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### MINUTES FROM THE 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARIEL REGISTER (AAR) Inc., HELD AT GOOLWA SOUTH AUSTRALIA ON 2 MARCH 2024

1. **Opening.** The President, John Deeth began by thanking those making the effort to come to the AGM. Having sufficient members present to form a quorum the President opened the meeting at 16:05. He reminded members present at the meeting to make sure they have put their name in the attendance list being circulated. The list of attendees is at Annex A.
2. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Allan Boyd and Christine Hillbrick-Boyd, Terry McKie, Lyn Meredith, Tony Gosling, Bruce Fenton and Ian Mickleborough. Both Ian and Bruce recently underwent surgery that has prevented them travelling to the rally. We wish both a speedy recovery.
3. **Minutes from Previous Meeting.** Minutes from the last AGM were published in the Club magazine and on the AAR website, plus a hard copy was made available to read at registration to anyone wanting to read it. Moved Brian Fleming and Seconded by David Long that the minutes be accepted as a true representation of the last AGM. CARRIED
4. **Business arising from previous Meeting.**
  - a. **Club Bank Accounts.** At the last AGM, members were informed that the Club had set up a CommBiz account with the CBA to enable payments to be made by direct debit to the account. Getting Committee members authorised to use the account was a bit of a nightmare as many branches had little or no experience with CommBiz, but at last it is up and running.
  - b. **2025 Rally .** At last meeting there were no formal proposals for hosting the 2025 rally. Since then, Alan Stratton put forward a proposal to hold it in Evans Head NSW. Alan advised the rally dates would be the second weekend in May, which is more temperature friendly for the region and also doesn't clash with other events in late April and first weekend in May. Accommodation is available at the Reflections Holiday Parks, but bookings cannot be made more than 12 months in advance. Unfortunately, the two-bedroom units at the Evans Head RSL are not available for booking. Other accommodation is available at the Bowling Club.
5. **Presidential Reports.** Both the President and Vice-President penned reports for the AGM.
  - a. **From the President.** John Deeth provided the report, shown in Annex B, which was uploaded to the Club's web site with a note to this effect placed in the 2024 Summer edition of the Club magazine.
  - b. **From the Vice-President.** Matt Gellert presented his report that is included in Annex B.
6. **Secretary's Report.** Col Hill read out the report at Annex C that was uploaded to the Club's web site with a note to this effect in the magazine. Issues arising from the Secretary's report were:
  - a. Renewal of membership opens in October of each year for the following year. By the time the AGM comes around, about one-third of the membership base hasn't renewed, but does catch up by mid-year, and anyone still not renewed by the time the Winter magazine goes to print receives a final reminder. The Secretary follows-up with e-mail reminders before the Spring Magazine is published.

- b. As a reminder to members, the Club operates two bank accounts, one for general business and one solely for funding the rally. Some members are still depositing membership fees and rally fees in the wrong accounts.

7. **Treasurer's Report.** Michael Schuchmann's report, as shown in Annex D, was uploaded to the Club's web site with a note to this effect placed in the 2022 Autumn edition of the Club Magazine.

- a. Michael explained in more detail the breakdown of income and expenditure listed in the Finance Statement, and clarified that although the Club made a substantial profit from the 2023 rally, the Club did not have to lodge a tax return for the 2023 membership period as the Club's assessable income was still below the reportable threshold. Publishing the magazine remains the biggest cost, followed by general business expenses associated with membership renewals and public liability insurance that is provided through the Club's affiliation with Motorcycling Australia, which covers all Club events.

Ron Murray raised a question on the seven-year comparison graphs of rally bank balances in the Treasurer's could be misleading as it they don't seem to show the expected increase in bank balance commensurate with the income received from the sale of the donated motorcycle. Michael explained that the graphs only show the bottom line cash balance at the end of each financial year, which includes liabilities paid out in following years. Ron asked if that meant some rallies ran at a loss, and the answer was yes. The Secretary clarified that there is no mandate by the Committee or in Club Rules for the rally to be run at a profit, and that the Club has subsidised parts of the rally since 2007. Col Hill moved that the Statement of Accounts at Annex D be accepted and the listed income, expenditure form the base of the Club's annual return to Consumer of Affairs, Victoria. The motion was seconded by Chris Ridsdale.

