

# Annual General Meeting FY2025





# Queensland Polo Association Annual General Meeting

**10.30am on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025**

**The Beaudesert Hotel**

80 Brisbane St

Beaudesert Qld 4285

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## Agenda

### **1. Receipt of Proxies.**

No member may carry more than two proxies. Proxies must be signed by the appointer and witnessed by another member of the Association.

### **2. Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting**

### **3. Business arising from Previous Minutes**

### **4. Presidents Report**

### **5. Statement of Financial Position**

### **6. Auditors Report**

### **7. Appointment of Auditor**

### **9. Recognise Club Presidents as Board Directors.**

Each club president for 2025 is nominated onto the board of the QPA

### **8. Election of General Directors**

Nominations are called for the election of 4 general board members.

Nominations for all positions must be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **9. State Director Nomination to APF Board**

### **10. Election of President**

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President is to be elected out of the now 8-10 members (dependent on number clubs) of the QPA 2025 board.

## **11. General Business**

- a. Ratification of Club officials
- b. Ratification of Club financial statements
- c. Membership fees and Club Affiliation fees for 2024 season

The first meeting of the new Board of Directors will take place immediately following the closure of the Annual General Meeting.

The Board will appoint the Secretary and Treasurer.



## FY2024 MINUTES of Annual General Meeting

**10.30am on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2024**

### **The Centre Beaudesert**

82 Brisbane St

Beaudesert Qld 4285

Attendance: Mark Adamson, Bill Taylor, Mike Irvine, Simon Skerrett, Phillipa Fitzhenry, Michael Fitzhenry, Will Gilmore, Sam Hunt

Apologies: Hamish McIntosh, Drew Slacksmith, Damien Jonhson, Robin Fitzhenry, Niall Coburn

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Receipt of Proxies.**

NIL

#### **2. Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting**

Read by Mark Adamson

Moved by Phillipa Fitzhenry

Accepted by Bill Taylor

2nd by Will Gilmore

#### **3. Business arising from Previous Minutes**

NIL

#### **4. Presidents Report**

ATTACHED

-Horse Welfare Issues

-Public Perception

#### **5. Statement of Financial Position**

Read by: Bill Taylor

Moved by: Will Gilmore



Accepted by: Simon Skerrett

2nd by: Phillipa Fitzhenry

## **6. Auditors Report**

Tabled by: Bill Taylor

Accepted by: Simon Skerrett

2nd by: Phillipa Fitzhenry

## **7. Appointment of Auditor**

Moved by Mark Adamson

Accepted by Phillipa Fitzhenry

2nd by Will Gilmore

## **9. Recognise Club Presidents as Board Directors.**

Each club president for 2025 is nominated onto the board of the QPA

SEQP            Drew Slacksmith

Downs           Will Gilmore

HH               Lucas Rogers

LARAPINTA   Michael Irvine

NCP              Niall Coburn

NPC               TBA

## **8. Election of General Directors**

Noms Mark Adamson

Bill Taylor

Jim Rawlings

Pip Fitzhenry

All 4 General directors were voted onto the board unanimously.

## **8. Election of President**

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Will Gilmore Nominates Mark Adamson

No other nominations

Mark Adamson is voted as president for 2025

## **10. General Business**

- a. Ratification of Club officials (see 2025 form)
- b. Ratification of Club financial statements
- c. Membership fees and Club Affiliation fees for 2024 season

To be emailed to the secretary by 20 Dec 2024.

The first meeting of the new Board of Directors will take place immediately following the closure of the Annual General Meeting.

The Board will appoint the Secretary and Treasurer.



## Queensland Polo Association - Presidents Report

### FY2025

The 2025 polo year has been a successful year that was well supported by the players, supporters, patrons and sponsors.

It was pleasing that we had no major injuries on field, although Beau Skerrett and Shane Martin had season ending injuries that were unfortunate but will be back better than ever in 2026. Off the field an extremely serious and unfortunate traffic injury to Anthony O'Leary marred the end of year polo season and our thoughts are with Anthony and his long-term recovery process.

Discipline was good from all players in the 2025 season, with the disciplinary committee only having to convene once for a suspended sentence penalty, an improvement on previous years. Our future is based on being able to provide a safe and enjoyable sport and player behavior is paramount to making the game enjoyable to all concerned.

Horse welfare continues to be our first goal. It is an ongoing requirement for the future success of polo. I would like to thank the Horse Welfare officers that proactively communicated with all players during the season, making sure horses were cared for at all stages throughout the season and we expect that continues in the off season, as horse welfare never ends.

