

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Of the Australasian Team Roping Association
held at 8am on Thursday 1st October 2026
Bridgeman Park, Capella QLD 4720

1	Meeting Opened by Chairman	Chairman Peter Swain opened the meeting at 8.05am
2	Apologies	Nil (Clay Bush – Director - absent)
	Attendees	See separate Attendee List. Debbie Height via phone
3	Minutes of the previous AGM	The minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting were read and adopted as a true and correct record. Moved: Russell Stanley Seconded: Justin Fuller Carried
4	Business Arising from the Minutes	Nil
5	AGM correspondence	Nil, as listed on Agenda
6	Chairman's Report	Peter Swain presented his report at the conclusion of his three-year term. He highlighted growth in event entries, membership and revenue, the 20th anniversary National Finals, strong entries and estimated payouts of \$220,000 and the return of the two Peaceland High Point trophy trailers. He thanked directors, office staff, promoters, members, volunteers and sponsors and wished the incoming Board well. Moved: Ian Wharton Seconded: Rob Roylance Accepted.

7	Treasurers Report Annual Financial Statement/ Audit	Tracey Watts presented the Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026, prepared/audited by Roberts & Morrow, and explained the treatment of income received in advance and change in reporting for this year. The statements report revenue of \$582,692, a deficit of \$39,393, cash at bank of \$81,056 and income in advance of \$53,112. Tracey Watts moved that the report be accepted as true and correct. Moved: Tracey Watts Seconded: Russell Stanley Accepted		
8	Election of Directors 12 positions available, 10 nominated. 10 Elected.			
	NOMINATED	NOMINATED	NOMINATED	NOMINATED
	ALISTAIR MALONE Central QLD	ALISTAIR MALONE Central QLD	ALISTAIR MALONE Central QLD	ALISTAIR MALONE Central QLD
	DEBBIE HEIGHT Southern NSW/Victoria	DEBBIE HEIGHT Southern NSW/Victoria	DEBBIE HEIGHT Southern NSW/Victoria	DEBBIE HEIGHT Southern NSW/Victoria
	NATHAN DAY Northern NSW	NATHAN DAY Northern NSW	NATHAN DAY Northern NSW	NATHAN DAY Northern NSW
	SHANE KENNY Central QLD	SHANE KENNY Central QLD	SHANE KENNY Central QLD	SHANE KENNY Central QLD
	GREG HARRIS Northern NSW	GREG HARRIS Northern NSW	GREG HARRIS Northern NSW	GREG HARRIS Northern NSW
	LUKE WHARTON Northwest QLD	LUKE WHARTON Northwest QLD	LUKE WHARTON Northwest QLD	LUKE WHARTON Northwest QLD
	BRIAN LOVETT Southeast QLD	BRIAN LOVETT Southeast QLD	BRIAN LOVETT Southeast QLD	BRIAN LOVETT Southeast QLD
	WARREN BYERS Southern NSW/Victoria	WARREN BYERS Southern NSW/Victoria	WARREN BYERS Southern NSW/Victoria	WARREN BYERS Southern NSW/Victoria
	GARY KING Tasmania	GARY KING Tasmania	GARY KING Tasmania	GARY KING Tasmania
	TRACEY WATTS North QLD	TRACEY WATTS North QLD	TRACEY WATTS North QLD	TRACEY WATTS North QLD
	Election of Executive Board of Directors:			
	President Nathan Day			
	Secretary Greg Harris			
	Treasurer Vacant			
9	Notices of Motion:			
9.1	MULTIPLE ENTRIES IN BREAKAWAY ROPING AND ROPE & TIE EVENTS The meeting discussed proposed changes allowing competitors to enter twice, on the same or different horses at promoter discretion, across Ladies Breakaway, Junior Breakaway and Rope & Tie. Casey Lillyman moved the proposals and Netta Wharton seconded them, as listed in the agenda. The discussion and vote were recorded collectively as a blanket motion across the three events. Tracey Porter supported two horses but opposed two entries on the same horse.			

