

**Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Minutes  
Writers of the Far South Coast**

**Date: 21 April 2018 at Club Sapphire, Merimbula NSW**

**Attendance:** Amanda Dalziel, Christine Kaine, Denise Burdett, Sharyn Bruce, Loretta Ashby, Noel Tingcombe, Angelika Erpic (Minutes) and Beryl Gamble.

**Apologies:** Peter & Anne Armstrong, Tony Criddle, Geoff Maher, Greg Bartlett, Barbara Simmons, Melissa Pouliot, Margo Jeffers, Mary-Ellen Turbet

**Meeting opened:** 1.16pm

**Minutes of the last AGM:** Moved that minutes of 2017 AGM be accepted.

Acceptance moved by: Amanda Dalziel. Seconded by: Noel Tingcombe

**Treasurer's Report:** Received, tabled and attached.

Treasurer's comments: The WFSC finished the year in December in a positive position with an overall profit of \$328.96. The Treasurer congratulated the Retreat organising committee who managed to generate a small profit. Amanda thanked for the support provided with electronic matters. Closing balance as at 31 December: \$2073.93.

Acceptance moved by: Denise Burdett. Seconded by: Sharyn Bruce

**President's report:** Spoken to at meeting and attached. Amanda was congratulated from the floor for the wonderful newsletter she produces.

Acceptance moved by: Amanda Dalziel. Seconded by: Christine Kaine

Congratulations were given to the Writers of the Far South Coast Founder, Avril Smith, for her recent book launch and 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Special Resolution 1: "That the Writers of the Far South Coast adopt the new constitution as tabled at the Annual General Meeting on 21st April 2018."**

Proposed: Amanda Dalziel. Seconded: Loretta Ashby

Vote: For – zero. Against – 7 (1 person absent for vote)

Not carried.

**Special Resolution 2: “That the Writers of the Far South Coast adopt the new constitution with any amendments proposed and endorsed at the Annual General Meeting on 21st April.”**

Amend the updated constitution with the following:

- At (4) (1) - grammatical error in the definition of "joining fee"
- At (7) (1) (a) and (7) (2) (a) changed “natural person” to “individual”
- At (8) (d) – delete lonely bracket.
- At (12) (1) and (12) (2) where needed add the missing suffix “member” to mentions of honorary member
- At (12) (2) (a) - grammatical error
- At (12) (2) (c) - spelling error
- Formatting changes in the document's footer

Proposed: Amanda Dalziel. Seconded: Denise Burdett.

Vote: For – unanimous for all changes

Motion passed.

**All positions to be declared vacant and open for election.**

Nomination of stand-in Chair: Loretta Ashby. Accepted.

Public Officer: Loretta Ashby

**Nominations:**

**President:** One nomination - Amanda Dalziel

Nominated by: Peter Armstrong. Seconded by: Mary-Ellen Turbet. All in favour.

**Vice President:** One nomination – Loretta Ashby

Nominated by: Amanda Dalziel. Seconded by: Angelika Erpic. All in favour.

**Secretary:** One nomination – Denise Burdett

Nominated by: Denise Burdett. Seconded by: Christine Kane. All in favour.

**Treasurer:** One nomination - Denise Burdett

Nominated by: Mary-Ellen Turbet. Seconded by: Amanda Dalziel. All in favour.

**Ordinary Member/s:** No nominations.

A vote of thanks was put to the photographer from DeeGee’s Photography.

**Meeting closed:** 2.10pm

# Writers of the Far South Coast

Income and expenditure from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Members please note the following income and expenditure of the Writers of the Far South Coast Inc, which I table as the treasurer's report to this AGM.

I want to thank the committee for their considered management of our group, and our very limited funds.

I am pleased to say that we finished 2017 with a profit, albeit a small one.

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## Income

Membership	1360.00
Workshop	2540.00
Retreat	2764.78
Bank Interest	.19
Donations	227.70

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,892.67</b>
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## Expenditure

Workshops	2708.46
Australia Post	129.00
Bank Fees	4.75
Venue Hire	237.50
Retreat	2740.00
Fair trading	45.00
Insurance	495.00
Affiliate M'bership fees	204.00

<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$6,563.71</b>
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<b>Total Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$328.96</b>
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IMB Balance at 1 January 2017	<b>\$1,649.97</b>
Cash in hand 1 January 2017	<b>\$95.00</b>
IMB Bank Balance at 31 December 2017	<b>\$2,073.93</b>
Cash in hand 31 December 2017	<b>\$0.00</b>

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*Denise Burdett (Treasurer)*

*Amanda Dalziel (President)*

## President's Report WFSC 2018

by Amanda Dalziel

Last year, in 2017, we sourced awesome benefits for our members from local bookstores for the first time. Those benefits have been renewed this year. Check out the back of your membership cards. You can get a 10% discount on books at Collins and Candelo Books will give you a free book if you go there and buy one.

We had a couple of big workshops plus another 10 regular monthly workshops throughout the year - all with awesome presenters, I must say, since I presented two myself.

Pete Malicki was flown down from Sydney for a workshop. He's the international literary manager for Short and Sweet. Weird coincidence, Footprint Theatre has three plays being performed right this second in Canberra. Usually, Footprint only submits one so perhaps bringing Pete down inspired the local playwrights to do more. I know a few went on from our workshop to join Footprint's script development later in the year.

Paula Boer once again presented her manuscript assessment. She provides really awesome and thorough assessments of the first 20,000 words of your manuscript with highly detailed feedback. She's coming back in September.

We had our third retreat and as noted by the treasurer, actually made a profit. That's mainly due to a few suggestions from Angelika. We upgraded all the standard cabins to superior because they had both air-conditioning and a woodfire. Retreat-goers were asked to buy their wood directly from Kianinny, so I didn't have to ask my parents to chop up and deliver a trailer-full of firewood. Everyone adored the professional catering from Andrea at Fresh Daily Dinners. And because Donna wasn't stuck in the kitchen, a job she always did dislike, we were all able to enjoy ourselves much more. It was a great retreat, and now, in 2018, it's our fourth year!

Several members had book launches. Geof Maher launched his book "Moon over the Mediterranean" at Booktique, Melissa Pouliot launched her book "Found" in missing person's week and to outdo everyone, Sharyn Bruce launched, not one, but five of her "Feral Tales" at the Tura Library. Tony Criddle also had some success finding a UK publisher to repackage his previously self-published book, "In the Lap of the Gods".

Unfortunately, we had four unsuccessful grant applications last year. Angelika filled out the one for the IMB Community Foundation and helped me with Club Grants. Denise helped with CASP, and I asked a professional grant writer, Kass Fenton, to better our chances with Mumbulla. We were recommended and encouraged to try again. We've done just that, and have actually already received a small grant from Uniting Ability Links this year.

A bit of sad news now. David O'Connor passed away last year after a very short stay in hospital. He was an awesome poet. I'll miss him. He was fun and a good bloke.

Last year - big thing - we became insured! Believe it or not, we had never had insurance before then. We managed to get away with that at some local markets because of Rotary's blanket policies. As soon as we got insurance, I could accept invitations and go to heaps more markets, such as the Sydney Writers Festival, About the Book, Tathra, Candelo and the Cruise ships at Eden wharf - but I still like Rotary's Pambula market the best. The winds there aren't as fierce, making it much more fun to chat about literature.