The Autumn polo was well supported with an early start seeing games at the Downs being well supported, followed by competitive 4 Goal competitions around the grounds until the break in June. Some wet weather did create some missed tournaments and field issues that were unavoidable.

Again, mid-year was quiet, with some people still calling for Polo to be continuous during the year, however no clubs chose to take up the opportunity to schedule any polo during this time, therefore it remained quiet.

The start of the back of the season saw the successful women's international at Bromelton, with Australia unfortunately being bested by the touring South African team in a tight but low scoring game.

The polo moved to 10 goals and 4 Goal plus graded polo during the Spring. The Australian Open and the Queensland Gold Cup which were both well supported by players and supporters. The results were hard fought with a large number of close games, a testament to good handicapping and sportsmanship.



The Gold Cup saw the QPA collaborating with Pink Polo local charity organization which combined for a great day out and allowed the QPA to donate \$8,500 to their charity after a successful tournament. Special thanks to Elysian Fields for their contribution to the charity, the QPA and Michelle Livsey team who helped make it a success.

Financially it has been a good year for the QPA with overall revenue of \$90,868.59 and expenses reduced substantially to \$52,875.74 leaving a Net profit of \$37,992.85 for the year providing all debts are paid and do not require writing off. This has largely been achieved by greatly reduced costs, sponsorship revenue and good admin around membership collection.

I would like to thank Bill Taylor, Jessica Rae and Lily Adamson for the administration work that they have assisted with, as well as helping with the Gold Cup. The greater QPA committee have done a great job and co-ordination of the polo generally was handled by the Downs, Larapinta, Bromelton, Alsace and SEQ captains and associated members.

We appreciate the umpires who contribute week after week, even when the role isn't always easy or enjoyable. Your commitment is vital to the game. To the professional umpires who closed out the year at the spring tournament, thank you for your dedication. If our sport is to continue thriving, we need to grow our umpire community.

To the sponsors that support polo generally and especially the QPA that make things like televised live feed of games possible, your contributions are extremely valuable to the sport and the spectators.

We are in the process of upgrading the QPA Website for several reasons, firstly we are using the same web designer as NSW, Victoria and the APF so any rule updates that occur nationally will automatically update on the QPA website.

Additionally in 2026, due to the previously mentioned changes to the National Sporting Organization requirements nationally, the QPA will need to make some changes to its constitution. Part of the forward requirements will be a move to more equity in terms of board representation and that will require changes to the way the board is made up.

Looking forward to next year this will likely be my last year as President as new rules at a National Level will preclude anyone from serving on a state and national (APF) board as a director. The QPA is in a very good position as we stand, yet as always there is still work to be done on how we grow the membership base and create more polo opportunities for all grades.

Next year will start with green horse polo from January, so the break will be relatively short for committed polo members.





Thank you lastly to the members / players, you people are the life blood of our sport, we need more players, and we must look after them well so that we can grow.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Adamson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark Adamson

