

## Darebin Chess Club

### Annual General Meeting:

14 October 2024

Held in-person at the Preston Library,

Gower Street, Preston VIC. Australia



Present: Tuba Boz (Chair), Alasdair Scott (Deputy Chair), Franco Costa (Secretary), Anthony Cusinato (Treasurer), Jane Piper, Bell Foozwell, Chris Wallis, Ragavan Thiruchittampalam

Meeting opened at 6:30PM and was chaired by Tuba Boz.

The previous AGM meeting minutes were presented. Anthony Cusinato moved that they be accepted, (Seconded by Franco Costa). The motion was accepted unanimously.

#### **Committee Report on Club Activity since the previous AGM:**

Franco presented a report of the club activities during the past financial year as follows:

1. Weekly free chess club sessions in the Preston Library throughout the FY. Well attended at full capacity. Paused only for school holidays. Grateful for Darebin Libraries ongoing strong support.
2. Chess tournaments: Held two in-person chess tournament with 48 participant each in the Preston Shire Hall on 9 Dec 2023 and 11 May 2024.
3. We received \$1,500 grant funding in FY2024 from Darebin Community Grants program for funding the tournaments and cleaning materials for the weekly sessions all year.
4. Successfully applied for a Darebin Community Grant funding for FY2025. This includes total in-kind venue hire value of \$1364 being for:
  - a. The Preston library meeting room for Friday Lessons with Chris Wallis (fully funded)
  - b. The Preston Shire Hall for two chess tournaments (only partly funded - shortfall is \$600)
  - c. Plus \$1000 cash to support all our programs throughout the year. (Cleaning supplies, insurance, refreshments at tournaments, fees)
5. Tournaments scheduled in the Preston Shire Hall on Saturday afternoons on Saturday 30 Nov 2024 and Saturday 18 May 2025.
6. 27 Members currently (although many are lapsed). 1 new member was approved this year.
7. Thank you to the retiring chairperson Tuba Boz.

#### **Finance Report:**

The club treasurer, Anthony Cusinato presented the financial report:

Expense:	
1. Tournaments	\$2,829.19
2. Additional Chess Sets/Boards for use in the library	\$110.00
3. Incorporation and Internet	\$0 (paid by Franco)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,939.19</b>

<b>Income:</b>	
4. Darebin Community Grants	\$1,500
5. Donations	\$814.44
6. Tournament entry fees:	\$466.50
7. Interest	\$0.23
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,781.17</b>
<b>Cash Balance at end of FY:</b>	<b>\$1,403.42</b>

#### **Election of Office Bearers & Committee:**

Franco Costa was re-elected to the position of club secretary, being the only nomination for the position. Anthony Cusinato was re-elected as treasurer, being the only nomination for the position. Alasdair Scott was elected as Chairperson, being the only nomination for the position. Chris Wallis was elected as Deputy Chair, being the only nomination for the position.

Tuba Boz, Bell Foozwell, Ragavan Thiruchittampalam & Jane Piper nominated themselves as additional committee members and were accepted to the role by all present.

#### **Child Safety Policy**

The existing chess club's new Child Safety Policy was discussed and determined to not require changes at this time. All new and existing committee members have already registered the club as an organization at which the volunteer in their Working with Children Check profiles and were reminded to keep their WWCC's current.

#### **Fees:**

All present agreed that the club would not charge Membership Fees or Joining Fees for the coming year. As agreed in the previous committee's budget plan for FY25, the tournament entry fees will be increased to \$20 for adults & \$10 for children/concession; with priority entry for those serving on committee and their children. There will no longer be free entry vouchers offered.

#### **Grant Funding Applications:**

Funding is secured for the FY25 thanks to a new Darebin Community Grant. Franco proposed applying again in April next year for a Darebin Council grant to help with the costs of tournaments and use of council facilities in FY26. Other funding opportunities may be sought by the committee during the year if other members are interested to run additional events – however, no plans for additional events currently exist.

#### **Plan for Activities for next 12 months:**

Franco proposed continuing with the present structure of the informal weekly Monday chess club in the Preston Library and two tournaments per year. The tournaments are scheduled for Saturday 30 Nov 2024 and Saturday 18 May 2025, maintained at the level of 48 participants. Chris has been running Friday evening group coaching lessons in the Preston Library Meeting room since August. (Price is currently \$15 per week). After a good start, attendance is now hovering around the break even point. Chris will make efforts to advertise the lessons to a wider audience to increase patronage.

Meeting Ended: 7:03PM