CARRIED

- b. Setting Fees for Next Year. Fees for 2025 remain unchanged at \$25 for renewals and \$35 for new membership, noting that the \$10 joining fee now barely covers the cost of the membership badge and postage of back issues of the magazines to members joining mid-year.
- c. Club Funds. The Club is in a sound financial position since selling the FH motorcycle that was donated to the Club and deposited into the rally account. The Committee agreed that those funds should be utilised for subsidising costs for the rally so members don't have to pay for some aspects that have been levied on entrants. The Committee agreed that the amount of subsidy be determined by the Rally-Sub-Committee and put to the Committee for approval.

8. **Editor's Report.** Adrian Hannam's report, as shown in Annex E, was uploaded to the Club's web site with a note to this effect placed in the Summer edition of the Club magazine.

9. **AAR Web Update.** Col Hill's report, as shown in Annex F, was uploaded to the Club's web site with a note to this effect placed in the Summer edition of the Club magazine.

10. **Archivist Report.** Brian Fleming advised that there had been no requests for archival media, and expects it to remain that way now the Ariel Archives USB can be downloaded by financial members from the AR web.

11. **Reports from State Representatives.** The Secretary informed the meeting that II State Representatives now have their own AAR web mail address, similar to Committee members. The email accounts automatically forward to incumbents' private email addresses, but without any visibility to the senders. Until now, all but two State Reps had a valid email address that allowed members to contact them by email. The two reps that did not have a valid email were Bruce Fenton (Victoria) and John Waldron (ACT). Both these members have agreed to hand over State rep duties to members with a valid email address

12. **Election of Officers.** No formal nominations were received by the Secretary for any Office Bearer positions or Committee Assistant positions<sup>1</sup>. There are three options for filling these positions: nominations from the floor can be received and voted on; if no nominations are received, current incumbents can remain in their positions, if willing; or should any current incumbent decide to stand down for their position, it will be declared vacant at the meeting and the incoming Committee meet to appoint a successor

<sup>1</sup> *Secretary's Footnote: Under Club Rule 21 (3), each member of the Committee holds office until the completion of the AGM at which time the newly elected Committee takes over. Thus, if no nominations are received for any position, the sitting incumbent may remain in office (effectively elected unopposed) until a new election, or a member resigns whereby the Committee may appoint a new incumbent.*

a. **President.** John Deeth agreed to remain as President for 2024.

b. **Vice-President.** Matthew Gellert agreed to remain the Vice-President for 2024.

c. **Secretary.** Col Hill agreed to remain the Secretary for 2024.

d. **Treasurer.** Michael Schuchmann agreed to remain the Treasurer for 2024.

13. **Ordinary Committee Members.** All Ordinary Committee positions remain unchanged from 2023, noting the role of former position of Regalia Officer had been absorbed into rally activities.

(1) **Ordinary Committee Member – Editor.** Adrian Hannam agreed to remain the Editor for 2024.

(2) **Ordinary Committee Members - 2025 Rally Organisers.** At the Committee Meeting held on 1 Mar 24, Alan Stratton was appointed as the 2025 Rally Director and he nominated his sub-committee would comprise Lyn Stratton and Brian Fleming. The Secretary agreed to process approval for Alan to become an authorised CommBiz user to operate the Club's rally bank account.

14. **Appointment of Assistants to Officer Bearers.** All Assistant Committee positions remain unchanged from 2023:

a. **Archivist** – Brian Fleming is the Club's Archivist for 2024 (should there be a need for any archived material to be issued, noting most media is now available from the website).

b. **Webmaster** - Col Hill to continue to manage the AAR web site for 2024.

c. **State Representatives.** All State representatives remain unchanged from 2023, with the exceptions of the Victorian State Rep, Bruce Fenton and ACT Rep, John Waldron.