QPA President

## Profit and Loss review

### Queensland Polo Association For the year ended 31 October 2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Trading Income</b>					
Affiliation Fee	8,250.00	-	-	10,000.00	6.00
Calendar Advertising	(150.00)	1,500.00	1,750.00	-	5,000.00
Club Registration	-	8,250.00	7,807.50	-	-
Event Bar Revenue	1,272.25	-	4,637.06	-	1,761.81
Ground Fees	36,100.00	40,850.00	24,033.20	30,887.50	39,425.00
IMG Membership	28,188.89	26,650.68	25,441.09	17,430.28	17,631.18
Interest received	2,448.45	2,334.76	1,436.76	196.50	321.61
Membership	(121.00)	-	-	-	-
Other Income	5,000.00	-	-	4,246.00	750.06
Polo School Revenue	-	210.00	-	-	-
Sponsorship	7,000.00	-	-	4,250.00	500.00
Ticket Sales	2,880.00	-	8,735.00	500.00	6,542.47
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>90,868.59</b>	<b>79,795.44</b>	<b>73,840.61</b>	<b>67,510.28</b>	<b>71,938.13</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>90,868.59</b>	<b>79,795.44</b>	<b>73,840.61</b>	<b>67,510.28</b>	<b>71,938.13</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Administration Expenses	795.85	1,607.01	20,309.43	15,270.38	15,439.62
Advertising and promotion	198.00	500.00	3,522.78	6,356.97	3,743.00
Affiliation Fees	11,495.00	115.00	102.00	-	-
Audit fees	-	1,410.61	1,210.00	1,925.00	1,925.00
Aus Open Expenses	-	-	79.20	658.64	4,190.65
Bad Debts	4,700.00	-	9,250.00	-	-
Bank Fees and Charges	125.54	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
Consulting & Accounting	1,424.70	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	338.39	338.39	49.14	-	-
Donations	8,000.00	7,500.00	-	6,108.31	4,852.70
Drug Testing	-	1,381.14	-	948.20	-
First Aid / Medic	2,233.55	2,557.78	-	-	-
Gold Cup Expenses	9,411.51	34,519.39	40,950.91	16,619.33	22,062.86
Hire/rent of Plant & Equipment	2,090.00	-	-	2,178.00	-
Insurance	(280.00)	10,731.00	10,615.00	11,852.50	5,940.00
Meeting Expenses	389.00	-	344.00	256.50	409.25
Player Development	-	1,371.52	2,142.40	5,000.00	-
Subscriptions	781.00	5,740.12	-	-	82.50
Tournament Costs	-	-	-	-	3,997.28
Umpiring Fees	10,500.00	-	-	-	-
Website Expenses	673.20	933.16	595.00	757.50	400.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>52,875.74</b>	<b>68,825.12</b>	<b>89,289.86</b>	<b>68,051.33</b>	<b>63,162.86</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>37,992.85</b>	<b>10,970.32</b>	<b>(15,449.25)</b>	<b>(541.05)</b>	<b>8,775.27</b>

## Balance Sheet review

### Queensland Polo Association As at 31 October 2025

	31 OCT 2025	31 OCT 2024	31 OCT 2023	31 OCT 2022	31 OCT 2021
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Bank</b>					
Queensland Polo Association	95,541.11	50,360.23	42,275.28	44,954.12	54,666.67
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>95,541.11</b>	<b>50,360.23</b>	<b>42,275.28</b>	<b>44,954.12</b>	<b>54,666.67</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Accounts Receivable	9,910.00	10,300.00	7,775.00	23,625.00	12,900.00
AR Adjustments	-	-	-	-	1,750.00
Macquarie Term Deposit	52,728.21	50,279.76	47,945.00	46,508.24	46,311.74
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>62,638.21</b>	<b>60,579.76</b>	<b>55,720.00</b>	<b>70,133.24</b>	<b>60,961.74</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Equipment	1,691.97	1,691.97	1,691.97	-	-
Equipment: Less accumulated depreciation	(725.92)	(387.53)	(49.14)	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>966.05</b>	<b>1,304.44</b>	<b>1,642.83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>159,145.37</b>	<b>112,244.43</b>	<b>99,638.11</b>	<b>115,087.36</b>	<b>115,628.41</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	10,544.09	1,636.00	-	-	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>10,544.09</b>	<b>1,636.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>10,544.09</b>	<b>1,636.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>148,601.28</b>	<b>110,608.43</b>	<b>99,638.11</b>	<b>115,087.36</b>	<b>115,628.41</b>
<b>Equity</b>					
Accumulated surplus	110,608.43	99,638.11	115,087.36	115,628.41	106,853.14
Current Year Earnings	37,992.85	10,970.32	(15,449.25)	(541.05)	8,775.27
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>148,601.28</b>	<b>110,608.43</b>	<b>99,638.11</b>	<b>115,087.36</b>	<b>115,628.41</b>



## Accounts Receivable review

**Queensland Polo Association**

**As at 30 November 2025**

**Ageing by due date**

CONTACT	< 1 MONTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	OLDER	TOTAL
Hunters Hill	-	-	-	1,650.00	-	1,650.00
Larapinta	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>1,650.00</b>	-	<b>6,650.00</b>
Percentage of total	-	-	75.19%	24.81%	-	100.00%

## Accounts Payable review

**Queensland Polo Association**

**As at 30 November 2025**

**Ageing by due date**

CONTACT	< 1 MONTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	OLDER	TOTAL
<b>Aged Payables</b>						
Aquis Farm	396.00	-	-	-	-	396.00
Bill Taylor	-	-	-	-	246.00	246.00
Viking Rentals	-	-	190.00	-	-	190.00
<b>Total Aged Payables</b>	<b>396.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>246.00</b>	<b>832.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>396.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>246.00</b>	<b>832.00</b>
Percentage of total	47.60%	-	22.84%	-	29.57%	100.00%

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