

**LIGHT RAILWAY RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.**

(A14384U ABN 27 859 154 705)

**Agenda for the Annual General Meeting 2025**

**The Meeting:**

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Confirm minutes
  - a. 2024 AGM
  - b. June 2025 Special GM
- 4 JLN Southern Award
- 5 Committee Report for 24/25
- 6 Financial Report for 24/25
- 7 Committee Positions
- 8 Election of Officers
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
- 9 Election of Ordinary members
  - a. Motion put to the meeting
    - i. “The number of Ordinary Members of the Committee for 25/26 be set at nine”
  - b. Nominations for Ordinary Committee member positions
- 10 Subscriptions

Motion to be put to the meeting

“The subscription rates to apply from 1 January 2026 will be determined by the Committee based on the cost of services provided and the needs of the Society. Subscriptions will be payable on the 12-month anniversary of the member joining”
- 11 General Business – items relevant to the AGM.
- 12 Close the AGM 2025 Meeting.



# MINUTES

## For the Annual General Meeting for 2024

Held on 14 November 2024 via Zoom.

Meeting Open: 8.18pm

Apologies: P. Rickard

Minutes of the Previous AGM in 2023:

Moved by - J. Dennis, Seconded by – L. Howard                      Carried

Treasurer's Report for 2023/24:

Moved by - C. Harvey, Seconded by – M. McCarthy                      Carried

### **J L N Southern Award:**

**The winner of the JLN Southern Award** for 2023 is Phillip Graham for his two-part article "Schoma Tunnel Locomotives" that appeared Light Railways 262 & 290.

President's Report:

Moved by - S. Moorhead, Seconded by – David Batho                      Carried

Elections:

As only one nomination has been received for each position, all those people are elected.

- Bill Hanks as President
- Mike McCarthy as vice-President
- Nick Sheridan as Secretary
- Colin Harvey as Treasurer
- Phil Rickard, John Dennis, Peter Evans, Frank Stamford and Richard Warwick as Committeemen.

General Business:

Nil.

Meeting Closed: 8.38pm

# **Light Railway Research Society of Australia Inc**

## **Special General Meeting**

**Thursday 12 June 2025, 8pm**

### **Minutes**

Present: 55 Members via Zoom (see attached) Chairperson – W Hanks, President

- 1 Chairman opened the Meeting at 8pm
- 2 He explained the purpose of the meeting was consider the following motion:-  
  
“That the Light Railway Research Society of Australia Inc adopt the model rules specified in the Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023 in lieu of its currently approved rules.”
- 3 The motion was moved my Mike McCarthy, Vice President
- 4 Mike explained the need to move to rules compliant with current legislation and that it was the recommendation of Committee that the Model Rules be adopted
- 5 Non-Members were asked to refrain from voting
- 6 The Chairman then put the motion to the meeting for vote
- 7 After checking eligible voters, the result was
  - a. In Favour 35
  - b. Against 1
- 8 The Chairman then called for any proxy votes held by attendees. There were three (see attached). The votes were as follows:
  - a. In Favour 3
  - b. Against 0
- 9 The Chairman announced that the motion was carried with the following count:
  - a. In Favour 38
  - b. Against 1
- 10 The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:16

Nick Sheridan  
Secretary

## Overview

Meeting Topic  
**28/06/2025 23:31** LRRSA Special General Meeting & June Members Meeting

## Launched Polls

Poll Name	Questions	Responses	1	55
Special General Meeting Vote on Motion				

## Special General Meeting Vote on Motion

How do you vote with respect to the following motion:  
That the Light Railway Research Society of Australia Inc adopt the model rules specified in the Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023 in lieu of its currently approved rules.

#	User Name	Email Address	Submitted Date and Time	Verified Member
1	Peter Evans	(Petr Evans)	12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
2	Adrian Payne		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
3	graeme		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
4	Greg Stephenson		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
5	Steven Perry		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote against the motion	y
6	John Patterson		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
7	Peter		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
8	Jens Neelsen	(Deutsche Evangelische Kirche)	12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
9	Noel's	Phone	12/06/2025 20:14 I vote in favour of the motion	
10	Graham		12/06/2025 20:15 I vote in favour of the motion	
11	Robert W		12/06/2025 20:14 I vote in favour of the motion	
12	Adrew		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
13	Stephen Cox		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
14	ross ward		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
15	Ross Sadler		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
16	User 004		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
17	peter		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
18	Tony Weston		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
19	Geoff Earl		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
20	Bill Hanks		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
21	John Dennis		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
22	Phil		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
23	Chris		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
24	Andrew Hennell		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
25	davidbatho		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
26	Doug Miles		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
27	Lynn Zelmer		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
28	ian west		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
29	Günter		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
30	Richard Warwick		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
31	Nigel & Bev Holmes		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
32	Tom Badger		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
33	Alan Williams		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
34	Geoff Winkler		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
35	Rob Dickinson		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
36	Frank Stamford		12/06/2025 20:14 I vote in favour of the motion	y
37	Floyd Bromley		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
38	david		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	
39	Peter Waines		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
40	RoderickSmith-Melbourne	(Frank All)	12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
41	Alex Bradford		12/06/2025 20:13 I vote in favour of the motion	y
42	Colin		12/06/2025 20:14 I vote in favour of the motion	

