

2025 ALPMA VIC/TAS ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Details	Attendees																						
Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2025 Time: 08:00 am – 08:10 am AEST Location: Online Via TEAMS	<table> <tr> <td>Michael Rhodes</td><td>Chair</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tessa van Duyn (TvD)</td><td>Deputy Chair & Partnerships</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tanya Burns (TB)</td><td>National Board Representative</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ruth Treleaven (RT)</td><td>Membership Ambassador</td></tr> <tr> <td>Erin Gold (EG)</td><td>Membership Ambassador</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ben Pascoe (BP)</td><td>Partnerships Representative</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stephanie Pearce (SP)</td><td>Committee Member</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sarah-Jane Laing (SJ)</td><td>ALPMA Events Coordinator</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andrew Barnes</td><td>ALPMA Life Member</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chris Leatham</td><td>ALPMA Member</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tenille Saffin</td><td>ALPMA Member and Committee Nominee</td></tr> </table> Apologies: Jill Simpson (JS) Treasurer & L&D Representative Thomas O’Gorman (TOG) L&D Representative Minutes: Sarah-Jane Laing (SJ) ALPMA Events Coordinator	Michael Rhodes	Chair	Tessa van Duyn (TvD)	Deputy Chair & Partnerships	Tanya Burns (TB)	National Board Representative	Ruth Treleaven (RT)	Membership Ambassador	Erin Gold (EG)	Membership Ambassador	Ben Pascoe (BP)	Partnerships Representative	Stephanie Pearce (SP)	Committee Member	Sarah-Jane Laing (SJ)	ALPMA Events Coordinator	Andrew Barnes	ALPMA Life Member	Chris Leatham	ALPMA Member	Tenille Saffin	ALPMA Member and Committee Nominee
Michael Rhodes	Chair																						
Tessa van Duyn (TvD)	Deputy Chair & Partnerships																						
Tanya Burns (TB)	National Board Representative																						
Ruth Treleaven (RT)	Membership Ambassador																						
Erin Gold (EG)	Membership Ambassador																						
Ben Pascoe (BP)	Partnerships Representative																						
Stephanie Pearce (SP)	Committee Member																						
Sarah-Jane Laing (SJ)	ALPMA Events Coordinator																						
Andrew Barnes	ALPMA Life Member																						
Chris Leatham	ALPMA Member																						
Tenille Saffin	ALPMA Member and Committee Nominee																						

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land that we meet on today.

The Wurundjeri, people of the Kulin Nation, their elders, past, present, and emerging.

1.2. The Chair opened the meeting at 8:00 am, welcomed and thanked present ALPMA VIC/TAS members for attending.

1.3. Apologies – as listed above.

2. PROXIES

NAME APPOINTED	PROXIES RECEIVED
Michael Rhodes - Chair	- Jill Simpson – Heinz Law - Jodi Cook – Taussig Cherrie Fildes - Karen Probst – Karen Lee Probst - Tanya Mayantseva – King & Collins - Thomas O’Gorman – Leo Cussen Centre for Law - Valmai Vickers – Retired - Michelle McCarthy – Middlemis & Associates
Tanya Burns – National Board Representative	- Melissa Eagleton – Dignity.EDR - Richard Bowen – Aitken Partners

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ABM

Minutes from the VIC/TAS Annual Branch Meeting held on 23rd of October 2024 were circulated and a motion was moved by the Chairperson that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

- Accepted by Tanya Burns
- Seconded by Christopher Leatham
- Approved by all in attendance

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Only current members are eligible to vote at the meeting. A quorum of members is required for the ABM and is 10% of Branch members with voting rights.

To meet this requirement, 17 members must be in attendance at this ABM. With those in attendance together with proxies held, that requirement was met.

4.1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CURRENT VIC/TAS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Ben Pascoe - Forte Family Lawyers
- Erin Gold - Doogue & George Defence Lawyers
- Jill Simpson - Heinz Law
- Michael Rhodes - Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Ruth Treleaven - Holley Nethercote
- Stephanie Pearce - Elit Lawyers
- Tanya Burns (5 Terms completed) - Nicholas O'Donohue & Co
- Tessa van Duyn - Moores
- Thomas O'Gorman - Leo Cussen Centre for Law

4.2. CONTINUING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Under the constitution members only need to be re-elected every 2 years.
Members continuing on the Branch committee are:

- Ben Pascoe - Forte Family Lawyers
- Erin Gold - Doogue & George Defence Lawyers
- Michael Rhodes - Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Stephanie Pearce - Elit Lawyers
- Tessa van Duyn - Moores
- Thomas O'Gorman - Leo Cussen Centre for Law

The quorum of members in attendance was asked there are any objections to these continuing committee members - None were made.

4.3. MEMBERS STANDING DOWN FROM THE COMMITTEE

- Peter McGrath (Resigned 24/03/2025) - Saines Lucas Solicitors
- Tanya Burns (5 Terms completed) - Nicholas O'Donohue & Co

5. NOMINATIONS

5.1. MEMBERS RE-NOMINATING

Members at the end of their current two-year term, who are eligible and standing for re-election for a further two-year term are:

- Jill Simpson - Heinz Law
- Ruth Treleaven - Holley Nethercote

5.2. MEMBERS STANDING TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS

Nominations for the filling of vacant positions have been received from:

- Rebekah Charif - FB Rice
- Franca Maiorana - Stary Norton Halphen
- Charmaine Slater - Madgwicks Lawyers
- Tenille Saffin - Harwood Andrews/Sladen Legal

As there are only two vacant positions available, the 4 nominations received were put to the vote and the two successful nominees are:

- Charmaine Slater - Madgwicks Lawyers
- Tenille Saffin - Harwood Andrews/Sladen Legal

The quorum of members in attendance was asked if there were any objections to these nominations - None were made.

The Chairperson moved that the nominations were accepted.

- Approved by all in attendance.

With the ongoing, renominated and new members, we have a total of 10.

As the Branch Charter allows for up to 10 members, no vote was necessary.

The new committee is confirmed with all 10 members.

5.3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VICTORIAN LIFE MEMBERS

- Andrew Barnes
- Dion Cusack
- Kriss Will
- Liz Ryan
- Michelle McLean
- Shirley Hamel
- Valmai Vickers
- Begonia Silvestre

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- No other business was raised.

7. CLOSE

- The Chairperson called the meeting to a close at 9:10 am.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Signed:  Date: 18/9/2025

Michael Rhodes – Chair