the 2019 Strategy meeting to be held in January 2019

Agenda Item 5: Election of Directors

To consider and if thought fit, elect eight (8) of the following via **ordinary resolutions**:

- a. Mr Henry Gratte
- b. Ms Megan Davies
- c. Ms Isabel Coulton
- d. Mr Lachlan Lynch
- e. Ms Mary Johnson
- f. Ms Olivia Falkiner
- g. Mr Richard Kohne
- h. Mr Tom Rookyard
- i. Ms Ellen Simpson
- j. Mr Jacob Heard
- k. Ms Tiff Davey

Based on identified skills requirements, the FFN Board has unanimously endorsed to members the appointment of Henry Gratte, Megan Davies, Isabel Coulton, Lachlan Lynch, Mary Johnson, Olivia Falkiner, Richard Kohne and Tom Rookyard. Direct and proxy votes were counted with the following Directors elected:

- a. Mr Henry Gratte
- b. Ms Megan Davies
- c. Ms Isabel Coulton
- d. Mr Lachlan Lynch
- e. Ms Mary Johnson
- f. Ms Olivia Falkiner
- g. Mr Richard Kohne
- h. Mr Tom Rookyard

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

Agenda Item 6: General Business

No general business tabled at the meeting.

The 2018 FFN AGM closed at 5:36 pm QLD EST on 15 November 2018.

Confirmed as a correct record.

Megan Davies, Chairman – DD / MM / 2018