**ACT-** Allan Boyd is the new ACT Representative for 2024.

**NSW** – Lyn Stratton to continue the NSW Representative for 2024

**SA** – Michael Browne to continue as the SA Representative for 2024.

**TAS** – Kerry Johnson to continue as the Tasmanian State Representative for 2024.

**VIC** – Chris Ridsdale is the new VIC Representative for 2024.

**WA** – Terry McKie to continue as the WA Representative for 2024

**QLD** - Brian Fleming to continue as the QLD Representative for 2024.

## General Business

15. There was only one formal general business item received by the Secretary, a nomination for Life membership, plus the routine call for hosting the 2026 rally was opened for discussion.

a. 2026 Rally. Ian Sargent volunteered to host the 2026 rally in Ararat, Victoria. Details will be published in the magazine once dates are confirmed.

- b. Life Membership. At the Committee Meeting held on 1 Mar 24, a proposal from Matt Gellert and seconded by Col Hill was agreed by the Committee to seek Life Membership for the Club's Editor for the last 12 years, Adrian Hannam, at the AGM. That motion was put to members and it was carried, unanimously. The President presented Adrian with a framed Life Membership certificate.

16. **Next Meeting.** The next AGM will be held at Evans Head NSW to coincide with the 2025 rally. Date, time and location will be confirmed at the rally.

17. **Close.** The President closed the Meeting at 16:55.



Colin J Hill  
Secretary No 689  
12 March 2024

John Deeth  
President No 634

**Annexes:**

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|----|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|
| A. | List of Members in Attendance | B. | Presidents' Reports*               |
| C. | Secretary's Report*           | D. | Treasurer's Statement of Accounts* |
| E. | Editor's Report*              | F. | Web Masters' Report*               |

*\* All reports shown in annexes to these minutes were incorporated in an AGM information package that was uploaded to the Club's website with a note placed in the magazine for members with Internet access to download/read reports and for those without Internet access to contact the Secretary for hard copies, if needed.*

## LIST OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE 2024 AGM

David	Anderson	David	Long
Rod	Barker	Alan	Lovell
Jodie	Beck	Tim	Lucy
Michael	Browne	Jess	Malia
Barry	Deeth	Ron	Murray
John	Deeth	Rod	Nicholas
Brian	Dunn	Ray	Philps
Brian	Fleming	Chris	Ridsdale
Matthew	Gellert	Ian	Sargent
Michael	Griffin	Michael	Schuchmann
Kevin	Hammond	Alan & Lyn	Stratton
Adrian	Hannam	Greg	Vardy
Ron	Jarmyn	Des	Waide
Richard	Harvey	Colin	Watson
Col	Hill	Jess	Malia
Gary	Lamb	Linsey	Zimpel

## President's and Vice-President's Reports 2024 AGM

### From the President

It is difficult to believe we are approaching twelve months since the last AAR rally. The Tasmanian rally held in Ulverstone on the 10-13 March 2023 was another successful rally and each year it seems that the current rally is the best ever. The Tassie rally proved to be no different and the rally committee of Kerry Johnstone and team delivered a special event. It provided a bit of everything including coastline runs with water views, mountain passes and those all-important motorcycle friendly twisty roads plus some excellent Tassie hospitality. It was great to see the large group of Tassie bikes present but also a strong contingent from the mainland who made the Tasman crossing journey to participate.

The Annual General Meeting at Ulverstone resulted in a number of outcomes including the changes to the committee (Brian Fleming and I effectively swapping roles) and also the amalgamation of the Assistant Committee position of Regalia Officer has now been absorbed by the Rally Director. Regalia will be on sale at future rallies.

The meeting heard the pitch for the proposed 2024 rally to be held at Goolwa, South Australia which was unanimously accepted. The rally organising committee of David Long, Michael Brown and team have since been working hard behind the scenes over the last twelve months to deliver another "best ever" event. We look forward to enjoying the reconnection and camaraderie with 'Arielists' from all over the country and the hospitality of the South Australian rally committee. Discussions are currently well under way for the 2025 rally proposal with a revisiting of the Northern NSW site of Evans Head. We look forward to hearing their proposal at the Annual General Meeting. Initial discussions have also been conducted regarding a Victorian rally proposal for 2026 which means the club sits in a strong position for the next few years.