<b>43</b>	Graeme Cleak	12/06/2025 20:14	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>44</b>	Richard Chawa	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	
<b>45</b>	Paul Tol	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>46</b>	Joe Dempsey	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>47</b>	Stephen Chapman	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>48</b>	malcolm.dow	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>49</b>	Norman drake	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>50</b>	Joseph	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	
<b>51</b>	Ross Mainwaring	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>52</b>	John Browning. Brisbane. Turrbal Country.	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>53</b>	Nick Sheridan	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>54</b>	Robert Bushby	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>55</b>	Neil Kingswood	12/06/2025 20:13	I vote in favour of the motion	y
Per				
<b>Proxies</b>	Peter Darveniza	W Hanks	I vote in favour of the motion	y
	Kevin Burt	W Hanks	I vote in favour of the motion	y
	Ian Crellin	N Sheridan	I vote in favour of the motion	y
<b>Total for</b>				<b>38</b>
<b>Total Against</b>				<b>1</b>

**LIGHT RAILWAY RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA Inc**  
**(A14384U ABN 27 859 154 705)**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

2024		<i>Notes</i>	2025
\$	Income		\$
27,312	Members' Subscriptions		26,106
19,693	Magazine Sales	1	18,731
21,321	Sale of publications		42,703
3,837	Interest		7,478
829	J L N Southern Award Fund		1,436
574	Tours		0
120	Advertising revenue		0
0	Donations & bequests		22
73,686	Total Revenue		96,476
	<b>Expenditure</b>		
37,600	Magazine production		37,644
7,467	Members mailouts		8,252
12,166	Sales		24,525
5,436	Cost of goods	1	10,471
5,372	Delivery to customers		5,101
1,469	Storage		1,469
413	Online shop		680
737	Advertising		764
25,593	Insurance of stock		1,794
1,398	Financial charges		1,483
1,338	Public liability insurance		288
270	Meeting expenses		4,508
3,210	Administration costs		440
301	Web site maintenance		300
300	J L N Southern Award Fund		0
609	Tours		82
82	Other		97,801
78,168	Total Expenditure		(1,325)
(4,482)	Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(1,325)

1. Includes magazines transferred to sales stock.  
All values net of GST

**LIGHT RAILWAY RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA Inc**  
(A14384U ABN 27 859 154 705)

**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 30 JUNE 2025**

<b>2024</b>		<b>2025</b>
\$	<b>Current Assets</b>	\$
276,864	Cash	280,146
48,219	Sales stock	48,989
1,935	Publication in preparation	0
1,166	Debtors	200
4,433	Prepayments	2,141
929	Shop software	581
3,514	Accrued interest	3,905
337,060	<b>Total</b>	335,962
	<b>Non-current Assets</b>	
1,677	Prepayments	0
581	Shop software	0
339,318	<b>Total Assets</b>	335,962
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
20,743	Subscriptions in advance	18,732
239	Creditors	219
20,982	<b>Total</b>	18,951
0	<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>	0
20,982	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	18,951
318,336	<b>Net Assets</b>	317,011
322,818	Accumulated Funds at start of year	318,336
(4,482)	Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,325)
318,336	Accumulated Funds at end of year	317,011
33,384	J L N Southern Award Fund	34,520
284,952	General accumulated funds	282,491
318,336		317,011

**LIGHT RAILWAY RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC**  
(A14384U ABN 27 859 154 705)

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR YEAR 2024-25**

	\$
Cash at Start of Year	<u>276,864</u>
Member Subscriptions	24,094
Receipts from customers	61,902
Payments to suppliers	(90,937)
Interest on investments	7,125
J L N Southern Award Fund interest	1,398
J L N Southern Award Fund expenditure	(300)
Net increase in cash held	3,282
Cash at End of Year	<u>280,146</u>

All values net of GST





## President's Report 2024/2025

I am pleased to present my 35<sup>th</sup> Presidential Report for the Light Railway Research Society of Australia, this one being for the year 2024-2025.

“LIGHT RAILWAYS” magazine, saw issues No.298 to No.303 published, all of which contained 48 pages, for a total of 288 pages of light railway history. Once again, all the additional pages have been necessary to enable submitted articles to be published in a timely manner. Thank you very much to all authors for submitting their excellent articles for publication in LIGHT RAILWAYS.

