



# NSW Fancy Rodent Society Inc.

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### 1. Opening of Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the NSW Fancy Rodent Society Inc. was called to order at 2:10 pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the Girl Guide Hall, 44 Bourke Street, Richmond by Steve Smith, Public Officer.

### 2. 2.1 Apologies

Lauren McNair, Wendy Culshaw, Bree Carter (Secretary)

### 2.2 Present

Sandra McLean, Dianne Osborne, Rachel Sydenham, Samuel Dittmer, Hollie Winter, Michelle Parker, Alice Chaffey, Kitty Lee

### 3. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

3.1 Changes to mouse classes. It was agreed that there needs to be some streamlining of classes for mice, not only to speed judging and make the system simpler but also to save costs on ribbons for prizewinning animals.  
Sam Dittmer to submit reviewed classes to the committee.

3.2 Website access. Password to be changed annually.

3.3 Polo shirts. After discussion it was decided that a re-order of Club polos while membership numbers are low, though possible, would unacceptably raise the price of individual shirts.  
Alice Chaffey to investigate iron-on patches.

### 4. Reports

4.1 President's Report. Submitted by Sandra McLean

4.2 Treasurer's Report. Submitted by Dianne Osborne

4.3 Animal Care Australia Report. Submitted by Rachel Sydenham

4.4 Royal Easter Show Report. Submitted by Steve Smith

### 5. General Business

5.1 Brochures and fliers require a reprint. Information to be updated at December Show.

5.2 Reopen ribbon sponsorship. All agreed this was a terrific idea allowed to lapse by the outgoing Secretary.

Wendy Culshaw to ask for sponsors via Facebook page prior to placing ribbon order for subsequent Shows (Royal Easter Show excluded), as per 2023 and earlier.

5.3 Sponsorship. Anyone with ideas on sponsorship of product for the Club is encouraged to follow that up. Samuel Dittmer advised he had contacted Laucke Mills, unsuccessfully.

## 6. Election of new committee

President: Sandra McLean

Vice President: Rachel Sydenham

Treasurer: Dianne Osborne

Secretary: Wendy Culshaw

PA to the Secretary: Samuel Dittmer

RES co-ordinator: Steve Smith

General Committee: Hollie Winter; Michelle Parker; Alice Chaffey

## 7. 2025 Show Dates

February: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> ...Richmond Guide Hall

April: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> ...Royal Easter Show

May: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> ...Gosford Show – under investigation

May: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> ...Hawkesbury Show

June: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> ...online, probable judging workshop

July: tbd, likely 20<sup>th</sup> ...Cavy Show, St Ives

August: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> ...Richmond Guide Hall

October: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> (or closest Sunday subject to availability)...Epping North Hall

December: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> ...Richmond Guide Hall

2026 – February: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> ...Richmond Guide Hall

## 8. Any other business

8.1 Proposal to cut two Richmond shows from calendar (note that Epping North Scout Hall is free of charge, thanks go to Alice Chaffey).

Two dates decided, Dianne Osborne to cancel Richmond bookings for 1<sup>st</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> October.

8.2 Investigate other venues and dates. Gosford Show proposal ongoing. Goulburn Show suggested. Other ideas welcomed; Canberra Show was organised a few years ago but failed due to COVID lockdowns; do we have any ACT contacts?

8.3 It was agreed we must promote that exhibitors at Shows do not need to be an active paid-up member of the Club. Perhaps we can attract membership by having them 'trial' Show entry of their rats and mice. Advertise prior to Shows on FB page.

## 9. Close of Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm by Steve Smith. The next annual general meeting date and venue to be advised.

Minutes submitted by: Steve Smith, Public Officer