It is interesting to note that the advent of socially media has meant that Ariel events and participation across Australia are widely publicised and visible. For example, the marque has been seen to have events all over the country including the South Australian group with their regular local rides, a Western Australian Ariel gathering and the Mostly Ariel Rally in Queensland to name a few. In addition to this Veteran Ariels made a strong showing in the National Veteran Rally in Bundaberg in September 2023, which are all testament to the strong following of the marque and the desire to keep them "on the road."

Finally, on behalf of the club, I'd like to express my thanks to all the committee members and the rally committees for their ongoing hard work. Without such individuals committing their time and energies there would be no AAR. John.

### From the Vice President

Another year has flown by. The Bendigo swap meet finally happened for the first time in 4 years due to covid and floods. So that was a great way to close out the year. Everything went pretty smoothly in my opinion with the handover of the Presidency from Brian Fleming to John Deeth. I wasn't there at the Tassie rally to personally thank Brian for his years of contribution as President and to congratulate John for his new role. Apart from the President's role changing hands, I would personally like to thank; Colin, Adrian and Michael for their ongoing roles which are now into decades for at least 2 of these gents. We must remember that we can't take these people for granted and what they have done so well for many years for the club and that at some stage, they will decide to stand down and will need to be replaced. So I urge all members to think about whether they would be willing to perform these roles when the opportunity arrives. Or if you are more a Project Manager, then maybe putting your hand up to run a future rally?

I am very grateful for Colin's patience (or should I say perseverance) with the Commonwealth Bank. The whole setting up of accounts and signatories this year has been nothing short of a bad migraine. Personally I think our biggest bank is a disgrace and I really don't think they are interested in small customers etc. Anyhow, that's just my personal opinion.

Personally it has been a satisfying year to finally have an Ariel on the road (1948 NH) for my father to start riding at 78 years young. He will be a participant at the S.A rally and not a bus spectator. So, that means fettle it in within the next 2 months and work on my next project - 1937 4G. I just picked up a tank from Newcastle thanks to Alan Nicholson for putting me onto it. It's now nearly complete after being made up of many different bikes parts. Thanks to everyone who has assisted, particularly Mick Browne. I hope to see everyone at the Goolwa rally and that it's a fantastic event! Matt

**AAR SECRETARY'S REPORT 2024 AGM**

This report follows the format of previous reports, addressing Club membership, and general AAR business that includes running costs and general issues that have arisen since the last AGM. Issues that have arisen with bike details in the AAR bike database (i.e. the register) will also be explained. Details on the AAR website will be presented in the Webmaster's Report.

**Membership**

In late October, the AAR registered its 1000<sup>th</sup> member since incorporation and followed that up in December with member No 1001. At the end of last year there were 268 members (including one honorary members) which is two more than at the same time the previous year. Similar to last year there were 17 members from 2022 that didn't renew in 2023, five of these resigned, one asked to lapse, leaving 11 unaccounted. Both new and renewing members are embracing the online renewal process, with close to 80% of members choosing to join or renew online, the preferred method for the Club. To date, 85\* are still to renew for 2024. As with previous years, the Autumn Edition of the Horse's Mouth magazine will contain a final reminder for those yet to renew, and those not renewing before 1 July will not be on the mailing list for the Winter Edition of the magazine.

I am still getting members paying their subscription by bank deposit or bank transfer without submitting an actual renewal form (either by email or e-form). Please remember to send a renewal form. Another problem I (and the odd rally fees paid into the main account).

Those members still to renew their membership please take the time to complete all aspects of the renewal form, including bike details and current email address. If listing a bike, please complete engine and frame number for the national and international register of Ariel motorcycles in Australia. Just listing year and model only will not get an entry in the database.