Shane Kenny and Lauren Smith supported additional runs and opportunities for young horses and competitors. Clint Dolan and Naomi Bennett raised promoter discretion. Greg Harris was concerned that experienced ropers could enter their best horses twice; Warren Byers raised the impact on beginners. Pat O'Halloran preferred a consistent rule rather than promoter discretion. Tracey Porter also noted the value of more runs for young horses.

Vote recorded: 19 for; 19 against before the Chair's deciding vote. Peter Swain cast the deciding vote against the change, explaining his preference to retain the rule approved by members at the 2025 AGM.

Motion not carried; existing rules remain unchanged.

9.3 **CLASSIFICATION BOARD**

The agenda proposed regional Classification Boards, with members appointed by the ATRA Board or selected from member nominations, managed by a Board-appointed key person, and periodic classification reviews.

Moved: Tracey Watts. Seconded: Robyn McKellar.

The meeting notes record that the Board is to review the process; no final vote or adoption of the proposed wording was recorded.

The discussion included a suggestion for twice-yearly classification changes and clarification of the current restriction on changes between the start of the season and the National Finals. Members and promoters were encouraged to send suggested classification changes to Shane Kenny or a director for consideration.

Warren Byers described maintaining a regional list of potential changes for review.

10 **General Business**

Advertised Event Programs

Josie Tattam raised concerns about promoters changing advertised event formats after entries had closed, including changes from two-head formats to progressive rounds and a short go. Warren Byers and Shane Kenny explained that cattle availability, transport capacity and animal welfare requirements can require adjustments when entries exceed expectations.

Action: The Board is to discuss the matter at its November meeting and draft correspondence to promoters about animal welfare considerations and changes to advertised programs.

Acknowledgements

Nathan Day thanked those attending and encouraged more members to participate in future AGMs and support the Association's growth.

Fay Fishenden thanked the directors for their work.

Clint Dolan thanked Peter Swain for his term and dedication to ATRA.

Meeting closed: 9.02am

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Australasian Team Roping Association Annual General Meeting – 1/10/2026

As I come to the end of my three-year term as President of the ATRA, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a really positive few years for the Association.

It's been great to see the Association continue to grow, particularly over the past financial year. **Entries have increased across all jackpots compared with the previous year**, which is a fantastic result and shows the continued interest and support for team roping. This year's Finals is also a particularly special one, marking the 20th year of the Association. We have seen the highest number of entries and the highest payouts since the COVID period, with an estimated **\$220,000 payout**. It's a fantastic achievement and a great way to celebrate 20 years of the ATRA. This year has also seen the reintroduction of two Peaceland trophy trailers, which will be awarded to the High Point Ropers over the National Finals, bringing back a great tradition and adding another exciting element to this year's Finals.

We've also seen an increase in revenue over the financial year, as well as an increase in membership numbers. These are all really positive signs for the Association and, importantly, show that we are continuing to move forward in the right direction.

I've genuinely enjoyed my three years as President. It has been a privilege to be involved in the running of the Association and to work alongside so many people who are passionate about team roping and want to see the sport continue to grow.

I'd like to say a big thank you to **the current Board** for their support, time and commitment over the past year. I know there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that members don't always see, and I really appreciate everyone who gives their time to help keep the Association moving forward.

A special thank you also goes to **Jody and Kirstie in the office**. The amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep everything organised and running smoothly is huge, and their contribution to the Association is very much appreciated.

As I step down from the role, I'm really pleased to be leaving the Association in a positive position. There is still plenty of opportunity ahead, but I believe the Association is heading in the right direction and has a strong foundation to continue building on.

I'd like to wish **Nathan, Greg and the Board all the very best for the coming year**. I hope they enjoy the role and the challenges that come with it, and I look forward to seeing the Association continue to grow.

Lastly, I want to thank **our promoters** for the time, effort and commitment they put into running our jackpots throughout the year. I'd also like to thank all of our **members, competitors, sponsors, volunteers and supporters**. Without the people who turn up, compete, help out and support our jackpots, none of this would be possible.

It's been a pleasure and an honour to serve as President for the past three years, and I'm very proud of what the Association has achieved during that time.

I wish the **ATRA**, and everyone involved with it, all the very best for the future.

Peter Swain