“LIGHT RAILWAYS” Editor Richard Warwick and the editorial team continue the very high standard that regularly receives favourable comments. To Richard and his Associate Editors Mike McCarthy, Frank Stamford and Phil Rickard, Field Report's Editor Peter Evans, Industrial Railway News Editor Chris Hart, Research Editor Stuart Thyer and Heritage & Tourism Editors Andrew Webster and Janes Shugg, thank you for your efforts throughout the year. Thanks also to Bruce Belbin of Box Car Graphics for laying out LIGHT RAILWAYS for printing.

The cover price of “LIGHT RAILWAYS” again remains unchanged.

At the end of the 2024-2025 financial year, we had a total of 639 members, 22 less than at the same time last year. Sadly, a large number of those who have not renewed, have passed away.

Our mailing list shows that 639 copies of “LIGHT RAILWAYS” are sent to our members in print or electronic versions, with some members taking both. “LIGHT RAILWAYS” remains available on the newsstands and other outlets and is also sent to a number of libraries and historical societies. The subscription rate for hard copies remains at \$48.00 and \$27.50 for electronic copies.

Our electronic membership system “Wild Apricot” has again functioned well during this past year. Thank you to Mike McCarthy for his maintenance of the system. Thank you also to Andrew Hennell for managing membership matters.

The Light Railways of Australia Facebook Group, member numbers continue to grow with over 11,000 members. Thank you to John Dennis, Mike McCarthy, Frank Stamford and John Browning the moderators of our Facebook Group.

During the 2024/25 year we published one new book, “Tullah and its Tramways”. There are currently a number of new publications that are well advanced and their release is expected in the next year or so.

I thank our Publications Officer Frank Stamford as well as all the people who carry out the various activities needed to publish a book.

Sales orders for the year was stronger at 489 orders compared to the previous years end total of 281. The total value of sales was \$33,504 compared to \$18,078 the previous year. This increase in sales compared to the previous, was largely due to the publication of “Tullah and its Tramways”.

Thank you to John Dennis for maintaining both the website and the online shop, with Bill Hanks managing the storage of sales stock, packing and dispatch of orders.

The JLN Southern Award for the most outstanding article/s published in LIGHT RAILWAYS during 2023 was awarded to Phillip G. Graham for his two-part article “Schoma tunnel locomotives that appeared in LR262 and LR290. Sadly Phillip passed away before the award was announced.

The 11th JLN Southern Award was judged by Dr Ruth Kerr, Roderick Smith and James Shugg. On behalf of the Council, thank very much for the time and effort, you have devoted to this task. The winner of the award for 2024 will be announced shortly.

Our society at the end of the 2024/25 financial year is again in a very sound position. Whilst membership subscriptions cover the cost of producing LIGHT RAILWAYS and mail outs, our financial reserves are there to publish more books.

To date most of the work required to prepare a new book for printing is performed by volunteers, such as the drafting of maps and diagrams and the preparation of photos, work will have to be outsourced and that is when our cash reserves will be required.

I thank Colin Harvey our Treasurer, for managing the society's finances. Colin has held this position for well over thirty-five years.

Online Member's Entertainment Meeting have again been hugely successful. With presenters scheduled more than twelve months in advance. With plenty of presenters and their presentations available, extra member meetings have been scheduled in between the normal bi-monthly meetings. Thank you to Mike McCarthy for arranging these Zoom meetings and scheduling presenters.

All Council meetings have been conducted online using Zoom conferencing, proving to be both a reliable and convenient way to conduct Society business.

The New South Wales Division Sydney meetings, have been organised by David Jehan. Thank you very much David for managing the Sydney meetings and other activities. Also thank Ross Mainwaring, the Treasurer of the NSW Division.

After seventeen years, Les Howard has stepped down as the convenor of LRRSA meetings in Adelaide South Australia. To Les we say thank you very much for your contribution to the society.

We welcome John Meredith who has taken over as convenor of the Adelaide meetings.

In Western Australia thank you to our representative David Whiteford.

The committee often receives gratify comments about the quality of our publications, the LIGHT RAILWAYS magazine and all our other publications. The people who make these publications all possible, have all been at it for many years. All of us were still working when we joined the Council, but now most of us are retirees and within the next few years most of us will be looking to step down. Last year I alluded to this matter and I say this again, unless we can recruit other members to replace us, to manage the society and to continue the publication of LIGHT RAILWAYS and other books, your society may not last much beyond 2030, if at all.

Finally thank you to Mike McCarthy, Nick Sheridan, Phil Rickard, Colin Harvey, Frank Stamford, Richard Warwick, Peter Evans and John Dennis for all they have contributed to our society throughout the year.

Thank you.

W.L.(Bill) Hanks  
President LRRSA (August 2025)