Please do not send cash in the mail and please do not staple cheques to the renewal form. Holes from staples often cause a cheque to be rejected by deposit ATMs, the method I now used for banking cheques.

The demographics for the 274 current AAR membership base, leading to this meeting were:

ACT	10
NSW	63
NT	3
QLD	50
SA	33
TAS	11
VIC	79 (includes one Honorary)
WA	23
Overseas	1

**AAR Bike Register**

The Club exchanges engine and frame numbers of bike listed on the register with the AOMCC's register of bikes known to be in Australia. The information exchanged doesn't include owners' personal detail, just the name and locality. When members sell a bike, please notify the Secretary of the new owner (name and locality).

**AAR Business**

Affiliation: The Club remains affiliated directly with Motorcycling Australia. The affiliation fee of \$440 covers a country-wide event permit and Public Liability Insurance for third parties impacted by any Ariel events the Club holds (includes local events and national rally).

Running Expenses. Expenses incurred in managing the Secretary's office were \$1,310.00, which includes affiliation fee (with PLI cover), annual return fee (covers Club's incorporation registration), postage items (stamps, envelopes, etc) and computer costs (web site hosting/domain registration, software, firmware), printer ink and printing paper. Details of these expenses are shown in the financial statement.

*Colin J Hill*

AAR Secretary  
(Member No. 689)

## AAR TREASURER'S REPORT 2024

For the 2023 financial year, running from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, the clubs Main Account increased by \$1,539.92 closing at \$26,511.78. The main difference being an increase of \$1,260 in income derived from membership fees, which is a good sign for the clubs membership base.

The figures for expenses, mainly being magazine and administration costs, were nearly identical to those of the previous financial year.

The Rally account closed at \$23,356.13 after all expenses were paid for the Ulverstone Rally and some income had been generated for the Goolwa Rally. That is \$4,820.98 higher than the closing balance for FY2022. However, this is not a direct reflection of the Rally Accounts position as there are varying influences to consider at that point in time.

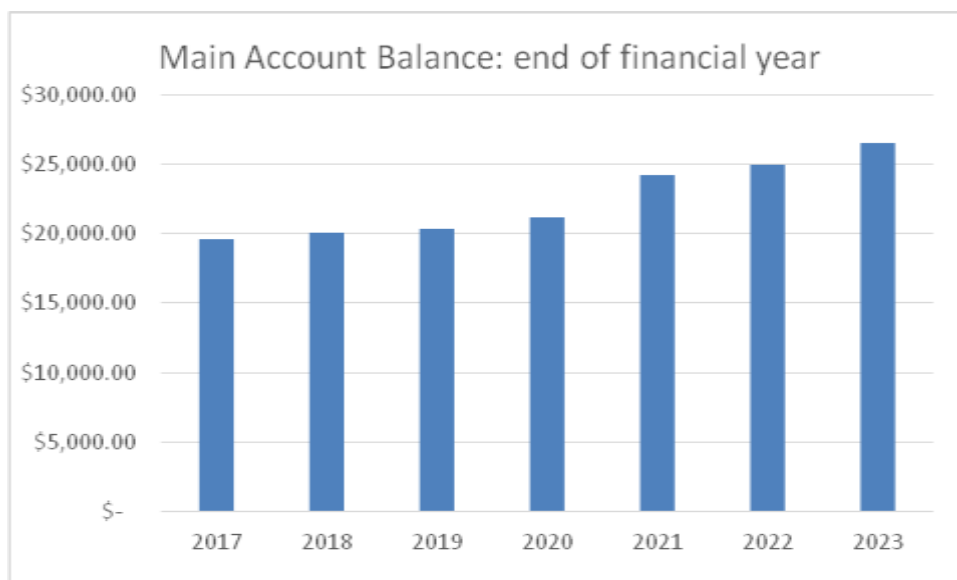
The Ulverstone Rally made a profit of \$4,411.48 at its conclusion, after all expenses were paid and after receiving a grant of \$3,400 from the Tasmanian Government.

The physical assets of the club are made up of regalia stock, stationary and electrical hardware, which is subject to depreciation and has a calculated value of \$2287.40 which is \$163.70 less than last year.

Following the Tasmanian Government Grant and careful interpretation of the ATO's guidelines for Grants and Sponsorship, the club was deemed to have no GST liability for FY2023. To date, the club has not been required to submit a Tax Return due to the costs of publishing our magazine.

In all, the total reportable value of the club for FY2023 was \$44,686.02. This is \$5,247.91 higher than last year, with the main contributor being the increase in the balance of the rally account.

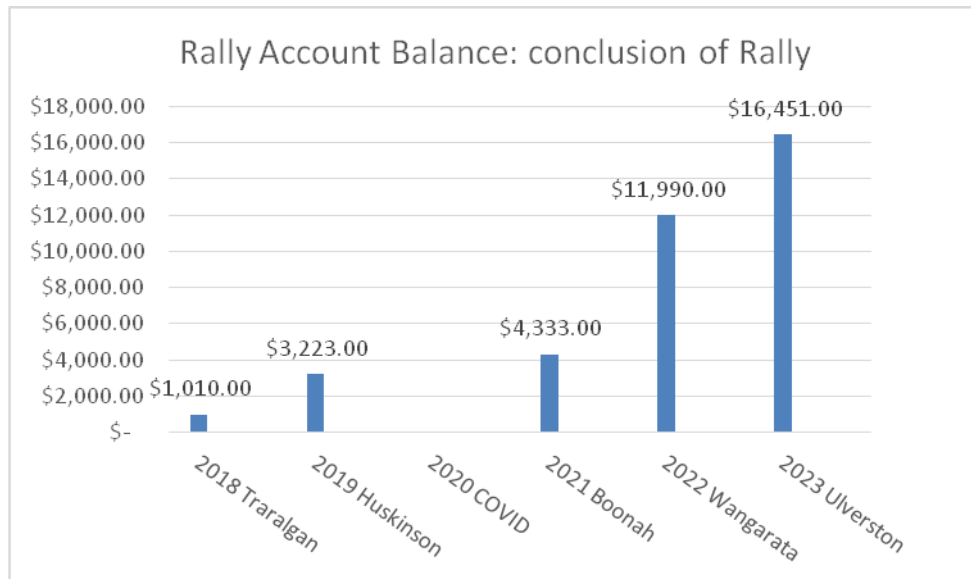
I have prepared some graphs to allow our members to better understand the financial position of the club over time. The committee can use these to help direct the club as it moves forward.



The main account shows a steady increase in its balance with several influences like the financial effects of COVID and the lack of any major expenses for some time. Its growth averages out to around 5.2% over the seven years shown.



I have tabled the rally account to show a more realistic picture of how it stands. The figures I have used are not from a specific time of the year but at the conclusion of each rally after all expenses are paid, and essentially what funds are available at the start of the next rally. With this we see a rapid increase in the account balance in the last couple of years due to generous donations and grants.



Overall, both accounts are in a healthy condition which keeps the club in a secure financial position. I propose that there be no change to the current annual membership fee of \$25 and \$10 joining fee for new members.

Regards,

*Michael Schuchmann,*

AAR Treasurer,

Member #567.

# AAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & PHYSICAL ASSETS FY 2023

Statements covers 1 Jan 23 - 31 Dec 23

## Main Account: 062913 10083043

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
<b>Membership Fees</b>	\$ 6,870.00	<b>Magazine Printing &amp; Publishing</b>	\$ 4,061.13
<b>Regalia</b>		<b>Business &amp; Administration</b>	
Sales at rally	\$ -	Printer Ink	\$ 75.50
		Web Site Hosting	\$ 213.25
		Envelopes	\$ 10.00
		Card Laminates	\$ 24.00
		Postage/Stamps	\$ 480.00
		A4 Paper + receipt Books	\$ -
		Annual Return Fee	\$ 61.20
		Liability Insurance/Affiliation	\$ 440.00
		Bank Charges/Adjustments <sup>#</sup>	\$ 6.05
			<b>Business Sub-Total → \$ 1,310.00</b>
	<b>Regalia Sub-Total → \$ -</b>	<b>Regalia</b>	
<b>Archives</b>		Polo Shirts	\$ -
Postage	\$ -	Caps + badges	\$ -
USBs	\$ -	Admin/Swap Meet	\$ -
	<b>Archives Sub-Total → \$ -</b>		<b>Regalia Sub-Total → \$ -</b>
<b>Rally</b>		<b>Rally</b>	
Refund from rally account	\$ 1,391.59 (See Note 1)	Badges & Polo Shirts	\$ 1,391.59 (See Note 1)
Rally entrant fees	\$ 141.00 (See Note 2)	Transfer to rally account	\$ 141.00 (See Note 2)
	<b>Rally Sub-Total → \$ 1,532.59</b>		<b>Rally Sub-Total → \$ 1,532.59</b>
<b>Bank Interest/Adjustments</b>	\$ -	<b>Other</b>	
<b>Advertising</b>	\$ 100.00	Refund Eroneous Transfer	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Other</b>		Card Laminator	\$ 29.95
Eroneus Transfer	\$ 1,000.00	WiFi USB	\$ 29.00
<b>Notes:</b>			<b>Other Sub-Total → \$ 1,058.95</b>
1. \$1,391.59 was paid from main account for rally expenses that was repaid from the rally account			<b>Total Expenditure \$ 7,962.67</b>
2. Rally entrant fees paid into wrong account and then transferred			
	<b>Total Income \$ 9,502.59</b>		

## Rally Account: 062915 1032 0250

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure<sup>#</sup></u>	
<b>2023 Rally</b>		<b>2023 Rally</b>	
Entrants' Payments (see Note 3)	\$ 4,977.60	Trophies	\$ 336.00
Sponsorship	\$ 4,150.00	Badges	\$ 575.83
Membership Fees	\$ 50.00	Catered Meals	\$ 5,325.00
Hat Raffle	\$ 140.00	BBQs	\$ 1,224.64
Account Verification Deposit	\$ 0.01	Breakfasts	\$ 1,065.90
	<b>Total \$ 9,317.61</b>	Support and Sundries <sup>#</sup>	\$ 1,303.94
<b>2024 Rally</b>		Bus	\$ 336.54
Entrants' Payments (unallocated brakedown)	\$ 7,010.50	Polo Shirts	\$ 1,077.27
<b>Notes:</b>		Account Verification Reversal	\$ 0.01
3. 2023 entrants' payment, not broken down for rider, pillion, bus, polo shirts, raffle tickets and all meals paid in 2023, but does not include entrants' payments for 2023 rally made in 2022.			<b>Total \$ 11,245.13</b>
	<b>Total Income \$ 16,328.11</b>	<b>2024 Rally</b>	
		Entrant Fees refunded	\$ 131.00
			<b>Total Expenditure \$ 11,376.13</b>

## Summary of Cash Books and Assets

Main Account		Physical Assets		Assets and Liabilities Held (to 31 Dec 2023)	
Account: 062913 10083043		Estimated Value		Cashbook	
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$ 24,971.86</b>	(Depreciated) PA System	\$160.00	Main Account Balance	\$ 26,511.78
Total Income	\$ 9,502.59	(Depreciated) Card Laminator	\$25.00	Rally Account Balance*	\$23,356.13
Total Expenses	-\$ 7,962.67	(Depreciated) 2 x Computers Systems	\$375.00	<b>Cash Assets</b>	<b>\$ 49,867.91</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$ 26,511.78</b>	(Resale) Polo Shirts	\$945.00	<b>Liabilities</b>	
		(Resale) Caps	\$0.00	Rally accrual Liabilities**	<b>-\$7,469.29</b>
		(Resale) Vests	\$540.00	<b>Assets</b>	
		(Resale) Membership Badges	\$108.00	Depreciated Assets	\$560.00
		(Resale) Archives Media	\$0.00	Resale Assets	\$1,593.00
		(Resale) Domed Badges	\$0.00	Negotiable Assets	\$134.40
		<b>Negotiable Assets</b>		<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,287.40</b>
		Postage Stamps	\$134.40	<b>Total Reportable Value</b>	<b>\$44,686.02</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,287.40</b>		

† Income includes rally entrants' fees and sponsorship paid during 2023 for both 2023 and 2024 rallies

\* Includes the 2024 rally unexpended commitment that is shown as rally accrual liabilities

\*\* Rally accrual liabilities are next FY expenses paid in advance this FY. Accrual liabilities are expenses to be paid next FY from rally income collected this FY

†† Rally expenses includes only those payments made in 2023 for both 2023 and 2024 rallies

**AAR EDITOR'S REPORT – 2024 AGM**

Good evening dear friends. Firstly, thank you to the Rally Organisers and Sponsors. I have been an AAR member for 20 years, but this is my first South OZ AAR Rally. I have met some of you over in the east, but there is a lot I haven't. You would be welcome to come and say hello and give me your thoughts. Thoughts about the Horse's Mouth that is, not the Royal Family or youth crime thanks very much.

It's been another standard year of Horse's Mouth production. The recipe has been working for a long time now without much need to change. So it's same-same; Rally photos, member contributions and copied magazine articles. Please let me know if you want a different direction taken. Something a little different that occurred last year is the quantity of local Ariel photos from vintage times. I received a number of contributions from the old family photo album, and what a joy they were. I am still surprised when more old Ariel pics are found, I thought most of them would have been revealed over the years. I am the custodian of my family's old photo albums, dating back to the late 1800's. Unfortunately, they contain no motorcycle interest. Railways yes, but no two-wheelers. So perhaps you could look through grandma's photo album, you may have ancient Ariel pictures to share.

On another topic, I have taken a big step this year. I joined Facebook. I don't know how to use it yet; but if it makes it easier to get content to me, please do and I will learn. Finally, I would be delighted to re-nominate for the Editor's position.

Adrian Hannam #495

**AAR WEB MASTER'S REPORT 2024 AGM**

For the most of last year, the AAR web did not require anything more than just routine updates and this report would have reflected much of the same information as reported over the last several years. However, mid-year there was a change to the way the Club paid for its annual hosting. Instead of paying for 12 months in one payment, the host (Vendhost) changed this to monthly payments only. This would have meant me paying every month and claiming reimbursement if we didn't have the new CommBiz banking set up. Even then monthly payments became an issue because the CommBiz regular payment set up failed to pay after the first month's automatic debit. While I am not sure why CommBiz system failed, the monthly payments only lasted a few months until we found out why Vendhost went to monthly payments; it was because they were shutting down the server that hosted the AAR web site.

In September, Vendhost advised it would no longer be able to host the AAR web site because their server had come to the end of its useful life. I later found out this was because of new Gov't legislation that requires any web site that stores personal information had to be upgraded to a new level of security, which meant a completely new server. Vendhost recommended a new host, VentralP, as our best option, which the Club ended up choosing as it came in around the same cost and could be paid for annually. While migration of the entire AAR website went though without noticeable impact, it required culling files that were duplicated for eased of access in more than one web page because server disk storage was restricted to 10GB (previous host's disk space was unlimited). However, there were other issues to come:

The web builder software I use (donated to the Club by a former member) was 20 years old and not compatible with the new server. While I could still use the software to construct and edit web files, they could not be uploaded using the web builder program. Existing files could be amended by accessing them on the server, but new files could not be added. There were two options to solve this problem; one was to purchase a newer version of the software; the other to use a separate interfacing application to transfer files from computer to server. The latter was chose based on cost. The new software web builder could only be licensed on a monthly basis, which was both a nuisance and not value for money because of limited use.

Another issue to be discovered more recently is the server's security system had unknown embedded constraints that were not imposed on the old server, which meant access to some web pages/directories had to be redesigned, e.g. access to the Ariel Archives USB, which is now available for members to download online, but only in its entirety as a 450 MB zipped file that expands to just over 1GB.

Hopefully no more surprises will turn up this year.



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